

**Mayor Invites Community to Join City Council & Wessman Development at Final of Three Desert Fashion Plaza Visioning Workshops Feb. 9 at Palm Springs Convention Center**

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Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet invited the entire community today to join the City Council and Wessman Development at the final of three important visioning workshops to discuss the design and master plan of public space and amenities for Desert Fashion Plaza and surrounding properties in downtown Palm Springs.

Pougnet announced today during his annual State of the City address at the Hilton Palm Springs that the City and Wessman have agreed to partner to redevelop the long vacant mall on Palm Canyon Drive.

The final visioning workshop is slated for **6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9** in the Primrose Room at the Palm Springs Convention Center, 277 N. Avenida Caballeros. Berkeley-based consultant MIG, who is facilitating the workshops, will present the community with the preferred development alternatives created through the visioning process.

"It's important for those who attended the first two workshops to come back for the finale – and we welcome those who weren't able to attend to come as well," said John Raymond, Director of Community & Economic Development. "The City of Palm Springs is committed to ensuring that everyone's voice is heard."

Hundreds of community members provided their input regarding a vision for Desert Fashion Plaza at the first two workshops.

"I invite anyone with an interest in our City's future to take part in this final important visioning workshop," said Pougnet. "These public participation workshops will help define a community vision for this important piece of property as the City and Wessman Development move forward."

For more information about the visioning process, visit the City's Web site at [www.palmspringsca.gov](http://www.palmspringsca.gov) and click on Government or Resident. You can also visit [www.desertfashionplazavisioning.com](http://www.desertfashionplazavisioning.com).