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### MERIDIAN HOSTS LEGISLATIVE TOWN HALL

*Meridian, ID - (January 16, 2013)* – The City of Meridian will hold a Legislative Town Hall with leadership members from the Idaho State House and Senate on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Meridian City Hall. Assistant Majority Leader Senator Chuck Winder, who represents District 20 in Meridian, will be at the event along with other lawmakers who represent Meridian in districts 14, 20, 21, and 22.

“I’m looking forward to the upcoming Town Hall meeting. It is a great opportunity to meet with community leaders and District 20 constituents,” said Winder. “Meridian is one of the largest cities in the state, it is home to the largest school district and it is a thriving business area. It is important for lawmakers to understand the needs growing communities like Meridian face.”

Lawmakers will hear presentations on issues important to the City of Meridian, Meridian Chamber of Commerce, Joint School District No. 2, the Meridian Development Corporation, and Meridian’s health sciences and technology sector better known as The CORE. This will be a chance for people to learn some of the issues lawmakers may be dealing with at the Statehouse this session such as the creation of a health insurance exchange or the proposal to eliminate the personal property tax.

“We are excited our citizens, business leaders and educators have the opportunity to speak with some of Idaho’s top lawmakers,” said Meridian Mayor Tammy de Weerd. “We appreciate all the Senators and Representatives who are taking the time to hear what issues are important to the City of Meridian, our businesses, and those educating our children.”

Community members are encouraged to attend the Town Hall to ask lawmakers questions and offer their opinions on the legislative session.

For more information regarding this event, visit [www.meridiancity.org](http://www.meridiancity.org) or contact the Meridian Mayor's Office at (208) 489-0529.

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*The City of Meridian is located at the center of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho, minutes from the State Capitol. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is now one of Idaho’s largest and fastest growing communities. As the home to many young families,*

*Meridian is a vibrant community whose mission is to be a premier city to live, work and raise a family and was selected in 2010 by Family Circle Magazine as one of their Top 10 Best Cities for Families, by Money Magazine as one of its 100 Best Places to Live, and by America's Promise Alliance and ING as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People. For more information about Meridian, visit [www.meridiacity.org](http://www.meridiacity.org).*