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**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

## **CITY OF CHICO ACTIVATES WARMING CENTER AT DEPOT PARK**

**(Chico, CA – December 21, 2021 –)** The City of Chico will be activating the Emergency Warming Center at Depot Park beginning **Tuesday, December 21, 2021**, through **Thursday, December 23, 2021**. The Warming Center is located at the north end of Depot Park on 5th and Cedar Streets and will be open from 5:00 p.m. through 8:00 a.m.

The Warming Center consists of a tent structure with lighting and heating for those seeking respite from the cold. Personal belongings must be left outside of the tent area and pets must remain leashed at all times. Due to COVID-19, masks are recommended in the Warming Center for those who have not been vaccinated.

The Emergency Warming Center is activated when weather forecasts show the temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit with no precipitation, temperatures at or below 45 degrees Fahrenheit with  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch or more of rain, or temperatures at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit with wind speeds at 15 mph or more. City staff will continue to monitor weather conditions for additional Warming Center activations.

For more information, please contact Lynda Gizzi, Public Works Department Public Information Officer, at (530) 353-5816.

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