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City Strategic Planning – First Steps Urgent Action: "Safe" Parking Lot & Warming Shelter

Recommendations by Concerned Citizens January 28, 2020

PARKING LOT

Need: Many individuals and families, some working, going to school, sleep in their vehicles.

"Safe Place":

- Compliant with City codes & Neighborhood sense of 'ownership', security
- Well lighted
- Portable bathrooms or City Park bathrooms
- Regularly Patrolled by City PD for security
- Warning letters vs. citations for vehicle noncompliance
- Dumpster

Operation:

- Volunteer(s) to welcome; supervise morning exit
- Volunteer clean-up crew from among participants
- In by 7 p.m.
- Out by 7 a.m.

WARMING CENTER

Need: Dozens of individuals, and some families, are sleeping unsheltered in the City of Tracy.

Objectives:

- 1) Supply a secure and weather-protecting shelter for approximately 3 dozen individuals.
- 2) Insures better health and hygiene for participants
- 3) Reduces utilization of emergency medical services and Tracy PD; and encampment 'clean-ups'
- 4) Routine contact with homeless persons elevates potential for access to services, family reunification, housing.
- 5) Facility potentially to provide delivery of services Community Partnership for Families; SJ County -Housing Authority, Behavioral Health; Care Link, Community Medical Centers, and referrals to others, including Tracy Community Connections (Showers, Meals, Case Management); Tracy Interfaith Ministries (food and clothing), etc.