
AHS GENERAL PLAN PROJECT

TOPIC: Housing and Homelessness

PERIOD: 1

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- Unhoused individuals
- Substance abuse issues
- Mental Health issues



PUBLIC OUTREACH

Officer Robert Macias - Probation Officer

- **He reports:** A Lot of transients have drug addiction issues and a lack of family / community support
- A lot of camps are on highway 41 near salinas river

- Their is a high percentage of Mental health and Drug abuse problems in the transient community.
- More mental health and drug services are needed throughout the county

- Echo Shelter helps homeless with services, case manager helps them find housing and keep them on medical.
- Drug and Alcohol Services
- -County Behavioral Health

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Amanda Bird - C.A.T Team Deputy

- Her job helps to find out which people actually want help and are willing to change
- Seamless handoff between services or different types

- The homeless problem has gotten a lot worse because of laws and regulations in California.

- 3 main types of homeless, people who can help themselves, people who need help and people who don't want help.

— PUBLIC OUTREACH

Echo has helped 179 people
into homes this year !!

Echo Shelter Case Manager - Brittany Champagne

- People under the influence are allowed in but drugs are not allowed on property.

- They sign people up for a 90 day program and provide dinner and showers.
- There is a waitlist on accepting homeless for about 1-3 months.

- They provide a bed for 90 days and provide a case manager to help them get back on track.
- The case manager can sign you up for medicare to help you with benefits.

RESEARCH

WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT THIS ISSUE?

→ Why is it a problem

Homeless individuals are more likely to commit crimes and do drugs. Homelessness can bring drug abuse to your neighborhood. Can bring down property values. It can be a burden to the taxpayer.

→ Who does it affect?

It can affect anyone who is out in public. Almost everyone in Atascadero

→ Is it complicated?

It is a complicated issue because of high expense of housing costs throughout the state. Lack of resources available for people with mental health issues in California.. Some people choose to live without the rules of society.

→ What else should the City know?

The city should know that this problem affects many of the resources available. Such as police and healthcare. It will only grow unless we deal with this issue.

ECHO

El Camino Homeless Organization



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ECHO

El Centro Health and Organization



2001-2021

Celebrating 20 Years

CASE STUDY: Paso Robles

What did others do to address this issue?

1. Paso Robles converted a motel 6 into a homeless shelter and long-term transitional housing.
2. The city is currently trying to find another location for another shelter.
3. There is a community based task force to get ideas and solutions from community members.

Can we learn from any mistakes?

Don't neglect the situation. The community can help make a change.

Paso Robles

SOLUTIONS

WHAT ARE SOME SOLUTIONS TO THE ISSUE?

- 1. More homeless shelters and case managers to help the homeless individuals into available resources.
- 2. Community-wide approach delivering services, housing, and programs.
- 3. Increased Low-income housing. Build more “tiny homes” or complexes.



RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend using existing housing owned by the city to create a network of homeless shelters. We could turn abandoned building into shelters. Some examples would the printery by the middle school or the old kmart.

Offer homeless shelters for drug abuse and mental health.





Good luck students!

Your presentation will be made to our city Council Members on Dec 8th!

Your slides will be used in our General Plan Project Community Outreach Summary and your solutions will be part of our planning process!

Thank you for helping improve Atascadero and planning your OWN community through the year 2045!