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COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND MAYOR TO HOLD JOINT TOWN HALL MEETINGS IN CITY OF RACINE

Residents invited to give input, ask questions, learn about workforce initiatives

Racine – As the community prepares for Foxconn and an influx of jobs, Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave and Racine Mayor Cory Mason have scheduled a series of town hall meetings in the City of Racine to listen to residents' input and offer information on local workforce initiatives.

The town halls will be held in partnership with City of Racine alders and Racine County supervisors. They are scheduled for:

- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, June 4, at the George Bray Neighborhood YMCA, 924 Center St.
- Noon to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the John Bryant Center, 601 21st St.

In addition, Mason will join Delagrave in a conversation with the Hispanic community from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at the Cesar Chavez Community Center, 2221 Douglas Ave.

"While the local economy has undoubtedly improved, far too many people have been unable to share in the community's success. With tremendous opportunities on the horizon in Racine County, we don't want anyone to be left on the sidelines," Delagrave said. "We are working hard to put residents in position to take advantage of this remarkable moment in our county's history."

"Residents ask me all the time, 'When are good paying jobs coming back to the area?' They are coming. If we train people for the jobs, city residents will be able to get middle class jobs. That is why it is so important that we jointly do these town hall meetings," Mason added.

At these meetings, Delagrave and other officials will be available to answer questions and listen to residents' ideas and concerns.

Officials will also offer information on County-led workforce programs including Uplift 900, an initiative geared toward people of color to remove barriers preventing some from entering or staying in the workforce; and GreaterRacineAtWork.com, a web

platform to recruit, enroll, and train workers. Information on state and federal public assistance programs will also be provided.

The town halls are part of an effort to engage the public on Foxconn -- and it's just the start. More town halls will be planned at other Racine community centers throughout the summer.

"When we say we want everyone to be lifted up – we really mean everyone," Delagrave said. "Whether you are unemployed, underemployed, underpaid, or just looking for a change, I strongly encourage you to attend a town hall meeting to learn more about how you can take advantage of these programs and move toward a fulfilling career."

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