

Press Release

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**GALT TO HOST TOWN HALL MEETING & CAREER EXPO TITLED
"WHEN THE PAYCHECK STOPS" ON 10/21/09 AT 6PM**

GALT, CA, OCTOBER 14, 2009: Galt City Councilmember Andrew Meredith will host a town hall meeting on October 21st at 6:00 PM at the Littleton Community Center (adjacent to City Hall) titled "When the Paycheck Stops."

The outline for the town hall meeting includes presentations on how to create a post lay-off financial plan, how to deal with creditors, how to keep food on the table, and much more. The event will also include presentations from local utility companies on how to utilize programs that, in some cases, subsidize utility payments for unemployed customers.

Meredith got the idea for the town hall topic from AFL-CIO/United Way Community Services Director and good friend Tom Lawson, a Sacramento Metro Fire Board Member. Lawson has given similar presentations directly to labor union members over the past several months.

Councilmember Meredith has planned the event in the hopes of connecting Galt residents facing financial crisis with much needed help. Meredith says that he is planning the event with the help of many community members, including Galt Planning Commissioner Gene Davenport. The group is united by a common goal of addressing the mounting unemployment and poverty rates within the Galt community.

The event is also aimed at connecting Galt residents with employment opportunities. Meredith noted that several skilled trade organizations would be in attendance to discuss application procedures for their respective apprenticeship programs, as well as to connect qualified 'Journeyman' level workers with employment opportunities. Local businesses seeking to fill vacancies are also being encouraged to attend the event and provide information on current job openings, Meredith said.

Residents are encouraged to arrive early to assure themselves good seating. Anyone interested in helping out at the event is encouraged to call volunteer coordinator Tracy Gross at 209-603-4801. The Littleton Community Center is located at 420 Civic Drive in Galt, CA.

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