

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2018-136

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING
CONSOLIDATION OF SENIOR SERVICES AND CLOSURE OF BENNETT VALLEY
SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, Bennett Valley Senior Center was built in 1924 as South Park Elementary School and became a senior center in 1976 when it was turned over to a non-profit group, the Santa Rosa Senior Center Association; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the non-profit dissolved and the City of Santa Rosa began to operate and maintain the facility as Bennett Valley Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, over the past six years since the Person Senior Wing at the Finley Complex opened in 2012, participation at the Bennett Valley Senior Center has drastically declined; and

WHEREAS, to improve operational efficiencies within the community centers, senior programs can be consolidated at the Person Senior Wing and Steele Lane Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, both centers have space to accommodate the seniors that participate at Bennett Valley Senior Center as well as the rental groups that utilize the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Facility Assessment Report presented to City Council on May 22, 2018 recommended that the City “divest” from Bennett Valley Senior Center because of the significant financial maintenance expense required to address the roofing and accessibility deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, City staff met with Bennett Valley Senior Center participants and/or instructors on May 21, June 20, and July 13, 2018 to gather input, concerns and feedback from them regarding consolidation of programs at other recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, Bennett Valley Senior Center program participants and rental groups will be offered the same days of the week and same times of the day at other recreation facilities whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, by offering programs at Steele Lane Recreation Center, seniors will have the option to attend programs on the east side of Santa Rosa, per their request; and

WHEREAS, general fund savings will be achieved and program revenue will potentially be maintained or increased by consolidating programs.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves the consolidation of senior services and closure of the Bennett Valley Senior Center.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 7th day of August 2018.

AYES: (6) Mayor Coursey, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Members Combs, Olivares, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Sawyer

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant City Attorney