



## CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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## **PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND LIBRARY LOT PROJECT INTERVIEWS AND OPEN HOUSE**

**Interviews and Public Open House will take place at the Ann Arbor District Library. Interviews will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 19 and Wednesday, Jan. 20. Public Open house will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 6 – 8 p.m.**

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 12, 2010 — The City of Ann Arbor recently sought creative proposals for the development of an approximate 1.2 acre lot owned by the City through RFP #743 to develop the top of the parking structure at this site. The site is located at 319 S. Fifth Avenue, next to the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch, within the Downtown Development Authority District. The site is located just two blocks from the Main Street Business District and three blocks from State Street Business District, and the University of Michigan Central Campus.

A successful proposal will be one that is consistent with the community character of Ann Arbor. The project would make positive contributions to the immediate neighborhood and the larger community by incorporating elements such as publicly accessible open space, green building design, public art, and a financial return to the city while adding to the vibrancy of the city's central downtown.

The public has the opportunity to attend and participate in the presentation and interviews of the proposed six projects. Thirty minutes will be set aside during each interview to allow for public questions. Public inquiries can be submitted in writing in advance to [librarylotrfp@a2gov.org](mailto:librarylotrfp@a2gov.org). The interview schedule is as follows:

Jan. 19 (1 to 2:30 p.m.) – Dahlmann  
Jan. 19 (2:45 to 4:15 p.m.) – Ann Arbor Community Commons  
Jan. 20 (9 to 10:30 a.m.) – Jarratt  
Jan. 20 (10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) – Acquest  
Jan. 20 (12:45 to 2:15 p.m.) – Valiant  
Jan. 20 (2:30 to 4 p.m.) – Beztak

Each interview will consist of a 30 minute presentation, 30 minutes of questions from Advisory and Technical Review Committee, and 30 minutes of questions from the public. All interviews are open to the public and will be held on the fourth floor of the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Community Television Network will televise the presentations. A public open house featuring all six proposers will also be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library. The public will have the opportunity to review each proposal at the open house..

You can find the proposals and supporting information online at  
<http://www.a2gov.org/government/communityservices/319%20S%205th%20Ave%20Lot%20-%20RFP/Pages/default.aspx>.

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*Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.*