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Chamber Announces State of the City Luncheon on April 27

The Taft District Chamber of Commerce has announced the annual *State of the City Luncheon* at OT Cookhouse, Thursday, April 27, from noon to 1:30 p.m. The Kiwanis Club of Taft has hosted the *State of the City Luncheon* for the past six years. These luncheons are a way for the leadership of our community to report to the people about the important issues facing their represented groups and how current situations affect the citizens of Taft and the surrounding areas.

The Taft District Chamber of Commerce sponsors these luncheons and is in charge of inviting the speakers. Their speaker invitation list is based upon the challenges facing Taft and the relevance of the various entities in our town to the issues.

This year the Chamber has secured the commitment of our City Manager, Craig Jones, and the heads of all five on our community's Special Districts: the West Side Recreation and Park District, the West Side Health Care District, the West Kern Water District, the West Side Mosquito and Vector Control District, and the West Side Cemetery District. "Most people do not understand the commitment of their property taxes that pays for the programs provided by Special Districts. As tax revenue goes, so goes the strength and effectiveness of these major players in our community," remarked Chamber Executive Director Dr. Kathy Orrin.

The Chamber is hopeful that the citizens of Taft take advantage of this opportunity to hear from West Side Rec District's Don Koenig and Les Clark III, Health Care District CEO Jerry Starr, West Kern Water District's Harry Starkey, the Mosquito and Vector Control District's Manager Eric Mitchell, the Cemetery District's Manager Joel Bauer, and our City Manager, Craig Jones.

"The Luncheon begins at 12 noon, and the speakers will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. We plan to conclude the Luncheon by 1:30 p.m.," stated Orrin. Please call the Chamber at 661-765-2165 to reserve a space. The cost of the lunch is \$15 and can be paid at the door. OT Cookhouse is located at 205 N. 10th Street, Taft.

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