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SHELTER, Inc. to Operate Sacramento's North 5th Street Navigation Center starting January 1, 2020

SHELTER, Inc. awarded contract by Sacramento City Council to operate

CONCORD, CA (December 13, 2019)— SHELTER, Inc. has been awarded a 12-month, \$1.8 million contract by the City of Sacramento to operate the North 5th Street Navigation Center beginning January 1, 2020. The Sacramento City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to award the contract to SHELTER, Inc., which just celebrated its 33rd anniversary of providing homeless services in the Bay Area.

"We are honored to partner with the City of Sacramento to tackle and address homelessness throughout the region," said SHELTER, Inc. CEO John Eckstrom. "With our service-based best practice model, we will help individuals struggling with homelessness get off the streets and into housing."

The shelter will house up to 122 men and women—18 of whom are part of a healthcare respite provided by WellSpace Health. The shelter is located in the River District portion of Sacramento. On any given night, it is estimated that there may be upwards of 200 individuals living unsheltered within the boundary of the River District. Those who are currently at the shelter will be welcome to stay and to participate in SHELTER, Inc.'s case-managed programs. One of the largest homeless service providers in the Bay Area, SHELTER, Inc. also operates Solano County's emergency homeless shelter and a family shelter in Martinez, CA.

"Our programs offer those faced with homelessness; housing, services, support and resources that ultimately will lead to self-sufficiency," Eckstrom said.

There is a great need in Sacramento. The most recent Homeless Point-in-Time Count in Sacramento suggests that on any given night, 5,570 individuals experience homelessness throughout the County of Sacramento,



the vast majority of whom are unsheltered. SHELTER, Inc. was awarded the contract through a competitive process. SHELTER, Inc.'s successful outcomes in preventing and ending homelessness were recognized to be a highly effective model that city leaders wanted to bring to the Sacramento community.

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About SHELTER, Inc:

Since 1986, SHELTER, Inc. has provided critical housing assistance and case management to help families and individuals facing eviction, living on the streets or struggling to obtain affordable rental housing. SHELTER, Inc., works to prevent homelessness, end homelessness and provide affordable housing. On average, 2,500 children, women and men annually participate in SHELTER, Inc. programs in Contra Costa, Alameda and Solano counties.