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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

**CITY OF CHICO ADDRESSING ACCESSIBLE PARKING CONCERNS
IN DOWNTOWN CHICO**

(Chico, CA – September 19, 2022) — The City of Chico is addressing accessible (handicapped) parking concerns in Downtown Chico as a result of the Chico Saturday Farmers’ Market (the market) expansion.

The market operates on Saturdays within a portion of Municipal Parking Lot #1 located between 2nd and 3rd Streets in Downtown Chico. During the pandemic, the market expanded to utilize the full parking lot in order to accommodate the need for social distancing.

“Farmers are essential to providing access to food for our community. During COVID-19, we appreciated the efforts of our agricultural community made to continue to provide fresh produce to our citizens. Chico Saturday Farmers’ Market is a mainstay for our Downtown,” stated City Manager, Mark Sorensen.

Recently, it was brought to the City’s attention that the expansion of the market infringed on the availability of accessible parking spaces. The market’s expansion eliminated accessible parking spaces within the City’s lot. As post-pandemic traffic has returned to Downtown, the demand for parking has also returned. The City’s Public Works department is working with the market to provide accessible parking spaces on E. 2nd and Flume Street during the Farmers’ Market.

“It is the City’s obligation is to maintain accessible parking open to the public. We are committed to resolving this issue in Downtown.” said Director of Public Works Engineering, Leigh Ann Sutton. The accessible parking spaces are expected to be provided starting Saturday, September 24, 2022.

For more information, contact Leigh Ann Sutton, Director of Public Works Engineering at leighann.sutton@chicoca.gov or 530-879-6900.

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

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