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## **SHELTER Solano, Inc. to Begin Operating Solano County's Largest Homeless Emergency Shelter**

**Fairfield, CA - January 15, 2019** – The Fairfield City Council approved a lease agreement with SHELTER Solano, Inc. paving the way for the nonprofit to operate the 3.5 acre shelter facility located at 310 Beck Avenue in Fairfield. SHELTER Solano will operate the emergency shelter with the expressed goal of supporting an individual's effort to progress from homelessness to stable, permanent housing. With a capacity of up to 208 persons, SHELTER Solano's proven, program-based model will provide intensive wrap-around case-management services enabling participants to achieve self-sufficiency. The City Council additionally voted unanimously to provide \$59,000 in funding to afford a smooth transition.

"I am really excited about the next chapter in solving our homeless concerns in Solano County, and SHELTER, Inc. foretells great success," said Fairfield Mayor Harry T. Price.

Last year the City of Fairfield, Solano County, and a local collaboration of healthcare providers sought to find a new operator for the shelter facility formerly operated by Mission Solano. Through an exhaustive open and competitive process, SHELTER, Inc. was recommended to become the new operator. On September 18, 2018, the Fairfield City Council approved the recommendation and formally approved SHELTER, Inc. to begin lease negotiations for the shelter facility.

"We are honored to be entrusted with the lives of Solano's most vulnerable people," said John Eckstrom, SHELTER Solano, Inc.'s CEO. "We believe our 32 years of experience will provide the support families and individuals in Solano need to end their homelessness and become self-sufficient."

SHELTER, Inc. has created a new entity, SHELTER Solano, Inc., to operate the emergency shelter and provide the critically needed services. The facility will be known as SHELTER Solano. SHELTER Solano expects to begin full-time operation of the facility in February. All current staff employed by Mission Solano will be hired as employees of SHELTER, Inc. Importantly, all existing individuals at the shelter will immediately become clients of, and be served by SHELTER Solano.

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### **About SHELTER Solano, Inc.**

SHELTER Solano, Inc. is an affiliate of SHELTER, Inc. whose mission is to prevent and end homelessness. SHELTER, Inc. was founded in 1986 to address the growing homeless crisis and has expanded its critical work to serve Contra Costa, Solano, and Alameda counties.