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THIRD ANNUAL SLEEPING BAG DRIVE FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Offices Accepting Donations Until Dec. 11

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – More than 1,800 people are experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara County. To help these individuals and families stay warm this winter, the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office is accepting donations of sleeping bags, hats, gloves, jackets, clothing, socks, shoes, hygiene products, thermal underwear, scarves and backpacks.

New or lightly used donations are being accepted until Dec. 11 during regular business hours at the Public Defender's offices in Santa Barbara, 1100 Anacapa Street; and Santa Maria, 312-P East Cook Street, Building A.

Financial donations will also be accepted for the purchase of new sleeping bags and undergarments that are tax deductible through the Public Defender's partnerships with checks made out to Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County and Americorps. Donations can also be made online at www.fsacares.org, where donors should specify that it's for the sleeping bag drive.

In order to receive donated goods, those experiencing homelessness will need to attend a distribution event on Friday, December 13 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. or until supplies last at each office of the Public Defender.

For more information, contact the County Public Defender's office. In Santa Barbara, call (805) 568-3470; in Santa Maria, call (805) 346-7500.

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NOTE: See attached flier

3RD ANNUAL SLEEPING BAG DRIVE

1,133 people are experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara County. Help us keep our friends living outside warm this winter!

Santa Barbara County Public Defender needs your help in collecting donations

NOW ACCEPTING | **Sleeping Bags** | Hats | **Gloves** | Jackets | **Clothing** | Socks | **Shoes** | Hygiene Products | **Thermal Underwear** | Backpacks | **Scarves**

DISTRIBUTION EVENT

WHEN

December 13th, 2019
12pm – 2pm

WHERE

Public Defender's Office

Santa Barbara, 1100 Anacapa Street

OR

Santa Maria, 312 East Cook Street Building A

GIVE THE **GIFT OF WARMTH** THIS SEASON!



Donation Drop Locations

Santa Barbara Office
1100 Anacapa Street
(under courthouse archway)

Santa Maria Office
312-P East Cook Street
(Building A)

DONATE BY
December 11th!

HOW IT WORKS

Each person will receive a ticket to retrieve the donated items

Bring the ticket the day of and have items checked off as you receive them

HOW TO GET A TICKET

Come to the Public Defender's Office any day before December 13th or come the day of the event and see a representative from the office to receive a ticket

For more information or questions, contact Santa Barbara County Public Defender
805-568-3470, Santa Barbara
805-346-7500, Santa Maria