COMMUNITY FORUMS TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The public is invited to attend one or more community forums to address housing and homelessness. Three forums hosted by the County of Santa Barbara will be held in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara and Lompoc on October 28, 29 and 30, respectively. (see below for specifics)

The County’s Phase I Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 18, 2019. The report was developed in collaboration with a diverse group of partners and stakeholders in the system of care, and resulting goals focused on increasing access to housing and the necessary services to maintain that housing, preventing homelessness whenever possible, developing adequate supports for the unique and individual sub-populations experiencing and at-risk for homelessness, and improving the future systemic response, including data sharing and collective planning. The goal of Phase II is to create a detailed implementation plan that outlines specific steps expanding on Phase I strategies.

The meetings with key stakeholder groups and regional community meetings will help inform Phase II. The purpose of these forums will be to:

- Share demographic trends in the homeless population in each area
- Provide an update on funding and efforts to address housing and homelessness issues
- Listen to concerns regarding the impacts of housing and homelessness on local communities
- Discuss opportunities to assist in identifying gaps and inspire action toward addressing housing and homelessness regionally

Attendees will also be asked for input on new State Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) SB 2 Funding.

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The community forums are scheduled as follows:

**Santa Maria:**
11:30-1:30 p.m. Monday, October 28
Santa Maria Public Library, Shephard Hall, 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria 93454
RSVP by clicking here.

**Santa Barbara:**
11:30-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 29
Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara Parish Hall
1535 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara 93101
RSVP by clicking here.

**Lompoc:**
6-8 p.m. Wednesday, October 30
Dick DeWees Community & Senior Center
1120 W Ocean Ave., Lompoc 93436
RSVP by clicking here.

An overview of homeless resources in Santa Barbara County can be found at
https://www.liveunitedsbc.org/resources-clients. A link to the County’s Community
Services Department/Housing and Community Development webpage is at
http://countyofsb.org/housing.

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