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Residents Invited to Join Durham City Council for Coffee and Conversation

Community Meetings Set for 2016-2017 Budget

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents interested in giving their input directly to the City Council on the City of Durham’s annual budget should mark their calendars now to attend upcoming “Coffee with Council” meetings.

Hosted by the [Durham City Council](#), the Coffee with Council sessions are a [series of face-to-face meetings](#) designed to give residents the opportunity to provide direct feedback to council members on budget priorities for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The sessions also include a presentation on the City’s budget outlook for the upcoming fiscal year.

Residents who have ideas or comments on the use of City resources are welcome to attend any of the meetings scheduled below:

- Monday, February 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Durham Public Schools Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Road (PAC 2)
- Saturday, February 13 from 10 a.m. to noon – Lyon Park Community Family Life and Recreation Center, 1309 Halley St. (PAC 3)
- Thursday, March 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – City Hall Committee Room, Second Floor, 101 City Hall Plaza (PAC 5; Spanish translation will be provided)
- Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to noon – Campus Hill Recreation Center, 2000 S. Alston Ave. (PAC 4)
- Saturday, March 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Holton Career and Resource Center’s Child Care Center, Second Floor, 401 N. Driver St. (PAC 1)

There will also be two budget public hearings held in conjunction with regularly scheduled City Council meetings. The first public hearing will be held on Monday, March 7 and the second public hearing will be held on Monday, June 6. City Manager Tom Bonfield will present his proposed budget for how tax dollars are allocated and what the priorities are for the upcoming year on Monday, May 16.

For more information about the Coffee with Council meetings, contact Vivienne Bass with the City's Budget and Management Services Department by [email](#) or call (919) 560-4111, ext. 20225.

About the Budget & Management Services Department

The [Budget and Management Services Department](#) is responsible for the development and oversight of the [City's annual budget](#) and [Capital Improvement Program \(CIP\)](#). The department is also responsible for performance management, continuous improvement, and strategic planning. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), which the department established and maintains, the department helps to ensure that the City of Durham is an [innovative and high-performing organization](#) by working with City departments to build and implement performance measurement monitoring and evaluation.

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