

CHICO UNION OF THE HOMELESS

FOUNDING & RECOGNITION PACKET

Original draft documents for a member-led association in Chico, California

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Purpose of this packet

To help people currently experiencing homelessness and people with lived experience form an independent, democratically governed membership association, adopt an initial platform, and understand possible California and federal filing pathways. Inspired by published approaches in Sacramento and Berkeley, but not copied from or endorsed by either union.

The initial three demands

1. Protect people from penalties and incarceration for unavoidable outdoor sleeping or sheltering when no safe, accessible and actually available alternative exists.
2. Establish a permanent City of Chico Commission on Housing and Homelessness with meaningful lived-experience representation.
3. Pursue transfer of Genesis Pallet Shelter day-to-day operations from the Jesus Center to an independent, community-governed operator with participation by people experiencing homelessness.

Important status notice

These are unsigned templates. They do NOT create a government-recognized corporation, certify tax exemption, authorize anyone to represent future members, or demonstrate affiliation with the National Union of the Homeless. Adoption requires real members and a recorded vote. Filing and tax choices should be reviewed with a qualified California nonprofit attorney or legal clinic.

Contents: roadmap • articles of association • proposed bylaws • founding platform • founding resolution and minutes • membership form • public records and outreach templates • filing checklist • official sources

1 | What “officially recognized” can mean

The union can begin as a voluntary California unincorporated nonprofit association. Its founding documents establish the member-to-member agreement. Other recognition pathways are optional or conditional; each serves a different purpose.

Milestone	What it accomplishes	Who controls it
Founding vote and adopted documents	Creates a documented member-led association, subject to applicable law.	Founding members
CA Secretary of State, Form UA-100	Public statement for an unincorporated association; currently \$25. Does not incorporate it.	California Secretary of State
CA Form LP/UNA 128	Optional name/insignia registration; \$10 per selection. Not incorporation or tax exemption.	California Secretary of State
National Union affiliation	Possible local chapter recognition if the national body approves charter/affiliation.	National Union of the Homeless
CA nonprofit corporation	Creates a separate incorporated legal entity after approved articles are filed.	California Secretary of State
Federal tax-exempt status	Separate IRS requirements: 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or another appropriate category.	IRS
Formal municipal role	A city resolution, appointment, agreement, or approved commission provides specified participation; not automatic.	City of Chico

Proposed formation route

1. Recruit and meet with an initial group of members directly affected by homelessness; review these drafts together.
2. At a properly noticed founding meeting, choose the name, adopt articles/bylaws/platform, elect temporary officers, and sign accurate minutes.
3. Create secure internal records and designate one public mailing/contact address without disclosing members' living locations.
4. After member authorization, obtain an EIN if needed and decide which state filing and tax routes are appropriate.
5. Contact the Sacramento Homeless Union, Berkeley Homeless Union, and National Union of the Homeless to request organizing advice and possible chapter requirements.

Caution: “union” here is a membership and civic advocacy term, not a claim that the organization is a certified labor union or has collective-bargaining rights against the City.

2 | Models and principles worth borrowing

Sacramento describes itself as a grassroots, community-funded local chapter of the National Union of the Homeless; Berkeley describes itself as an independent membership organization focused on civil rights, housing, and collective voice. The National Union emphasizes people affected by poverty organizing and speaking for themselves. These publicly described approaches inform the draft below, without claiming access to either group's internal constitution.

- People currently experiencing homelessness should shape the agenda and hold meaningful governance power.
- Supporters assist rather than speak for members without authority.
- Membership is free; address, identification, sobriety, and service participation are not prerequisites.

3 | Proposed Articles of Association

To be voted on and signed at the founding meeting. An unincorporated-association organizing instrument, not Articles of Incorporation.

Article 1. Name

The name of this association shall be “Chico Union of the Homeless” (the “Union”), subject to name review and adoption by the founding members.

Article 2. Formation and location

The Union is organized by agreement of its founding members as a California nonprofit unincorporated association, headquartered for organizational purposes in Chico, Butte County, California. Date of formation:

_____.

Article 3. Nonprofit purpose

The Union is organized not for private profit, but for civic, educational, mutual-support, civil-rights, housing, and community-welfare purposes. Its central purpose is to ensure that people currently experiencing homelessness and people with lived experience can organize, represent themselves, seek dignified treatment, and participate in decisions affecting their housing, safety, and rights.

