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Grand Opening of the San Bernardino Homeless Access Center

**Thursday, April 23, 2015 - 11:00 a.m to 12:30 p.m
247 E. 7th Street**

San Bernardino, CA- Grand Opening of the San Bernardino Homeless Access Center

As part of an effort led by the City of San Bernardino to tackle homelessness within the City; we are pleased to announce the grand opening of the San Bernardino Homeless Access Center, which will provide many necessary services to the City's homelessness population.

The Homeless Initiative Prevention Plan was presented to the Mayor and Common Council on June 2, 2014 (Resolution No. 2014-3285). The City's goal is to reduce the number of unsheltered homeless individuals within the City, reduce panhandling and vagrancy crimes, prevent homelessness, and provide care to its homeless population. The City has contracted with Mercy House to provide these services (Resolution No. 2015-3558); Mercy House has provided complete and effective services to the homeless in other communities for nearly 25 years.

"If no one takes an interest in the homeless and those less fortunate than us, then who will help them? We can't expect others to take the initiative. It is our responsibility and duty to take the first step in order to inspire others to work with us on tackling this regional issue" said Mayor Davis.

"Helping those less fortunate than us is a cause I hold dear to my heart; I have made it my purpose as a representative of the residents of the City of San Bernardino to tackle the homelessness issue. We have taken some crucial steps towards a solution and now is the time to act!" said Councilmember Virginia Marquez.

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