## MISSION

The Mayor and Council Members will continue working together as a team, representing all Merced constituents, in order to make Merced a city which:

- ♦ Maintains a high quality of life for its citizens;
- Demonstrates a positive attitude and approach in dealing with all segments of the community;
- Shows sensitivity and awareness of community needs and issues;
- ♦ Respects the diversity of its community;
- Develops creative and affordable solutions and alternatives to meet community needs;
- ♦ Is service-oriented, efficient, and progressive in its approach to problem resolution and use of resources;
- ♦ Offers economic development opportunities beneficial to its citizens;
- Maximizes teamwork and encourages individual involvement and personal growth, so that the community achieves its goals and contributes to society as a whole; and
- Creates and maintains an enjoyable atmosphere in which to live and work.

## 2004-2005 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Approved budget includes \$141,000 for the tourism promotion, \$25,000 for legislative advocacy, \$5,200 for video production services, \$8,000 for a Council goal setting workshop, \$15,889 for League of California Cities dues which also support the Grassroots Network initiative to increase effectiveness of local government lobbying efforts, and \$37,800 for LAFCO operations support.