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CAP SOLANO JPA RELEASES THE 2019 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA

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Suisun City, CA – August 22, 2019: The Community Action Partnership of Solano, Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano JPA) released the results today of its Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Survey for 2019. CAP Solano JPA is a governmental agency composed of the County of Solano and the cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, and Vallejo; it is charged with coordinating efforts to reduce poverty and homelessness in Solano County.

The PIT count is conducted at least biannually in Solano and is a requirement to receive homeless assistance funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The last PIT Count was conducted in 2017. The PIT Count uses HUD's definition of homelessness, which includes persons living in shelters and places not meant for human habitation, but excludes persons who are living doubled up with others due to economic hardship or those living in RV or trailer parks. Annual school data on family homelessness and other counts use broader definitions of homelessness.

The PIT Count provides a snapshot of the number and demographics of those experiencing homelessness in the region on a given night, but is not designed to be a complete analysis of the issues surrounding homelessness nor a comprehensive count of all homeless persons served over the course of a year. This snapshot allows Solano to track trends concerning subpopulations, identify potential gaps in services and inform future planning, which is important for the implementation of the current regional strategic plan in Solano County.

The 2019 PIT Count process included an enumeration of unsheltered and sheltered homeless persons in Solano County. The unsheltered census was conducted on January 23, 2019 and covered all of Solano County. The shelter census was conducted on the previous evening and included individuals staying in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities.

KEY FINDINGS:

The population counted in Solano County who met the HUD definition of homelessness in a single 24-hour period in January 2019 was 1151, a decrease of 6% from 1232 in 2017.

The preliminary 2019 PIT report shows a reduction in the following categories of homeless:

- Reduction in homeless veterans from 156 in 2017 to 147 in 2019.
- Reduction in homeless families from 58 in 2017 to 30 in 2019.
- Reduction in unaccompanied children who are homeless from 18 in 2017 to 5 in 2019.
- Reduction in chronically homeless persons from 434 in 2017 to 179 in 2019.



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Overall, the data suggests that a large percentage of this population has significant service needs:

- 19% of the homeless population identified as chronically homeless.
- 29% reported psychiatric or emotional conditions, 24% reported having Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and 22% reported substance abuse.
- 31% report having a disabling condition that impedes their ability to live independently.

Over half (57%) report that their current episode of homelessness has lasted for a year or more. In addition, 53% reporting living in Solano County for ten years or more.

93% reported an interest in moving into safe, affordable, permanent housing if it were available.

The full PIT report, an Executive Summary, and an FAQ document with additional information can be obtained on the JPA website at <http://www.capsolanojpa.org/>