Article 4. Initial program and advocacy goals

Members may pursue changes to Chico camping and public-nuisance ordinances; creation of a Housing and Homelessness Commission; and a lawful, resident-informed proposal for an independent community operator of the Genesis Pallet Shelter. Specific policy demands remain subject to member ratification and amendment.

Article 5. Membership and governance

Voting and supporting membership, meetings, elections, leadership duties, finances, and amendments shall be governed by bylaws adopted by the members. People directly affected by homelessness shall retain meaningful democratic control. Membership shall not require payment or a fixed residence.

Article 6. Independence

The Union shall not be owned or governed by the City of Chico, the Jesus Center, a shelter contractor, a political party, or any one donor. It may collaborate with organizations while retaining independent decisions. Any national affiliation requires member approval and the national organization’s acceptance.

Article 7. Finances and private benefit

Any money or property shall be held for authorized nonprofit purposes, documented in financial records, and not distributed to officers or members as private profit. Reasonable reimbursement or compensation for approved work is permitted where lawful and consistent with adopted conflict-of-interest procedures.

Article 8. Dissolution

After payment of lawful liabilities, remaining assets shall be distributed for nonprofit public-benefit or social-welfare purposes to one or more qualifying organizations selected by voting members, consistent with then-applicable federal and California law and any tax-exempt status obtained.

Article 9. Adoption

These Articles take effect when approved by the founding members at a duly recorded organizational meeting and signed by authorized founding members.

Founding member signature: _____ Date: _____

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Founding member signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional founding signers may be listed in a separate confidential signature sheet.

4 | Proposed Bylaws of the Chico Union of the Homeless

Working draft for an unincorporated association. Review with members and counsel before adoption or incorporation.

Section 1. Purpose and authority

1.1 The Union advances its purpose in the Articles of Association through lawful collective action, public education, policy participation, mutual support, and accountability work. 1.2 Authority originates with the voting membership. No officer may bind members to a position contrary to an adopted vote.

Section 2. Membership

2.1 Voting membership is open to persons age 18 or older who currently experience homelessness in Chico/Butte County or have experienced homelessness, support the Union's purpose, and affirm membership. Members need not disclose an address, service history, medical condition, or legal history; lived experience is self-attested. No dues are required. 2.2 Supporting membership is open to others who support the purpose; supporting members may volunteer and speak but do not vote on governance, platform, or leadership. 2.3 Every voting member has one vote. 2.4 The Secretary maintains a minimal confidential membership register containing only the name or member-selected identifier, membership class, safe contact method if any, start date, and opt-in communication preferences. 2.5 A member may resign at any time. No person may be expelled without written reasons, a meaningful opportunity to respond, and a two-thirds vote of voting members at a noticed meeting. There shall be no discipline for lawful disagreement, lack of housing, sobriety status, or use of voluntary services.

Section 3. Meetings, notice, quorum and voting

3.1 The Union will hold at least one regular membership meeting monthly at accessible times and locations, with phone or remote participation whenever feasible. 3.2 Notice shall be provided at least seven calendar days in advance by at least two accessible methods, except emergency meetings, for which 48 hours' reasonable notice and a narrowly defined agenda are required. 3.3 Ordinary quorum is the lesser of (a) one-third of the current voting membership or (b) 10 voting members, but not fewer than three voting members. During formation, until 10 voting members are enrolled, quorum is three. 3.4 Ordinary decisions pass by a simple majority of votes cast, excluding abstentions, unless otherwise stated. No proxy votes; members may attend remotely. 3.5 At least seven days' notice must specify any proposed amendment, election, removal, affiliation, incorporation, major financial commitment, or dissolution vote. 3.6 Minutes will record motions and outcomes, not sensitive personal histories.

Section 4. Leadership

4.1 Voting members shall elect a Coordinating Council of five persons, with at least three people currently experiencing homelessness or who experienced homelessness within the preceding five years, subject to their voluntary self-attestation. Until five are available, the founding meeting may elect three interim officers for no more than 120 days. 4.2 Offices: Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to two At-Large Representatives. 4.3 Terms are one year; members may stand for reelection. 4.4 The Council coordinates authorized work, reports to members, and may not override membership policy votes. 4.5 Any officer can be recalled by a two-thirds vote at a properly noticed meeting with opportunity to respond. Interim vacancies are filled by member vote at the next regular meeting.

Section 5. Meetings of leadership

5.1 The Coordinating Council may meet between membership meetings to carry out approved tasks. A majority of filled Council positions constitutes its quorum. 5.2 Leadership must report decisions and expenses at the next membership meeting. 5.3 At least one member directly affected by current homelessness should participate in each significant decision when reasonably possible; if not possible, defer nonurgent policy decisions to the membership.

