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## MAYOR BOB SAMPAYAN TOURS SAN FRANCISCO NAVIGATION CENTER IN PREPARATION FOR VALLEJO HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER PROJECT

VALLEJO, CA – On September 16, Mayor Bob Sampayan, Assistant City Manager Anne Cardwell, and Housing and Community Development Manager Judy Shepard-Hall, along with other city and county staff, participated in a tour of the Division Circle Navigator Center in San Francisco. The tour, led by San Francisco Mayor London Breed, served as an opportunity for the Vallejo officials to find out more about the center's operations and methods for serving the SF homeless population.

In May, Vallejo City Council approved the use of Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funding in the amount of \$658,842 for the acquisition and construction of a public facility for a navigation center to address the needs of the homeless population. It is anticipated that the site will serve as a "one-stop-shop" and provide access to medical and mental health services, social services, and temporary shelter.

Providing services, resources and a better quality of life for Vallejo's unsheltered population is a priority for the City. The City is working with Solano County on the proposed operations and services of the Homeless Navigation Center, as well as collaborating with other cities to analyze already successful operations and best practices to bring to Vallejo.





Last month, City staff identified a potential location for the proposed center. In the coming month, City staff will provide a recommendation to the Vallejo City Council for consideration of the property. Additionally, the City is actively seeking partners and funding to operate the navigation center, and anticipates making further announcements this Fall. The actions taken thus far by the City are consistent with the 5-Year Regional Strategic Plan to Respond to Homelessness in Solano County. The Plan was commissioned by the Community Action Partnership of Solano Joint Powers Authority (CAP Solano JPA), a combined governmental agency consisting of representatives from the seven Solano County cities and the county.

To view KTVU's media coverage featuring Mayor Sampayan's tour of the Division Circle Navigator Center in San Francisco, click here.

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## About City of Vallejo

The City of Vallejo, California is located in the Bay Area. The City serves a population nearly 122,000 people with a full service operation that includes police, fire, water, community planning, public works and related professional administrative services. The city is home to a wealth of culture, attractions and events from the popular theme park Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, to museums, parks, music venues, art galleries and theaters. One of the great small towns of Northern California, Vallejo's residents, businesses and City Council are working together to help make Vallejo a safe and clean place to live, work and to enjoy all the attractions and events.



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