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### **The City Works to Address Encampment Issues at Depot Park**

Chico, CA – (Jul. 28, 2023) - The City of Chico (City) notified plaintiffs’ counsel at Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), involved in the Warren v. Chico settlement, on July 20, 2023, of its plan to close the northwest portion of Depot Park and begin notifying homeless persons that of their ability to enter shelter to avoid enforcement of the City’s Anti-Camping Ordinances and Regulations.

At that time, the City counted 21 persons camping at the location. At that time, there were 6 available pallet shelters and 74 open beds at the Torres Shelter for a total of 80 qualifying shelter locations.

LSNC objected, claiming it counted 51 people at the northwest portion of Depot Park. Further, LSNC reported that 17 of those persons identify as women, but that—as of July 26, 2023—Torres Shelter had 9 women’s bunks only, and there were 7 pallet shelter units only. Another 11 persons are claimed to have been unable to report their gender identify. On these bases, LSNC objected that there would be insufficient gender-appropriate shelter beds for enforcement.

The City is presently negotiating with LSNC to see if there are any avenues to proceed with enforcement. If no resolution is reached, LSNC and the City will need to request a conference before Judge Kendall J. Newman to resolve the disput.

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*Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the world. For more information, visit [www.chico.ca.us](http://www.chico.ca.us)*

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