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City of Oakland Opens Winter Shelters

Oakland, Calif. – The City of Oakland, in collaboration with other cities in North County (Oakland, Emeryville, Albany and Berkeley) and Alameda County, developed a two-prong Winter Response strategy to address the needs of unsheltered homeless people during the winter months. In addition to the traditional winter shelter, the strategy includes establishing shelters to serve specialized populations.

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“With our partners, we’ve developed a new approach to better meet the unique needs of youth and seniors,” said Sarah Bedford, the City of Oakland’s Director of Human Services. “As housing prices continue to climb, we’ve seen a rise in population among Oakland’s most vulnerable populations that needed to be addressed.”

Specialized populations will be served at the following locations on a first-come, first-served basis.

Senior Shelter

up to 25 shelter beds for seniors, 55+
St. Mary’s Center, 925 Brockhurst St., Oakland, CA 94608, (510) 923-9600

Youth Shelter

up to five additional beds for at-risk homeless youth, ages 18 to 24
Covenant House, 200 Harrison St., Oakland, (510) 379-1010

East Oakland Targeted Efforts

up to 10 emergency beds through EOCP
Crossroads Shelter, 7515 International Blvd., Oakland, (510) 532-3211

A traditional winter shelter will be available at The Society of St. Vincent de Paul facility at 675 23rd St., Oakland, accommodating up to 75 single adults. A majority of the beds are secured through a voucher system. Referral agencies, see chart below, should be contacted for information about vouchers. Shelter doors open to clients with vouchers by 6 p.m. each evening and close by 8 a.m. the next morning.

2016 Winter Shelter Referral Agencies	
BACS - Bay Area Community Services 559 16th St., Oakland	(510) 613-0330 or (510) 238-5091
City Team 722 Washington St., Oakland	(510) 452-3758
EOCP - East Oakland Community Project 7515 International Blvd., Oakland	(510) 532-3211
OHAC - Oakland Housing Assistance Center 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 6th Fl., Oakland	(510) 238-6182

OD - Operation Dignity 3850 San Pablo Ave., Ste. 102, Emeryville	(510) 882-7941
Saint Vincent de Paul Community Center 2272 San Pablo Ave., Oakland	(510) 638-7600
Healthcare for the Homeless 384 E. 14 th Street, Oakland	(510) 891-8918
Covenant House	(510) 379-1010
Berkeley Food and Housing Project Outreach Team	Outreach Team (510) 684-1735

All winter shelter beds, including those for specialized populations, will be operational beginning the night of Monday, November 14, 2016 through Monday, April 17, 2017.

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