



**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

**Joan L. Flynn, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Joan L. Flynn, City Clerk 
DATE: 3/7/2016
SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MARCH 7, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL/PFA MEETING

Attached are the Supplemental Communications to the City Council (received after distribution of the Agenda Packet):

Study Session

PowerPoint communication received from Robert Handy, Police Chief entitled *Body Worn Cameras*.

Public Hearing

#18. PowerPoint communication received from Kellee Fritzal, Deputy Director of Business Development entitled *Community Facilities District 2000-01 Grand Coast Resort*.

#19. 138 Communications submitted.

Body Worn Cameras

Huntington Beach
City Council Study Session
March 7, 2016

Why Invest in Body Worn Cameras?

- ▶ Video evidence has become expected by the public
 - ▶ Academic studies show significant reductions in use of force incidents and citizen complaints
 - ▶ US DOJ study showed when video was present, 93% of citizen complaints were exonerated
 - ▶ Video substantially strengthens criminal prosecutions
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Challenges

- ▶ Privacy
 - Not every citizen encounter with police should be videoed
 - ▶ California Public Records Act requests
 - Managed by a well written policy
 - ▶ Cost
 - Both equipment and data management
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Body Worn Cameras

- ▶ 18,000 Law Enforcement Agencies in US
 - ▶ Over 1 / 3 LEA are currently using BWCs
 - In car cameras used by over 2 / 3 of LEA
 - ▶ It is no longer “if” police officers will wear them, it is now “when”
 - ▶ Policy, privacy, cost
 - Cost is both short term and long term
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Implementing a Body-Worn Camera Program

Recommendations and Lessons Learned



Police Officer Body-Worn Cameras

ASSESSING THE EVIDENCE

by Michael D. White, PhD

City of Rialto Case Study



Rialto PD's comprehensive, randomized experiment proves that TASER's AXION cameras reduced citizen complaints by 87.5% and reduced use of force by 59%.

Agency

serves the family-friendly City of Rialto with 115 Sworn Officers and 300 non-sworn Officers. The PD covers 28.5 square miles and serves a population of 100,000. The City of Rialto retains its small-town atmosphere while serving a rapidly developing area nearby and prioritizes Public Safety in order to maintain the City's safe, small-town feel.



Department Profile



Agency Rialto, CA
Industry Law Enforcement
Country United States
Personnel 115 sworn & 42 non-sworn
Tech Solution AXION flex and EVIDENCE.com
Web site www.rialtopd.com

Challenge

When facing the public, Rialto PD found two main areas for improvement: Use of Force, and Officer Complaints. These issues cost the department valuable time and resources. Rialto PD believed that improving oversight through video evidence, within the community, would reduce the frequency of these incidents.

Solution

Rialto PD invested in TASER's AXION cameras and EVIDENCE.com. As a result, the PD began a pilot program to determine the effectiveness of the cameras and EVIDENCE.com.

To protect the integrity of the experiment, the "Cambridge" pilot followed a strict strategy that shaped a randomized controlled trial.



Body Worn Camera Resources

California Police Chiefs Association

J Quant Criminol
 DOI 10.1007/s10940-014-9236-3

ORIGINAL PAPER

The Effect of Police Body-Worn Cameras on Use of Force and Citizens' Complaints Against the Police: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Barak Ariel · William A. Farrar · Alex Sutherland

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Abstract

Use of force continues to be a major source of international concern, for academics and practitioners alike. Whether justified or unnecessary, the use of force by the police can potentially tarnish their relationship with the public. Misconduct can translate into complaints against the police, which have significant social costs. The question we try to answer is: do body-worn cameras reduce the prevalence of use-of-force and/or citizens' complaints against the police?

We randomly tested the use of body-worn cameras by measuring the effect on public encounters on incidents of police use-of-force and

BODY-WORN CAMERA TOOLKIT



Evaluation and Trial Period

- ▶ Researched the technology and issues
 - ▶ Invited the POA to participate in the policy development
 - ▶ Opened the program up to volunteers
 - 16 police officers volunteered in the trial period
 - ▶ 90 day trial period ended in December 2015
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Vendors