Proposed Bylaws (continued)

Section 6. Elections and representation

6.1 The Secretary announces nominations at least 14 days before scheduled elections when possible. 6.2 Members may nominate themselves; no proof of permanent address or ID is required, though the Union may maintain reliable membership verification without collecting sensitive documents. 6.3 Contested offices are decided by secret ballot in person or a secure accessible alternative; ties result in a runoff. 6.4 Only authorized spokespersons may communicate official Union decisions. Any member may speak for themselves.

Section 7. Money, contracts and records

7.1 No dues are required. Any dues proposal requires a two-thirds membership vote and must preserve free voting membership for people who cannot pay. 7.2 The Treasurer maintains a ledger and receipts. Two authorized approvals are required for payments above \$250. 7.3 No person may personally hold Union donations or sign a contract without membership authorization and an appropriate legal/account arrangement. 7.4 Financial reports are presented quarterly and at each annual membership meeting. 7.5 Any contract, funding, or proposed shelter operation must be reviewed for conflicts and member approval before commitment. 7.6 The Union shall not solicit tax-deductible donations unless it has a legally supportable basis to do so.

Section 8. Conflicts, confidentiality and safety

8.1 Officers and members disclose material conflicts involving the City, Genesis, the Jesus Center, contracted providers, or paid consulting. Those affected shall not vote on decisions presenting personal financial conflict. 8.2 The Union does not publish members' names, shelter locations, health information, or legal matters without specific informed permission. 8.3 Harassment, threats, retaliation, discrimination, and coercion are prohibited. Meetings should provide accessibility accommodations and respectful participation. 8.4 No one is required to tell a traumatic personal story to participate.

Section 9. Committees and organizing

9.1 The Union may create policy, legal information, housing, Genesis oversight, outreach, and mutual-support committees. 9.2 Committees have no authority to sign contracts, handle confidential cases, or make official legal claims without member-approved protocols. 9.3 The Union may obtain independent legal advice and support civil-rights claims; legal standing and representation depend on applicable law and case-specific facts.

Section 10. Legal status and affiliations

10.1 Incorporation, any IRS exemption election, and affiliation with the National Union of the Homeless must be approved by two-thirds of votes cast at a noticed membership meeting. 10.2 Any required bylaws amendments for incorporation, IRS qualification, or affiliation shall return to members for approval. 10.3 The Union does not present itself as a National Union chapter until written confirmation is received.

Section 11. Amendments and dissolution

11.1 Bylaw amendments require at least seven days' written or accessible notice of the exact change and approval by two-thirds of votes cast at a quorum meeting. 11.2 Dissolution requires 30 days' notice, an accounting of assets, and approval by three-fourths of votes cast at a quorum meeting. Distribution of remaining assets must comply with the Articles and governing law.

Member-adoption record

Adopted on _____ at _____ by vote: _____ yes / _____ no / _____ abstain.

Chair / Coordinator: _____ Secretary: _____

5 | Proposed founding platform

For membership deliberation and ratification; policy positions are demands, not current law or existing agreements.

Demand 1 | End penalties for unavoidable sheltering

The Union is being organized in response to the threat of citations, prosecution, or incarceration of people experiencing homelessness for sleeping or sheltering in public when they have nowhere safe and available to go. Members demand that Chico preserve or adopt explicit ordinance protection against penalizing unavoidable outdoor sleeping or sheltering where no safe, accessible, actually available alternative exists. The Union also seeks safeguards for notice, property, due process, and nonpunitive responses.

Suggested public language: “No person should face incarceration simply because they have nowhere else to sleep. Housing is the problem ... homelessness is the outcome.”

Demand 2 | Housing and Homelessness Commission

The Union demands a permanent City of Chico Commission on Housing and Homelessness, comparable in civic importance to existing commissions for parks, arts, and the airport. Its membership should include people currently experiencing homelessness, people with lived experience, affordable-housing professionals, and community partners. It should publicly review housing production, service access, program outcomes, public contracts, and spending, and report recommendations to the Council.

Demand 3 | Independent community operation of Genesis

The Union demands a lawful evaluation and transition pathway for moving day-to-day Genesis Pallet Shelter operations from the Jesus Center to an independent, community-governed operator, with residents and people experiencing homelessness directly involved in decisions, oversight, and service design. The operating organization should provide professional staffing and safe facilities; low-barrier entry; voluntary treatment; transparent budgets and grievance procedures; and pathways to permanent housing. It must be capable of meeting contractual, safety, employment, and funding requirements.

