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### ***Envision Cache Valley: A Valley-Wide Conversation on Growth***

**The public is encouraged to participate in the *Envision Cache Valley* process. This effort will kick off with the Growth Summit on Wednesday, February 25th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Logan Tabernacle (50 N. Main Street, Logan).** At the Summit, the purposes of *Envision Cache Valley* and its timeline will be described in detail. Current growth trends in the community will also be explored. Residents will be able to ask questions regarding the process. Valley-wide public workshops, where residents will share their views on growth through facilitated exercises, will begin the day following the Summit. We have attached the schedule of public workshops and Summit agenda.

Said Dirk Bowles, Franklin County, Idaho, Commissioner and *Envision Cache Valley* co-chair. "How the valley develops will affect how much you pay in property taxes, whether your children can afford to own a home, and the quality of life you will enjoy. We have an opportunity to do something meaningful, to set aside today's narrow interests and focus on what we truly value for the future."

"Like most valley residents," said Tom Jensen, Chairman of the Board of Architectural Nexus and co-chair of the *Envision Cache Valley* process, "I've seen a lot of changes in Cache Valley, and I wonder what my children and grandchildren will experience here. Fortunately, we have the opportunity to help shape the future impact of growth on the valley."

The Cache Valley Regional Council is sponsoring *Envision Cache Valley*. Over the next several months, residents will shape a broad vision for how the county can accommodate population growth, protect its environment, enhance its economic strength, and maintain its quality of life. *Envision Cache Valley* emphasizes public involvement, accurate information, local control, private property rights, and voluntary, market-based implementation strategies so communities can guide their own future growth.

To RSVP for the Summit or workshop, contact Mary at (801) 303-1459 or Mdavies@envisionutah.org. Light refreshments will be provided at the workshops.

The Cache Valley Regional Council has enlisted Envision Utah to serve as the neutral facilitator of the *Envision Cache Valley* process. Envision Utah is a private non-profit, non-partisan organization with more than 10 years of experience in civic engagement and visioning exercises. Regions replicating the Envision Utah process include Sacramento, Los Angeles, Chicago, Austin and Boise.

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## **Envision Cache Valley Growth Summit Agenda**

*Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

*Logan Tabernacle (50 N. Main Street, Logan)*

1. Welcome and Introduction to *Envision Cache Valley* (Steering Committee co-chairs, Tom Jenson, Chairman of the Board of Architectural Nexus, and Dirk Bowles, Franklin County Commissioner, kick off Envision Cache Valley.)
2. A Historical Perspective (Pioneer Mary Anne Weston Maughan shares the pioneer legacy.)
3. What is *Envision Cache Valley*? (Envision Utah Executive Director Alan Matheson presents the keynote address.)
4. Why Does a Valley-Wide Dream for the Future Matter? (Citizens share their perspectives.)
5. Question and Answer Period

## **Envision Cache Valley Workshops 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**      **Newton** - LDS Church, 90 South 100 West  
                      **Dayton** – West Side High School, 775 N. West Side Hwy.
- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>**         **Richmond** – Pepperidge Farm, 901 North 201 West  
                      **Preston** – Preston High School, 151 East 2<sup>nd</sup> South
- Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>**         **Hyrum** – City Hall, 83 West Main  
                      **Wellsville** – Wellsville Elementary School, 90 East 100 South
- Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>**         **Logan** – Mt. Logan Middle School, 875 North 200 East  
                      **Hyde Park** – City Hall, 113 E. Center Street

**We have added a day-time workshop on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Robinson Building (186 West 200 North, Preston) starting at 2 p.m.** RSVP to Mary at [mdavies@envisionutah.org](mailto:mdavies@envisionutah.org) or (801) 303-1462.