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## **FIGHTING BACK TO HOST TOWN HALL MEETING ON UNDERAGE DRINKING**

VALLEJO – Fighting Back Partnership, in collaboration with the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Prevention of Underage Drinking, is sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting to address the issues of underage drinking in our community.

“Underage Drinking Prevention: A National Town Hall Meeting” will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29 in Council Chambers at Vallejo City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo.

The goal of the Town Hall Meeting is to discuss and raise awareness of the issue of underage drinking. New data shows that approximately 29 percent of youth ages 12 to 20 have used alcohol illegally. By the time students reach the eighth grade, 41 percent of adolescents have had at least one drink and almost 20 percent report having been “drunk.”

A panel of local and regional experts will be on hand to discuss the issues related to underage drinking; its impact on our community; and answer questions from the audience as well. Those in attendance will learn about the impact underage drinking has on the community, and will learn how to address the issue.

For more information on this event, please call Julie Brand at (707) 648-4162.

**WHAT:** Underage Drinking Prevention: National Town Hall Meeting

**WHEN:** 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2006

**WHERE:** Vallejo City Hall, 555 Santa Clara St., Council Chambers

**Vallejo's Fighting Back Partnership** is a multicultural collaboration working to reduce the demand for alcohol, other drugs and their consequences in our community. Our goal is to develop a comprehensive continuum of care through public awareness and education, prevention, intervention, treatment, and after-care.

**Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking (ICCPUD)** consists of representatives from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Office of the Surgeon General, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This committee is intended to serve both as a mechanism for coordinating Federal efforts and as a resource for the development of a plan to combat underage drinking.