Important distinction concerning Genesis rules

The Union seeks to prevent sobriety and mandatory-treatment prerequisites. Earlier Warren settlement conditions already prohibited requiring sobriety to enter or stay at Genesis; this should not be represented as proof that the current operator currently imposes a sobriety entrance requirement. Onsite restrictions on consumption and behavior are separate from requiring sobriety. Review current written rules, resident accounts, and proposed post-settlement changes before making specific compliance claims.

Independent union and separate shelter operator

The Union remains a membership organization and watchdog. Any future Genesis operating nonprofit should be a separate, accountable organization to avoid conflicts from the Union both managing a shelter and independently representing its residents. Transfer would require City action and contract review; no transfer is assumed or promised.

6 | Founding resolution to be voted upon

Resolution CHU-001 • Proposed • To be completed only after a real vote

WHEREAS, people currently experiencing homelessness and people with lived experience in Chico seek independent collective representation on issues affecting their rights, housing, safety, and dignity; and

WHEREAS, a voluntary member-led association can organize for civic participation, housing access, and community accountability; and

WHEREAS, the founding members wish to establish an organization independent of City government and existing shelter contractors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, subject to the vote recorded below, that the persons participating as founding voting members:

1. Form the “Chico Union of the Homeless” as a California nonprofit unincorporated association effective on the meeting date shown below.
2. Adopt the accompanying Articles of Association and Bylaws, as amended and approved at this meeting.
3. Adopt, as initial member policy priorities, the three demands in the Founding Platform.
4. Elect interim officers to serve according to the Bylaws and authorize them to maintain records, open discussions with peer unions, and research filing options; no state or IRS filing, contract, or solicitation of charitable donations is authorized by this resolution without a further recorded vote.
5. Authorize a named representative to request chartering information from the National Union of the Homeless but not to claim affiliation before confirmation.

Date: _____ Location: _____ Meeting opened at: _____

Total eligible voting members participating: _____ Quorum achieved? [] Yes [] No

Motion made by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Vote: _____ yes _____ no _____ abstain. Result: [] Adopted [] Not adopted

Elected interim Coordinator: _____

Elected interim Secretary: _____

Elected interim Treasurer: _____

Presiding officer signature: _____ Date: _____

Secretary signature: _____ Date: _____

7 | Founding meeting agenda and minutes

Complete at the meeting; do not backdate or invent attendance, votes or signatures.

1. Welcome, purpose, accessibility and confidentiality agreements
2. Confirm membership eligibility and count voting members; determine quorum
3. Review and amend Articles of Association
4. Review and amend Bylaws (especially membership, quorum and leadership)
5. Consider three demands and amendments
6. Vote on CHU-001 founding resolution and record vote
7. Nominate and elect interim officers; record vote for each role
8. Assign outreach, member-recruitment, legal-research and public-records tasks
9. Schedule next meeting; adjourn

Founding meeting minutes • fill-in record

Date: _____ Time: _____ Place / access method: _____

Chair: _____ Secretary: _____ Voting members present: _____

Supporting members/guests: _____ Quorum under proposed bylaws: _____ Confirmed? _____

Motions and results

Motion / subject	Moved / seconded	Yes–No–Abstain / result
Adopt Articles (as amended)	_____	_____
Adopt Bylaws (as amended)	_____	_____
Ratify three-demand platform	_____	_____
Approve Resolution CHU-001	_____	_____
Select interim Coordinator	_____	_____
Select interim Secretary	_____	_____
Select interim Treasurer	_____	_____
Authorize other action (describe)	_____	_____

Amendments adopted (attach full revised text, if any):

Next meeting date / method: _____

Meeting adjourned at: _____ Minutes reviewed/approved on: _____

Secretary signature: _____

Important records practice

Store meeting records separately from private member contact information. If public minutes are published, omit personal circumstances, campsite locations, medical details, and unconsented names. If a member fears retaliation, do not publish attendance lists. Records should be accurate, secured, and accessible to members through a protected review process.

8 | Membership and consent form

Membership is voluntary and free. No government ID, address, income documentation, sobriety test, or shelter enrollment is required.

Name or chosen membership identifier: _____

Safe optional contact method (phone / email / message relay): _____

Preferred contact method: ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ In person ☐ Do not contact

Membership category (self-attest; select one):

☐ Voting: I currently experience homelessness or have experienced homelessness.

