
AHS GENERAL PLAN PROJECT

Homelessness.



PERIOD: 6

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TOPIC: The issues of Homelessness

The Issues of Homelessness in Atascadero.

The homelessness has been a big issue in Atascadero for years now. Almost every street you go down tends to have homeless people and they can be aggressive.

This has lead to a lot of people including students to feel scared or unsafe walking around town.



PUBLIC OUTREACH

Larry Sommers

He told me about his issue with homelessness and how they have not only broken into his business but also harassed people around him and himself.

Jesse Miranda

We have a lot of homeless people come around and harass guest and try to come into the hotel all the time.

Tent City Brewery Company

We care about the homeless but they can be a problem for people such as businesses downtown and families who have little kids.

DUPLICATE SLIDE TO ADD MORE IF NEEDED

PUBLIC OUTREACH

City

The City has created a new position in the Police Department to work with the unhoused to find them resources and help them get into stable housing and medical treatment if needed. This is called the OUR officer. Outreach to Underrepresented Residents.

Rob Hammer Police Officer

He says our team (CAT) primary goal as a team is to provide outreach services for the homeless, but they also conduct enforcement when necessary so that can involve arresting people.

Rudi Lasslett

When I started working we didn't have the benches chained down in front of the store and the homeless people would take the benches and make a barrcaried out of the benches.

RESEARCH

WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT THIS ISSUE?

→ Why is it a problem

The coast of California's housing costs have been rising a lot for the past couple of years. If they go down then people could actually afford to rent or buy a house.

→ Who does it affect?

Families, businesses, and young couples

→ Is it complicated?

Homeless people often refuse to go and get help at the homeless shelter at Echo .

→ What else should the City know?

The city should offer them help in different way.



Number of people experiencing homelessness rises in 2023

Number of people reported in point-in-time count, by year:

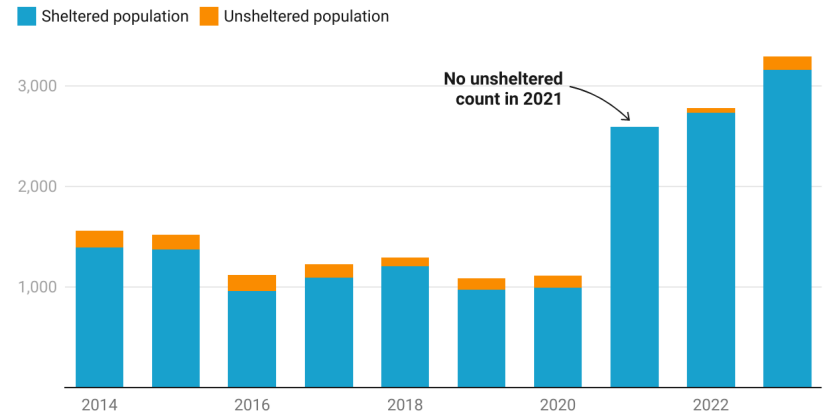


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CASE STUDY: Grover Beach Transitional Housing

Can we learn from any mistakes?

We could learn from their mistakes by first talking to the business owner who are around the transitional housing.



SOLUTIONS

WHAT ARE SOME SOLUTIONS TO THE ISSUE?

- 1. To lower the housing costs by building smaller units.
- 2. Adding small apartments.
- 3. Convert Motel 6 into transitional housing to get people off the street.
- 4. The relocation of the Echo Shelter because it's not ideal to have the homeless people near schools.



RECOMMENDATIONS

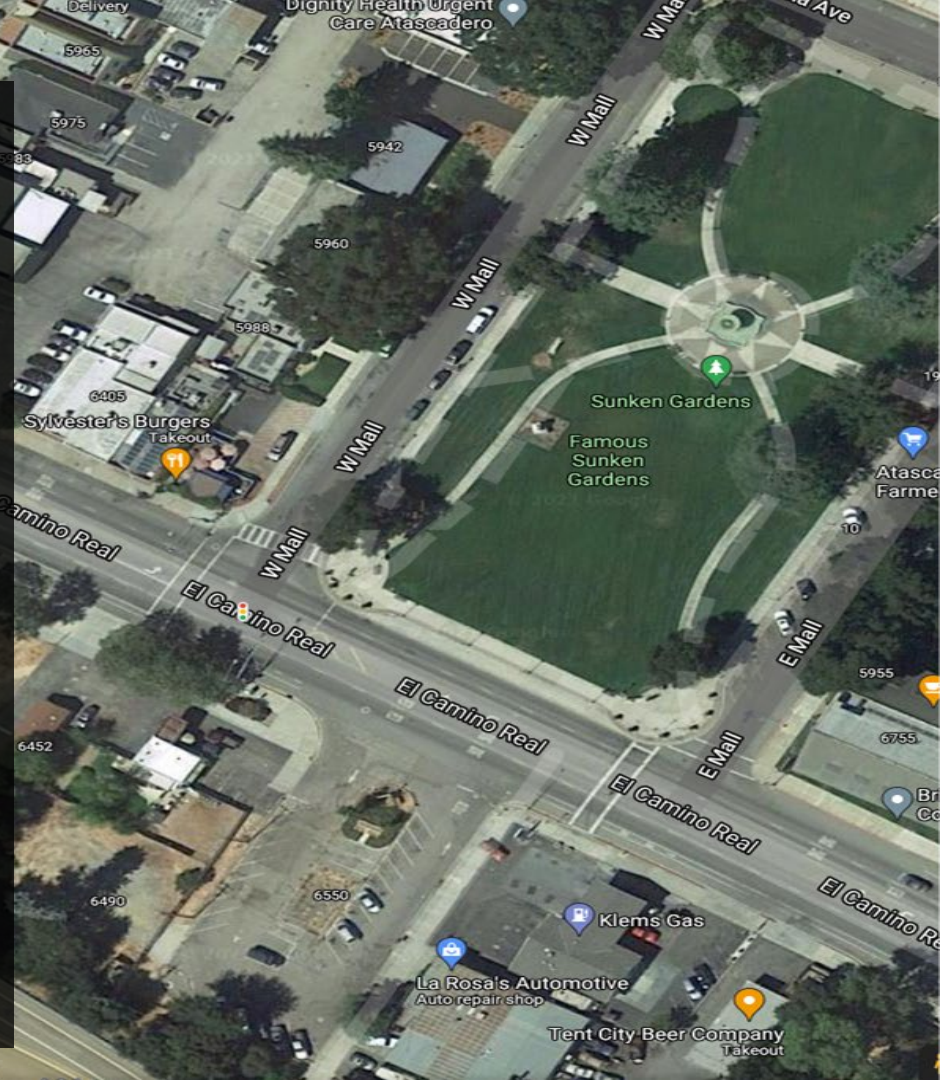
Put more restrictions on loitering at Echo and more officers to patrol

Relocate the Echo shelter in time

Remove camps off city owned property and transfer to shelters

Offer incentives (3 meals/day) to encourage people to accept transitional housing

Designate a camping area where it IS ok to be that is safe and patrolled



THANK YOU

