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## **SACRAMENTO HOLDS 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL HOMELESS CONNECT** *Hundreds connect to services*

- What:** Between 600 and 700 homeless people will receive a variety of services from housing and legal services to mental health care and bicycle repair at **Sacramento Homeless Connect**. It is a one-day event that provides services for homeless people in a consumer-centric "one-stop shop" format. A BBQ chicken lunch and musical entertainment will also be provided.
- When:** Saturday, May 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. & press conference at the Student Center at 11:00 a.m. featuring local elected officials.
- Where:** Sacramento City College 3835 Freeport Blvd. Sacramento CA, 95822. Media check-in is in the auditorium.
- Who:** County Supervisor Roger Dickinson and Mayor Kevin Johnson are Co-chairs, Sacramento City Councilmembers Rob Fong, Steve Cohn, Lauren Hammond, and Bonnie Pannell are supporters. The Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative, the City of Sacramento, the Sacramento County Departments of Human Assistance and Health and Human Services, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, the Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, Loaves and Fishes, Transitional Living and Community Support, the Sacramento Housing Alliance, American Medical Association, Golden 1 Credit Union, Sac RT, UC Davis and Wells Fargo Bank as well as many others collaborated on the event. *(A complete list of event sponsors will be included with this notice.)*
- Why:** This event, which is a project of the Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative and the Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, is our second effort for this much needed collaboration in Sacramento. Tim Brown, Executive Director, Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative, expects a response similar to the first event last year which had a tremendous impact on the community. Some folks received immediate housing assistance and hundreds received other essential services. Brown said 400 volunteers will help coordinate event activities.
- "It's exciting to be part of this event bringing the community together to assist our homeless citizens. We will offer a full range of services and support to hundreds of homeless people through hundreds of community volunteers. This hand-to-hand assistance will positively impact everyone involved," Brown said.
- Interviews:** There will be a press conference at the Student Center at 11:00 a.m. featuring local elected officials. We request any photo or video equipment stay outside the main event except to follow specific individuals who have been identified as being willing to be interviewed and photographed to protect guests' privacy. Other interviews may be arranged during the day.

*The Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative is housed at the Community Services Planning Council (CSPC). CSPC is a multi-service, community-based organization that provides health and human services information for the public, conducts research and policy analysis on health and social issues, and mobilizes people to improve the health and welfare of individuals and communities.*

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