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

CITY OF CHICO SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES AT ACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND WORK SITES

(Chico, CA – February 17, 2021–) The City of Chico has safety practices that it must adhere to in all work zones for the protection of the public, City employees and those not immediately involved in the work being conducted. From law enforcement activity, to construction zones and tree maintenance procedures, City Public Works, Police, Fire & Rescue, and all other departments conducting such work regularly take steps to ensure the safety of all individuals in those areas.

After recent efforts involving active law enforcement activity by the Chico Police Department and clean-up by the Public Works Department near Boucher Street, City staff adhered to protocols in order to ensure the safety of the public. This effort resulted in some calling into question the need to establish such a perimeter. This perimeter was properly set up to ensure all safety precautions were adhered to and access by the media and protestors was safely allowed adjacent to the active site. Due to the uniqueness of the parcel and the difficult ingress and egress to and from the site, staff did their best to ensure a reasonable perimeter was placed around the work zone to keep everyone safe.

There was no concerted effort to disallow any member of the media or public to rightfully enter any location where they can legally enter, and the media is always provided a safe vantage point from which to conduct their reporting. Protests were allowed to proceed on property open to the public in a meaningful way in order for their message to be effectively heard as well.

The City appreciates the understanding, consideration, and cooperation of the public and press in these types of matters, as these protocols are in place purely for the safety of all involved.

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