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

CITY OF CHICO TO CLOSE TEMPORARY RESTING CENTER

(Chico, CA – September 13, 2021) The City of Chico will be closing the Temporary Resting Center (TRC) located at 700 Airport Service Road on the west side of the Chico Municipal Airport effective Friday, September 17th, 2021. Onsite notification will take place Monday, September 13th, 2021, and patrons will be expected to leave by Friday, September 17th.

The City of Chico opened the TRC on June 25th, 2021, and has operated the facility twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week to provide a temporary resting center for those experiencing homelessness. Resources deployed at the TRC included portable restrooms, handwashing stations, potable water, trash receptacles, a shade tent structure, security, and bus service four times per day.

Through settlement hearings with a Federal Magistrate, Judge Kendall J. Newman, regarding the preliminary injunction, it became clear the TRC is not considered an option for shelter space. Therefore, and with approval from Magistrate Newman, the TRC will be closed September 17th and City staff will continue to work towards a settlement agreement.

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