BWCs help tell the story



Data collected during trial period

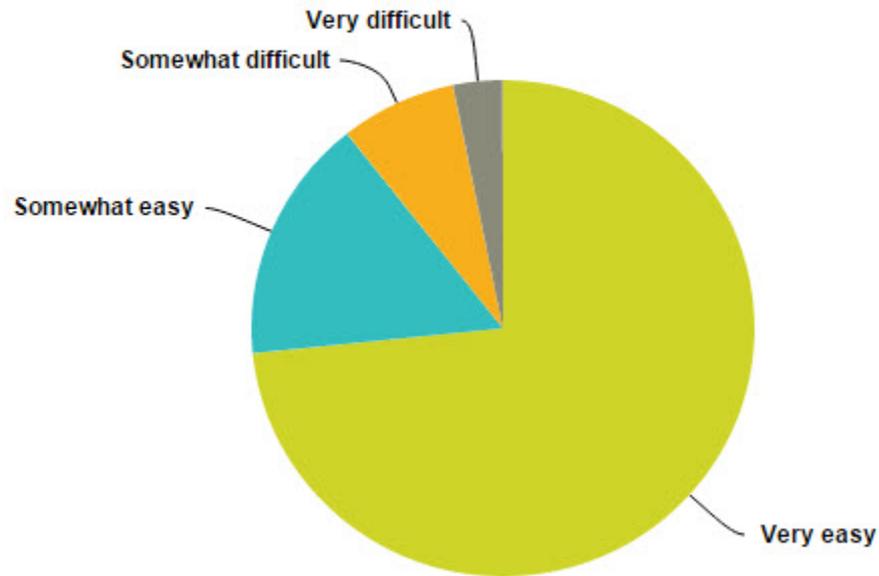
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 - Hours of Videos 154.52
 - GB of Videos 217.17
- ▶ Active Video Evidence
 - Number of Active Videos 1030
 - Hours of Active Videos 154.34
 - GB of Active Videos 216.87
- ▶ Average Per Day
 - Number of Videos Uploaded 8.45
 - Hours of Video Uploaded 1.27
 - GB of Video Uploaded 1.78

HBPD Officer Feedback

- ▶ 16 Officers Participated with BWCs
 - ▶ 6 Detectives and 4 Community Service Officers Participated from Investigations
 - ▶ 90 Day Trial Period
 - ▶ Completed Comprehensive Survey Questionnaire at the end of each week
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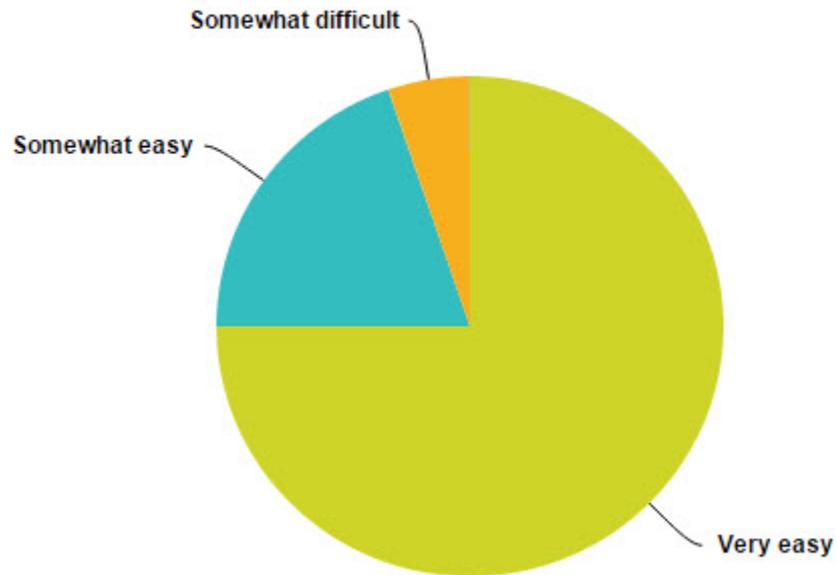
Ease of Use

How easy was it to dock and download your recordings?



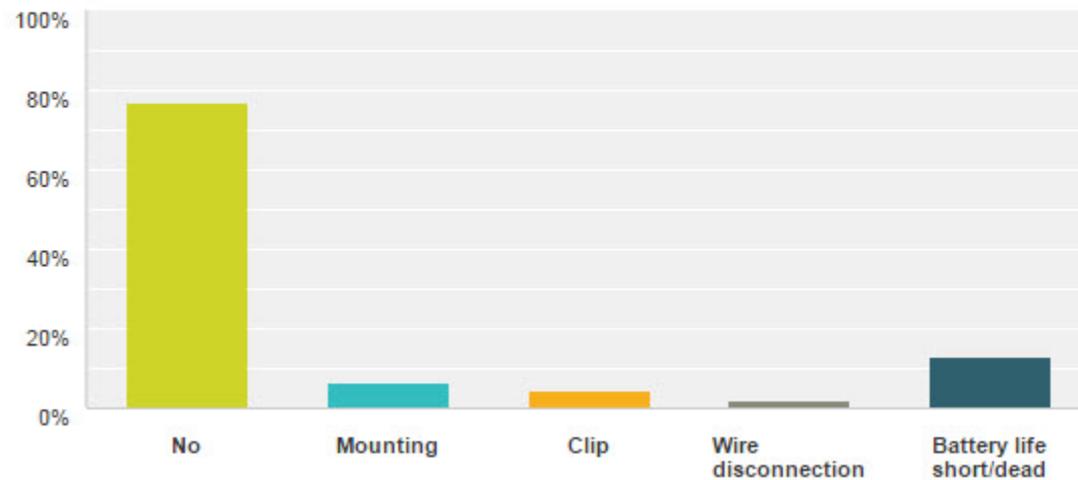
On and Off

How easy was it to turn on and turn off the device?



