



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 21, 2008

TO: Honorable Council President Scott Peters and Members of the City Council

FROM: Beth Murray, Assistant Deputy Chief Operating Officer  
City Planning and Development *Beth Murray*

SUBJECT: FY 2009 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program

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The FY 2009 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program will be located at two different locations. The Single Adult shelter will be located at 450 ½ 16<sup>th</sup> Street (between 16<sup>th</sup> St. and Island, and 15<sup>th</sup> St. and J). The "Veterans Shelter" will be located at 2801 ½ Sports Arena Blvd.

CCDC completed the site preparation for the downtown location on November 1, 2008 (grading and utilities). "Tent Construction" began on November 3, 2008 at the downtown location and is anticipated to be completed by Tuesday, November 18, 2008. City crews and provider will then begin to prepare shelter for opening day.

The Single Adult Program shelter operates with City funds for 120 days (December 3, 2008 to April 1, 2009). Alpha Project has secured private funding to operate shelter prior to the City timeline anticipating "Opening Day" for Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Alpha Project for the Homeless will be the Contract Provider for the "Operations" of the Shelter, along with St. Vincent de Paul Village, the County of San Diego and Vietnam Veterans of San Diego.

The "Veterans Shelter" will begin "Tent construction" on November 24, 2008. The shelter will serve single adult male veterans for 120 days (December 3, 2008 to April 1, 2009). "Opening Day" for the Veterans Shelter is anticipated for December 3, 2008. Vietnam Veterans of San Diego will be the Contract Provider for the "Operations" of the Veterans Shelter.

The shelters will provide the following services:

- a. Shelter (including overnight accommodations), blankets and other linens; for 200 homeless in the single adults shelter and for 150 at the Veterans shelter;
- b. One evening meal from a County-certified kitchen for each client, served daily;
- c. Showers, wash stations, and restrooms for clients;

- d. Eligible homeless client referral to available transitional or permanent housing;
- e. Referrals to other programs for employment assistance and other supportive services as needed to homeless clients;
- f. The Mobile Clinic will assist, as needed, with the health screenings to be conducted on all clients on the opening day of shelter operations;
- g. The Mobile Clinic in collaboration with County nurses, nurses from community clinics, and Family Health Centers of San Diego nurses will provide health screenings and conduct follow-up with nursing care needs (wound dressing changes, provision of over-the-counter medication, etc.)

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