
AHS GENERAL PLAN PROJECT

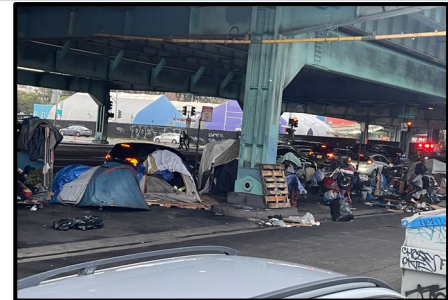
Housing and Homelessness

PERIOD: 1

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The main problem

- Homeless shelter location
- Not enough space for all individuals in the homeless shelter
- Rehabilitation services are not readily available
- Not addressing the root causes of homelessness through system and policy change
- Expanding homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the need
- Improving quality of life for unsheltered individuals and creating healthy neighborhoods for all



PUBLIC OUTREACH

We spoke to Austin Solheim from echo homeless shelter to understand echos role in the community.

They answered some questions about:

Jobs

Space in the shelter

Substance Addiction

Location



PUBLIC OUTREACH

We created a survey to ask individuals who attend atascadero High school and their views of the school being next to the shelter and the dangers that occur with walking in the area by the church or living by the school.

We asked

In your opinion, is the current location of the shelter safe enough for the schools also right here in this area?

Should Health Services, Mental Health services, and substance addiction assistance be provided to the homeless population? How do we promote this?

Should there be more than one shelter in the area for more availability? Where should it go?

Should the location of the Homeless Shelter be moved into a different part of Atascadero?

PUBLIC OUTREACH SUMMARY

Some of the big takeaways

- Very large shelters pose problems
- The biggest number that ECHO would ever potentially grow to would be 80,
 - Once you grow above that number, we lose that sense of community and connectivity that has led to so much incredible success.

Location is a big thing for individuals in the community if we placed a shelter in a location close to low experience jobs it would be difficult for them to get to and from work

- Establishing better transportation would help people get to jobs
- Funding needs to be established to build homesteads in a location away from the schools

RESEARCH

WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT THIS ISSUE?

→ Why is it a problem

The Population and the effects that homelessness is doing to our town.

→ Who does it affect?

It affects the community and the people in the community.

→ Is it complicated?

It can be complicated on money and if people really need or have work but we should at least help the Homeless.

→ What else should the City know?

That there are about 700 homeless in SLO County



CASE STUDY:

City of San Jose

- A. Project Homekey
- B. Hygiene
- C. Prevention
- D. Improving quality of life

This project was a very expensive one but San Jose has a larger population of homeless individuals.

Issues of this

Meals are provided three times a day, are only available for 10 to 15 minutes.

Unsafe housing with mold and cockroaches

SOLUTIONS

WHAT ARE SOME SOLUTIONS TO THE ISSUE?

→ 1. Housing

Hotels, Motels, Homes that are not in use.

→ 2. Jobs and Services

Minimum wage jobs, Cleaning jobs, a job to get them back on their feet.

→ 3. Rehab

To get help to get these people that want a life again off their addiction.



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RECOMMENDATION

- ❑ Creating homesteads in the motel 6 area
- ❑ Creating low experience jobs that can give these individuals a workplace.
- ❑ Hygiene products that are given out
- ❑ Meal cards that are also given out





Recommendations

- Change shelter location
- Implement more rehab Facilities
- Job assistance
- Try to prevent the cause of homelessness instead of trying to solve the problem