



County of Santa Clara
Office of Supportive
Housing



September 4, 2015

Dear Neighbor:

Re: September 10 Outreach Meetings on Proposed Temporary County Winter Shelter Facility on City-Owned Onizuka Property at **Innovation Way** in Sunnyvale

The County of Santa Clara and City of Sunnyvale cordially invite you to attend one of two sessions of an upcoming community outreach meeting to discuss the recent County proposal to establish a temporary winter shelter on the City's "Onizuka" property located in Moffett Park at Innovation Way and West Moffett Park Drive (vicinity map enclosed):

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, September 10th
Time: 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (same content)
Location: Detati Digital Marketing, 265 Caspian Drive, Sunnyvale

As you may know, for many years, the County of Santa Clara operated a Cold Weather Shelter Program (CWSP) annually from November through March at 620 E. Maude Avenue in Sunnyvale. That site has recently been redeveloped into permanent supportive housing for homeless and lower-income households, with financing from the City of Sunnyvale, the County of Santa Clara, and other State and federal funding sources.

Following the closure of the former Sunnyvale shelter, many stakeholders in Sunnyvale and throughout the County expressed a desire to develop a new CWSP facility in North County. The County has sought a replacement shelter site for more than a year, but has not yet been able to obtain a site due to the highly competitive local real estate market.

The Sunnyvale City Council indicated its willingness to consider allowing the County to use a portion of the City's Onizuka property for a temporary CWSP at a special meeting on September 1, 2015. Installation of a temporary shelter facility at the Onizuka site for the coming winter season (2015-16) would allow the County more time to search for a permanent replacement site, while providing shelter from the cold this winter for approximately 100 individuals each night. The proposed facility would operate nightly from November 30, 2015 to March 31, 2016. In addition to nightly shelter, the facility would provide clients with meals, access to restrooms and shower facilities, and various health and social services offered by various agencies and volunteers.

The goal of the County's CWSP program is to meet the basic needs of homeless individuals and families for shelter on a nightly basis. Shelter occupants must leave the facility at a designated time each morning, but they will be able to have access to the restrooms there during the day. During operational hours, the facility will be fully staffed by HomeFirst, the non-profit agency that will operate the shelter, providing services such as security, janitorial staff, and supportive services.

We cordially invite you to attend either of the outreach meetings on September 10 to learn more about this proposed temporary shelter project. County staff and HomeFirst representatives will present

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information about the planned facility, operational details, services provided, explain what will be done to lessen any impacts on neighbors in the vicinity, and answer questions about the proposed County program and facility. City of Sunnyvale staff will also be available to explain the City approval process for this proposal, provide information about upcoming Council hearing dates, and answer any questions you may have about the City's involvement in this project. A vicinity map of the project site is enclosed.

If you have any questions about the County's proposed facility or cannot make either of the outreach meetings, please contact Robert Dolci, County Homeless & Housing Concerns Coordinator at (408) 793-0566 or by email at Robert.Dolci@hhs.sccgov.org for more information.

If you have questions about the proposed use of the City's property for this purpose, or about City approval procedures related to this matter, please contact Suzanne Isé at (408) 730-7250 or sise@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