☐ Supporting: I support the purpose but do not seek a voting membership.

City/community connection (optional): _____

I support the Union's purpose and agree to its bylaws and respectful-participation commitments. I understand that joining does not guarantee shelter, housing, legal representation, or any public benefit.

Signature / mark: _____ Date: _____

Optional permissions (all unchecked unless chosen)

☐ I may be contacted about membership meetings.

☐ My name may appear on an INTERNAL member roster accessible to authorized officers.

☐ I may be asked, separately and without obligation, whether I wish to tell my story publicly.

Note: This form DOES NOT authorize public use of name, image, medical information, housing status, or personal story. Separate explicit written consent is required for each public use.

Administrative section • restricted access

Member ID: _____ Date entered: _____ Entered by: _____

Voting eligibility self-attested: _____ Secure storage location: _____

Privacy retention and deletion policy: appoint a records custodian, restrict access, allow members to review/correct their information, and delete unnecessary records promptly.

9 | Interim officer record and accountability

Complete only after actual elections. Do not publish private contact details.

Role	Elected name	Term / vote
Coordinator	_____	_____
Secretary	_____	_____
Treasurer	_____	_____
At-Large (if elected)	_____	_____
At-Large (if elected)	_____	_____

Custodian of original adopted Articles / Bylaws: _____

Custodian of secure voting-member registry: _____

Public contact email to create after authorization: _____

Public mailing address (NOT a member's living or sleeping location): _____

Name / domain search completed by: _____ on _____

Operational safeguards for the first 90 days

- Membership votes are recorded; sensitive personal histories are not.
- No officer may represent a proposed demand as the current City law or a confirmed shelter rule without source review.
- Any payment, donation acceptance, contract or bank account requires an adopted financial procedure.
- People currently experiencing homelessness can participate without smartphones, formal addresses, dues, or identification documents.
- The union's spokesperson is selected by members and may be recalled.
- Public communications say "forming" or "proposed" until the members have actually voted to establish the association.

10 | Outreach letter to peer unions / national organization

Editable outreach draft. Send separately to each organization; do not imply preapproval.

Subject: Organizing a Chico Union of the Homeless — guidance and possible affiliation

Hello,

We are organizing people currently experiencing homelessness and people with lived experience in Chico, California, to establish an independent membership union. We are learning from the organizing work of the Sacramento Homeless Union, the Berkeley Homeless Union, and the National Union of the Homeless.

Our proposed initial priorities are: protecting people from criminal penalties for unavoidable outdoor sleeping when there is nowhere safe and available to go; establishing a permanent City Commission on Housing and Homelessness; and pursuing independent, community-governed operation of the Genesis Pallet Shelter instead of its current contracted operator.

Could you share any public or member-shareable formation materials, chapter/chapter requirements, bylaws examples, officer-training opportunities, and advice about member-led governance? We would especially appreciate guidance on organizing with people who lack stable addresses or easy digital access.

We are not claiming affiliation or endorsement. We would welcome a conversation about what a responsible organizing process could look like.

Thank you,

[Authorized organizer name]

Chico Union of the Homeless, proposed organizing group

[Contact email / safe phone number]

11 | Filing and recognition checklist

Items are conditional. Do not file everything; choose a legally coherent route after the founding vote and professional review.

Before any filing

- ☐ Confirm the organization name is available and consider trademark/name conflicts.
- ☐ Hold founding meeting; adopt the actual final version of Articles, Bylaws and recorded resolution.
- ☐ Select officers and a public contact address; use a secure method for member data.
- ☐ Ask National Union if a Chico charter is possible and what governance requirements apply.
- ☐ Determine whether the organization will be primarily advocacy/social welfare, charitable education, or both through separate entities.

If remaining an unincorporated association

- ☐ Consider California Secretary of State Form UA-100 (\$25) for a public filed statement; it is not incorporation.
- ☐ Consider LP/UNA 128 for name/insignia registration (\$10 per item), if appropriate.
- ☐ Apply for EIN only after legally forming; an EIN is not proof of tax exemption.
- ☐ Determine whether California AG charitable registration applies if receiving property for charitable purposes.

If incorporating as a California nonprofit

- ☐ Have counsel choose the proper CA nonprofit corporate type and SOS articles (different drafting needs for 501(c)(3) and other purposes).
- ☐ File articles with the Secretary of State; designate service-of-process agent and reliable office/mailing address.
- ☐ File the initial nonprofit Statement of Information within 90 days; continue required periodic filings.
- ☐ Reconcile corporate bylaws and membership/director rules with CA corporation law.

