



July 31, 2020

### **Neighborhood Notice**

#### **RE: Emergency Shelter expansion to restore bed capacity at City of Santa Rosa Homeless Shelter Property – 420 Finley Avenue**

Dear Neighbors,

The City is planning an emergency shelter expansion at its Samuel L. Jones Hall (SJH) Homeless Shelter, located at 4020 Finley Avenue, to restore available shelter bed capacity back to pre-COVID-19 occupancy, while maintaining social distancing requirements. SJH is a critical facility providing shelter and services to persons experiencing homelessness. In March 2020, it was necessary to put measures in place to help protect SJH guests from COVID-19 by relocating some individuals out of the facility so that required social distancing measures could be implemented, resulting in a loss of 56 beds. The purpose of the expansion is to restore these critically needed shelter beds, not to increase overall bed capacity at the facility.

#### **About the Project: ID No. 02328**

The project scope includes installation of an expedited emergency shelter building constructed in the rear parking lot, expected to be about 8,000 square feet. Additional improvements to the prefabricated building will be necessary for the health and safety of SJH guests and staff, and includes a building foundation, electrical service, heating and air conditioning, fire sprinklers, security cameras, and accessibility. To prevent harm to endangered Tiger Salamanders and plant species on site, the improvements will be limited to the existing paved areas.

#### **Timeline**

**July/August 2020** – The project bid process is currently underway, following City Council approval of design build and procurement on July 21.

**August 18, 2020** – Tentative date for when selected project will go to Council for contract award approval.

**Fall 2020** – Construction anticipated to begin as early as September 2020. A Notice of Imminent Construction will be provided to you before construction begins, estimated to occur in Fall 2020.

#### **Contact for Questions about the Project Scope or Construction**

Please contact me, Camron MacDonald, at (707) 543-3769 or [CMacdonald@srcity.org](mailto:CMacdonald@srcity.org) for questions related to the construction project. Additionally, the City has created a website where you can track the progress of this project. Simply go to [srcity.org/CIP](http://srcity.org/CIP), view the map, and click on the blue map pin that corresponds to this project. You can also view the list of all Capital Improvement Program projects and find this project under Project ID No: 02328.

**About Efforts to Address Homelessness Amid COVID-19**

The expansion at SJH is one of several projects implemented by the City during COVID-19 to protect persons experiencing homelessness and the community at large from spread of the virus. Other efforts include the provision of hotel rooms for high-risk sheltered and unsheltered individuals, placement of sanitary facilities at or near known encampments, and the activation of a Safe Social Distancing Program in a section of the parking lot at Finley Community Center.

**Contact for Questions About the City's Homeless Services Efforts**

More information about the City's efforts to address homelessness during COVID-19 is available on the City's website at [srcity.org/COVID19HomelessSupport](http://srcity.org/COVID19HomelessSupport). If you have any questions about SJH operations, please contact Kelli Kuykendall at (707) 543-3315, or [kkuykendall@srcity.org](mailto:kkuykendall@srcity.org).

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are aware of other occupants on your property who may not receive this notice, please share this notification with them or contact me with their address, and I will notify them directly.**

Sincerely,



Camron Macdonald (Jul 29, 2020 12:13 PDT)

CAMRON MACDONALD  
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