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CITY OF STOCKTON DECLARES EMERGENCY TO PROTECT UNHOUSED Due to Stockton Shelter for Homeless Closing – Effective August 15

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton has declared a local emergency to protect nearly 250 unhoused individuals that are threatened to be displaced, effective August 15, when Stockton Shelter for the Homeless has announced that it will close its doors. The local emergency declaration is being made due to the potential public health and safety emergency, which includes the risk of severe injury, suffering, and extreme peril of life and safety that could result should the hundreds of unsheltered individuals currently served by the Shelter be displaced within the Stockton community.

The emergency declaration is a precautionary measure that will help to stabilize services by providing the City with the resources and authority to address the needs of those who are currently being served by the Shelter, including the ability to allocate funding, enter contracts with other service providers, and make immediate decisions related to public health and safety. Stockton Shelter for the Homeless leadership has indicated that, with financial assistance from the City, they will remain open past their announced closing date to support and assist with an orderly transition, which the City appreciates.

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