



HONORING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (BESS) operated out of First Congregational Church since 2011 but due a fire in September 2016, that location became unavailable; and

WHEREAS, the budget for BESS is limited and relies on the generosity of the community to donate a facility of adequate size and accommodation; and

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church has been a member of the Berkeley community since its founding in 1878; and

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church responded expediently by offering their location to help meet the needs of BESS and Berkeley's homeless population; and

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church's participation enabled BESS to shelter an average of 35 guests a night for an estimated 1,570 bednights over the season; and

WHEREAS, as a result of First Presbyterian Church's generosity, hundreds were provided shelter during one of the most inclement winter seasons on record.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby recognize

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for its outstanding services and commitment to the homeless in Berkeley.

Jesse Arreguin

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Mayor



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