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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 3, 2017
TO: MEDIA
FROM: KEVIN CRONIN
SUBJECT: ADVANCE ASTORIA: COMMUNITY FORUM NO. 1

Advance Astoria: Community Forum No. 1

Open House: 5-7 pm

Panel Presentation: 7-9 pm

Date: Thursday, January 19

Place: The Loft at the Red Building (20 Basin St)

The City of Astoria will host a Community Forum for Advance Astoria: 5 Year Economic Development Strategy to share new information on the local economy conditions and challenges and opportunities for future economic development.

Project stakeholders, including the Mayor appointed advisory committee, business and property owners, and the general public are encouraged to attend the open house to provide input on the future of Astoria's economy and the types of jobs and businesses that should be supported through the efforts of the City and community partners.

Immediately following the open house, a panel presentation featuring women and minority small business owners from Astoria and Portland will discuss the challenges and success stories of starting and running a business.

Refreshments, Astoria Library Kids' Corner, Small Business Development Center resource table, and public comment opportunities will be provided.

Why should I attend this community forum?

- Meet your neighbors and network with business owners
- Learn more about City's effort to diversify the economy from tourism
- Receive resources from SBDC about strengthening your business or starting your own
- Check out one of the most beautifully restored buildings in Astoria through a City led public-private partnership
- Hear powerful and inspiring stories from local small business owners

If you are not able to attend the open house, please feel free to provide comments to the City via email.

For more information, check out the project website:

http://astoria.or.us/Economic_Development.aspx

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Presentation materials from the open house will be uploaded to the project website for viewing the week of January 30.

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