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Mayor Swearingin to speak at ASI's Community Revitalization Summit

(Fresno, CA) –Fresno mayor Ashley Swearingin will give the keynote address at Fresno State Associated Students Inc. (ASI) second annual Community Revitalization Summit, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thurs. August 15 in the University Dining Hall (5200 N. Campus drive).

Fresno State students have committed themselves to revitalizing the Sierra Madre and El Dorado park neighborhoods near campus, and the Community Revitalization Summit is focused on building sustained community partnerships to improve the safety of students and residents alike. The summit will bring current and prospective partners together in order to identify opportunities for collaboration.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, 1,000 students volunteered more than 3,200 hours towards revitalizing these neighborhoods. Student volunteer projects included neighborhood clean-ups, food distributions, weekly community dinners, tutoring programs, and a Dance Marathon fundraiser for the Bulldog Pantry, where more than 300 students danced for six hours and raised almost \$7,000.

The theme of this year's Community Revitalization Summit is celebrating successes, and cultivating synergies. Following Mayor Swearingin's speech there will be two breakout sessions. The first session will allow attendees the opportunity to hear from the City of Fresno or the Building Neighborhood Capacity Program (BNCP) on their investments and progress in the El Dorado Park area. During the second session, the El Dorado Park Community Development Corporation (CDC) will discuss the intermediary nature of their organization and the Bulldog Pantry will provide a community update.

For attendees looking for action steps, the Jan and Bud Richter Center will explain how the Fresno State Scholars in Service program can be utilized in the communities. Hands On Central California will also provide instruction on encouraging volunteerism.

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ASI is a body of elected student representatives that encourages student involvement in campus-wide decisions and funds student programs. As the student government we ensure that students' rights are protected and their voices are heard.