

Homeless center lease approved

Sentinel staff report

SANTA CRUZ — Beginning this summer, homeless people will have a place to get counseling, food, showers and job training, according to a lease approved by the City Council.

"This will be a major monument of what this city's commitment is toward homelessness," said Councilwoman Jane Yokoyama said.

The lease for the homeless day center calls for the city to rent the property at 115-117 Coral St. from the county, and then sublease it to a non-profit housing organization called Housing for Independent People. That group in turn will sublease the property to the day center.

Planners said negotiating that complex lease has postponed the opening of the center, but that it should be ready to serve the community within the next three months.