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# City of San Diego, Red Cross Close Emergency Shelter at Balboa Park Municipal Gym

## HOTEL ROOMS PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS DISPLACED BY JAN. 22 STORM

SAN DIEGO – As part of continued efforts to support San Diegans impacted by the record-breaking storm on Jan. 22, the City of San Diego has provided temporary housing for the displaced residents who were staying in the City’s temporary shelter. As such, the emergency shelter located at Balboa Park’s Municipal Gym has closed.

As of Wednesday, Feb. 7, the City and San Diego Housing Commission have referred more than 600 residents, with 159 pets, for temporary placement in hotel rooms, including at a recently acquired hotel property in the Midway area. In total, assistance is being provided for nearly 200 households.

**“I’m proud of the work of City staff and our broader community to help San Diegans in the wake of this unprecedented storm,” said Mayor Todd Gloria. “Those efforts will continue alongside our partners at the County of San Diego as our communities continue to recover. I want to thank Governor Gavin Newsom for joining me in requesting a FEMA Major Disaster Declaration, which will help residents and businesses impacted by recent storms access much-needed federal assistance.”**

The City’s Local Assistance Center (LAC) will remain open at the Mountain View Community Recreation Center through the weekend. Hours of operation this weekend are Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. City of San Diego residents impacted by the storm can get a ride to the LAC at no cost by calling the United Taxi Workers of San Diego at 619-280-4444.

The City collaborated with the American Red Cross to run day-to-day operations at the emergency shelter. Onsite services included meals, showers, basic medical care, laundry facilities, as well as housing navigation and County public health and social services. The San Diego Humane Society coordinated onsite care for pets. San Diego Housing Commission staff were also at the gym connecting displaced residents to longer-term accommodations.

For updates on the City's storm response and recovery efforts, visit [sandiego.gov/storm](https://sandiego.gov/storm).

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