If seeking federal/state tax exemption

- ☐ For 501(c)(3): assess charitable/educational qualification, lobbying limits and absolute candidate-intervention prohibition; review IRS 1023/1023-EZ eligibility.
- ☐ For 501(c)(4): where applicable, file IRS Form 8876 within 60 days of establishment (currently \$50); Form 1024-A is a separate optional request for IRS recognition.
- ☐ Apply for California FTB exemption through the appropriate FTB 3500 or 3500A process.
- ☐ File applicable annual IRS and California reports; verify charity registration/renewal obligations.

For City and service-provider recognition

- ☐ Present a signed member-authorized request to the City Clerk and Council for a meeting/agenda item.
- ☐ Submit a commission-creation proposal separately from the union's independent legal status.
- ☐ Request Genesis contracts, contract amendments, financial reports and written rules through public records processes.
- ☐ Propose a lawful review of potential operator transition, with qualifications, service continuity and resident protections.

12 | 30-day member-led action plan

Window	Member-controlled steps
Days 1–7	Share draft with directly affected people. Arrange accessible meeting, accessibility/interpretation and a safe contact channel. Contact Sacramento, Berkeley and NUH for guidance.
Days 8–14	Discuss and revise membership rules, decision-making, and the three demands. Confirm public name availability. Seek legal assistance for structural questions.
Days 15–21	Hold founding vote; sign authentic documents; elect interim officers; create secured records. Decide whether to remain unincorporated at first.
Days 22–30	Consider authorized state forms/EIN, seek affiliation information, launch member outreach, and request the Genesis records and commission conversation.

Do not confuse these five outcomes

1. Formation: members have agreed to the association and adopted documents.
2. State recording: some documents may be filed publicly with the Secretary of State.
3. Tax status: IRS/FTB exemption is a separate determination or compliance regime.
4. National affiliation: a charter requires written acceptance from the national organization.
5. City access or power: a meeting, advisory appointment, city commission, or operating contract requires separate government process.

Working legal questions for counsel

- Should the initial union remain unincorporated, become a California public-benefit corporation, or use another structure?
- Would 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) best fit the projected lobbying, direct services and organizational funding?
- Does the proposed membership voting structure need changes if the union incorporates?
- Which CA Attorney General filings apply to the union's actual receipt or holding of assets?
- How can the union retain advocacy independence if members later create a separate Genesis operating nonprofit?

13 | Verified primary sources

Sources consulted October 29, 2026. Web addresses are included for direct checking. This packet is not a substitute for legal review.

Sacramento Homeless Union (self-description and national chapter):

<https://sacramentohomelessunion.org/>

Berkeley Homeless Union (membership and mission):

<https://www.berkeleyhomelessunion.org/>

National Union of the Homeless (chapters, mission, contacts):

<https://nationalunionofthehomeless.org/>

CA FTB: Nonprofit vs tax exemption, unincorporated associations:

<https://www.ftb.ca.gov/forms/misc/927.html>

CA SOS Form UA-100 (\$25):

<https://bpd.cdn.sos.ca.gov/other/forms/ua-100.pdf>

CA SOS Form LP/UNA 128 (\$10 per selection):

<https://bpd.cdn.sos.ca.gov/other/forms/una-128.pdf>

CA DOJ: Charitable registration after receiving assets:

<https://oag.ca.gov/charities/initial-reg>

IRS EIN guidance (form only after legally organized):

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/employer-identification-number>

IRS Form 8976 for 501(c)(4) organizations:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/electronically-submit-your-form-8976-notice-of-intent-to-operate-under-section-501c4>

IRS social welfare organization requirements:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/other-non-profits/social-welfare-organizations>

IRS 501(c)(4) recognition (Form 1024-A):

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/how-to-apply-for-tax-exemption-as-a-social-welfare-organization-or-other-nonprofit>

City of Chico, Oct 20 meeting agenda (camping ordinance):

https://chico-ca.granicus.com/DocumentViewer.php?file=chico-ca_13a862878ff13561aa0bc543c0a1c8bb.html&view=1

City of Chico, May 19 meeting agenda (Genesis/Warren):

https://chico-ca.granicus.com/DocumentViewer.php?file=chico-ca_5742e12689a9e1776a589b087b99794d.html&view=1

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