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## Local Assistance Centers Transitioning to Disaster Recovery Centers

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**SANTA ROSA**, **CA** – The County of Sonoma and the City of Santa Rosa in partnership with FEMA are transitioning both Local Assistance Centers (LACs) located in downtown Santa Rosa and Sonoma Valley to Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) on November 12, 2017. The LACs will close at 7:00pm Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and reopen at 9:00am on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> as DRCs.

Beginning November 12<sup>th</sup>, affected residents and businesses can visit either DRC for inperson support when seeking state and federal aid. Representatives from FEMA will be at these locations to provide information about disaster assistance programs and help survivors apply for aid. If possible, survivors should register with FEMA before visiting a Recovery Center.

To register, visit <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362. Help is available in most languages, and phone lines are open 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM seven days a week until further notice. The deadline to apply for FEMA grant assistance is **December 11<sup>th</sup>**, **2017**.

- What: Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)
- When: 9:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.
- Where: Press Democrat building in downtown Santa Rosa, 427 Mendocino Ave. between Ross and 5th Streets

Hanna Boys Center, 17000 Arnold Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476

The Disaster Recovery Center will have critical services for residents who have been impacted by the fires. Some of the services include but are not limited to:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Small Business Administration
- Housing Assistance
- Sonoma County Department of Environmental Health & Safety
- Department of Insurance
- Employment Development Board
- CalHR-State Job Applications
- Tzu Chi Association
- California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

For more information, visit: www.SonomaCountyRecovers.org