
AHS GENERAL PLAN PROJECT

TOPIC: housing and homeless

PERIOD: 2

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What is the issue you are trying to solve and why?

We are trying to solve the issue of the homeless and the housing for the homeless in atascadero.

We are trying the find out a solution because there are to many people in atascadero that are homeless and there caring a lot of trash around with them. It is making this place unsafe for younger people and people who are trying to move here.



PUBLIC OUTREACH

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"I believe that the main thing we need to focus on when it comes to [homelessness in Atascadero] is the lack of homeless shelters. And construction thereof"

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"The real problem is housing and if we truly want to solve [homelessness in atascadero] we need to start at the direct cause, this means cheapest possible construction with the most possible opportunity"

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"What I think we really need is some sort of city-wide rehabilitation program not dissimilar to things like SAMHSA [substance abuse and mental health services association] and CalWorks"

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Main Points

- Build more homeless shelters

- Acquire State and/ or Community Funding for said shelters

- Housing is the #1 best possible solution for homelessness in small towns

- less expensive than shelters or institutional care

- Long-term housing assistance programs not only prevent homelessness but helps rehabilitate as well.

- Rehab programs have been proved to work when adequately funded

- May be harder to acquire more funding and are usually more effective in larger cities

- May not be so efficient in Atascadero

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RESEARCH

WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT THIS ISSUE?

- **Why is it a Problem?** It Causes human suffering and poses challenges to public safety
- **Who does it affect?**
the whole community
- **Is it complicated?** Yes, very



CASE STUDY:

[list city/place researched]

What did others do to address this issue?

- A. Vienna, Austria
- B. Helsinki, Finland
- C. Salt Lake City, Utah,
Ohio

Can we learn from any mistakes?

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SOLUTIONS

1. Affordable housing initiatives

1. Develop policies to encourage affordable housing in Atascadero.
2. Foster collaboration among government, private sector, and nonprofits.
3. Increase accessibility to housing options through incentives.

2. Community Outreach

1. Boost community awareness to reduce homelessness stigma.
2. Conduct outreach programs connecting individuals with available resources.
3. Provide information on support networks in Atascadero.

3. Supportive Services

1. Enhance mental health and substance abuse programs for homeless individuals.
2. Implement job training initiatives to address root causes and prevent recurring homelessness.



RECOMMENDATION(S)

- Build cheaper housing
- Enhance Support Services
- Foster Community Awareness
- Collaborate Across

