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## Chico Police Community Advisory Board Seeks Broader Community Collaboration

-- New Meeting Format to Address Law Enforcement & Citizen Concerns --

**Chico, CA** – Chico residents, business owners and concerned citizens are invited to take part in the upcoming Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) meeting, Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Old Municipal Building, 441 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928. The meeting begins at 5:30 P.M.

The first of four PCAB meetings scheduled for 2017, the Introduction and 2017 Overview, is expected to focus on changing the format of the PCAB meetings. The goal of a new format is to allow board members to become better informed of public safety concerns and challenges faced by the community and the Chico Police Department. The session will also explore additional avenues to which the community at large can take a more active role in addressing a variety of societal concerns.

"These concerns go beyond simply law enforcement and require a more comprehensive response that addresses fundamental issues related to health and well-being that have far-reaching effects in our community," said Jovanni Tricerri, Police Community Advisory Board Chair.

At the March 8, 2017 meeting, members will begin discussing a new approach to addressing community issues. Participants will hear a status-overview from the perspective of the leadership of the Chico Police Department. Information will include how addressing additional community concerns would impact current available law enforcement resources.

"Involvement from the public is paramount to effective community-policing. Our department is looking forward to working closely with residents to address the broad range of issues facing Chico," said Police Chief Michael O'Brien. "Our officers are dedicated to enhancing public safety and welcome this new, more comprehensive approach to problem-solving."

Subsequent meetings of the PCAB will focus on issues such as mental health, drug and alcohol-related incidents and youth justice. Community leaders and stakeholders are invited to participate to explore expanded avenues for collaboration. All meetings are open to the public and citizen involvement is encouraged. Upcoming meetings will take place the following dates, times and locations:

## 2017 Schedule for PCAB and Community Safety (CS) Meetings

PCAB: Wednesday, March 8th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Old Municipal Building ~ 441 Main Street

CS: Tuesday, April 11th, 10:00am - 11:00am, CARD Community Center ~ 545 Vallombrosa Avenue

PCAB: Wednesday, May 17th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Old Municipal Building ~ 441 Main Street

CS: Wednesday, June 14th, 10:00am - 11:00am, Chico Children's Museum ~ 325 Main Street

PCAB: Wednesday, July 19th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Old Municipal Building ~ 441 Main Street

CS: Thursday, September 7th, 12pm - 1pm, Azad's Martial Arts Family Center ~ 313 Walnut Street #150

CS: Tuesday, October 10th, 9:00am - 10:00am, Chico Mall Food Court ~ 1950 E. 20th Street

CS: Thursday, November 9th, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Round Table Pizza ~ 2201 Pillsbury Road

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