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## **CITY OF CHICO CONTINUES ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS IN CITY PARKS AND PARK AREAS**

**(Chico, CA – January 11, 2021 –)** The City of Chico wishes to correct recent erroneous reports in the local news media regarding the enforcement of rules and regulations within Bidwell Park and other park areas/playgrounds.

Reports that the City is moving forward with the use of the vacant Kmart building and the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds for sheltering persons experiencing homelessness are inaccurate; the City is unaware at this time of any availability of those properties as sheltering options for any agency or service provider. The City continues working with local service providers to explore any and all viable sheltering solutions, with the hope that a local service provider will be successful in those endeavors.

As the City Council directed at the December 1, 2020 regular meeting, enforcement of all park rules and regulations will continue to occur, allowing for heightened enforcement of illegal behaviors within these public spaces, thereby amplifying the level of accountability and public expectation of safety, cleanliness, and environmental stewardship within these areas.

For more information, please contact Lynda Gizzi, Public Information Officer, at (530) 896-7204.

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