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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Update on dates

**Community Meetings Scheduled to Provide Answers to Residents' Questions
Related to the Upcoming Special Election**

(TROY, MI) – The City of Troy management staff will present a series of Community Meetings to address any questions related to the upcoming Special Election on February 23 asking for a 1.9 mill increase. Citizens are welcome to attend one or all of the open forums. For more information, please call 248.524.1147. Background information on the millage proposal, including the impact on residential tax bills, can be found at www.troymi.gov/2010Proposal.

Wed, February 3 at 7 pm - Fellowship United Methodist Church, 4050 Coolidge Hwy (just north of Wattles Road)

Thurs, February 4 at 7 pm – Troy Fire & Police Training Center, 4850 John R – This is the Troy Community Coalition Membership Meeting, but the public is welcome to attend

Tues, February 9 at 7 pm – Faith Lutheran Church, 37635 Dequindre Road (between Big Beaver and Wattles Road)

Thurs, February 11 at 7pm - St. Anastasia Activities Center, 4571 John R (between Wattles & Long Lake)

Tues, February 16 at 7 pm - Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver (just east of Adams)

The Special Election seeks voter input on whether or not to authorize the Troy City Council the ability to levy up to 1.9 mills against all taxable property for a five-year period of time, 2010 through 2014, for general operating purposes.

The Special Election was called by the Troy City Council because the City of Troy is facing a significant decline in its revenue stream every year for the next several years,

primarily due to market conditions lowering property assessments and State Shared Revenue cuts. City Council's ability to increase the millage rate within the Charter allowable maximum rate was removed in the November 2008 general election by a voter-approved amendment that states Troy electors must first provide an affirmative vote. The timing restriction of the City Budget adoption process necessitates a special election; waiting until the August Primary or the November General Election to place the millage question on the ballot will be too late.

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