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**City of Chico's Progress on Encampment Removal
to Resume October 13, 2022**

Chico, CA – (Oct. 6, 2022) - The City of Chico expects to resume the enforcement of anti-camping ordinances on Thursday, October 13, 2022. Initial efforts will focus on the Windchime area.

Outreach and Engagement personnel will continue to process reasonable accommodation requests but will not be required to follow procedures that could substantially delay this enforcement operation. Additionally, the Outreach and Engagement team will begin using property abandonment forms modified to inform homeless persons that they may ask the City to temporarily store property that they are unable to take into shelter. However, the City is not obligated to store property that presents a health or safety risk, that is infested, that is evidence of a crime or contraband, or that is garbage. The City may also dispose of property that is not timely reclaimed.

“We look forward to resuming efforts to clear the tons of trash, debris and hazardous materials from City parks, greenways and waterways.” said City Manager Mark Sorensen. “As a result of the enforcement being allowed to resume local residents will appreciate a reduction in the neighborhood disturbances they have experienced.”

“We’re motivated to get back to enforcement and return our public spaces to the Community’s desired condition. It’s important to not only restore our public spaces, but also to get those experiencing homelessness into a better living situation.” said Erik Gustafson, City of Chico’s Director of Public Works.

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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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