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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Chowchilla City Council to Hold Budget Town Hall Meeting April 6**

Citizens invited to discuss their ideas and concerns

**Chowchilla, CA – March 14, 2017**

City officials have started working on the 2017-2018 fiscal year Chowchilla city budget.

Planning the next budget will include a public town hall meeting with the City Council on Thursday, April 6 starting at 6:00pm. The town hall meeting will be held in the Chowchilla Senior Center located at 820 W. Robertson Boulevard.

Town hall meetings are generally less formal than official City Council meetings at City Hall. The forum allows residents to have a more open dialogue with the council. Generally any topic can be brought up for discussion.

This town hall meeting is one of many ways which the Chowchilla City Council and staff strive to reach out to the residents and stakeholders. Chowchilla city government is participatory government where everyone can have a voice in how the City functions and responds to needs. By participating and sharing your ideas to guide development of a sound city budget that represents the desires of the citizens you will help make a better community for everyone. This town hall meeting, along with other community outreach events, is an important opportunity for all citizens to plan the future of Chowchilla.

With the focus of the town hall on the city budget any topic or issue can likely influence it. Therefore, citizens are encouraged to attend and engage their elected officials in conversations about current and possible future services, programs, construction projects, business issues, neighborhoods, housing, etc.

The agenda for the town hall meeting will begin with a presentation from Finance Director Rod Pruett describing the overall process used to put together a city budget for Chowchilla. Following that the town hall will be open for public comments and discussion.

Questions about the town hall meeting can be directed to Marty Piepenbrok, Community Relations Manager, at (559) 665-8615, ext. 110, or by email to [MPiepenbrok@CityOfChowchilla.org](mailto:MPiepenbrok@CityOfChowchilla.org).

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