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## **NEWS RELEASE – NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

### **COMMUNITY NEEDS IDENTIFICATION FORUM PLANNED FOR TWENTYNINE PALMS – NOV. 19**

Community Services Director Randy Councill announced today that a Community Needs Identification Forum for Twentynine Palms will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Community Services Center, 74325 Joe Davis Drive.

The City of Twentynine Palms, in cooperation with the County of San Bernardino Department of Community Development and Housing, has scheduled this public forum to provide local residents with information about federal grant programs and to identify the community development and housing needs for low- and moderate-income residents.

The County is currently preparing a 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan for federal community, economic, housing, and homelessness assistance grants that the County expects to receive and distribute over the next five years. The forum on Nov. 19 is an opportunity for the City and the County to partner and hear views from local citizens about the needs and conditions affecting public safety, transportation, jobs, community facilities, housing, and social services that may be eligible for federal housing and community development grant assistance.

The results of this meeting will be used to establish the City's funding strategies and priorities for the next five years for Home Investment Partnership, Emergency Shelter Grant, and Community Development Block Grant funds available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Residents of the City and nearby unincorporated areas are encouraged to attend. A "Needs Assessment Resident Survey" will be available for the public to fill out at the meeting or can be downloaded in advance from the County's web site at: [www.sbcounty.gov/eda/cdh](http://www.sbcounty.gov/eda/cdh).

For questions or more information, contact Community Services Director Randy Councill at (760)367-7562, extension 105.

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