



Office of the City Manager

December 24, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, Interim City Manager

Subject: Warming Center Availability

With the projection for additional storms and cold weather over the next week, City staff has coordinated with Dorothy Day House to open a warming center on the following days and times:

- Thursday, December 24 from 7PM to 7AM at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Hearst Avenue
- Friday, December 25 from 7PM to 7AM at the First Congregational Church
- Saturday, December 26 from 7PM to 7AM at the First Congregational Church
- Sunday, December 27 from 7PM to 7AM at the First Congregational Church
- Saturday, January 2, from 7PM to 7AM (Location TBD)

This information has been forwarded to Berkeley First Responders, Mobile Crisis Team and the Homeless Outreach Coordinator to share with individuals who desire or need to stay in a warming center.

The winter shelter program can provide shelter for up to 65 persons at the First Congregational Church at Dana and Durant. During the past week, City staff received reports that the shelter operated at capacity or near capacity, but no one who requested assistance was turned away.

The winter shelter program does not have a location to use on Saturdays due to conflicts with religious services, but the First Congregational Church has made an exception for this week. City staff is working with other faith-based organizations to develop a long-term solution and will be reconvening the first week of January. Please note that the Church donates their space and utilities free of charge for this program.

For individuals who need access to daytime services, the following locations are available:

Drop-In Centers

- 1931 Center Street – Multi-Agency Service Center open from 9AM to 12PM
- 3234 Adeline Street open Monday through Thursday from 8AM to 4PM

The staffing of the warming centers is a short-term solution to fill identified gaps during the winter holiday. I want to acknowledge City staff for putting together a plan so quickly to provide a space for the homeless population to stay warm the next week.

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