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Three Weeks Before The Tax Deadline, Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development Exceeds Goal for Helping Residents Claim EITC Refunds When Filing Taxes

(Fresno, California), April 1, 2008. – Having already exceeded the goal of helping 150 residents claim Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refunds, Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development (FWCED) makes a strong commitment to community and enthusiastically gears up for the final three weeks before the tax deadline.

By achieving this goal, FWCED has helped low-to-moderate income residents put over \$100,000 back in their pockets. FWCED is forging ahead and will continue to strive to help more residents.

“Although we have accomplished our set goal and outcome already, we are not going to rest on our laurels. I would love nothing better than to add other 50 plus residents in the last three weeks. That is why we are committing more staff time to realize this goal. I know this is lofty but at this point we have nothing to lose and the community has everything to gain. These refunds will be spent and re-spent in our community. This spending will increase local economic development as people use these dollars to pay utility bills, buy necessary household items, invest in education, and make down payments on homes. This program not only helps working families, it benefits our entire community’s economic future,” said Keith Kelley, CEO/President of FWCED.

Contact Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development at 485-1273 for more information.

Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development is a nonprofit community development corporation striving to improve the physical and socio-economic conditions of southwest Fresno. This is achieved through advocacy and with programs in housing, employment, and business development.