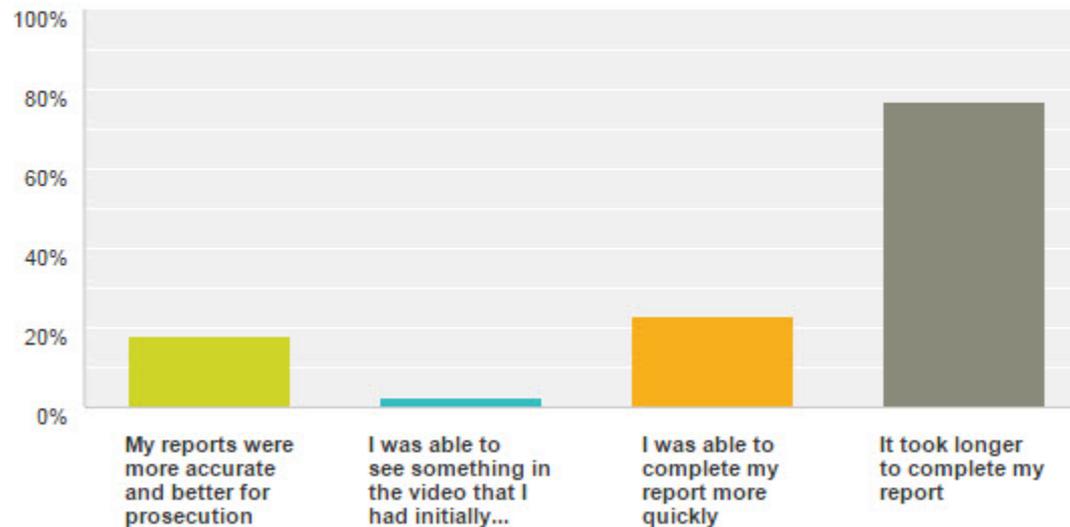
Equipment Failures

Did you have any equipment failures?



Officers' time

If you wrote a report based on a video recording, check all that apply:



Managing data

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Additional Staffing

- ▶ **Anaheim Police Department** (Appx. 577 total employees)
 - Discovery handled by one additional civilian employee and existing Cadet staffing
 - ▶ **Fullerton Police Department** (Appx. 210 total employees)
 - Discovery handled by existing Detective staffing
 - ▶ **Chino Police Department** (Appx. 150 total employees)
 - Discover handled by existing Records staffing
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Five year contract estimate

- ▶ Year 1 – \$281,292
 - Equipment & start up \$120,948
 - Unlimited data \$160,344
- ▶ Year 2 – \$160,344 unlimited data
- ▶ Year 3 – \$160,344 unlimited data
- ▶ Year 4 – \$160,344 unlimited data
- ▶ Year 5 – \$160,344 unlimited data
 - All equipment replaced at 2 ½ and 5 years

Funding for Project

▶ Grant Funding

- Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF)
 - SLESF grant fund balance \$1,088,955
- Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
 - JAG fund balance \$23,359

▶ General Fund

- Existing budget has \$60,445 from a vacant position
 - Upgrade this to CSO position at \$69,514
 - Additional funding of \$9,069
- Annual data costs starting with year six
 - \$160,344
- Upgrade Network Bandwidth
 - \$20,820

Next Steps

- ▶ Solicit competitive bids from interested vendors
 - ▶ Further research on vendors and products obtained through the bid process
 - ▶ Come back to the City Council with an RCA for a body worn camera project
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Questions?

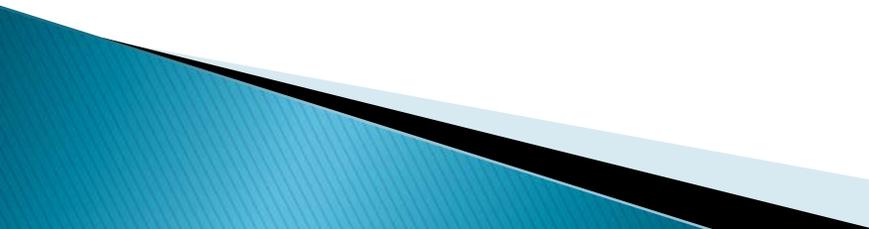
City of Huntington Beach Community Facilities District 2000-01 Grand Coast Resort

March 7, 2016 Council Meeting

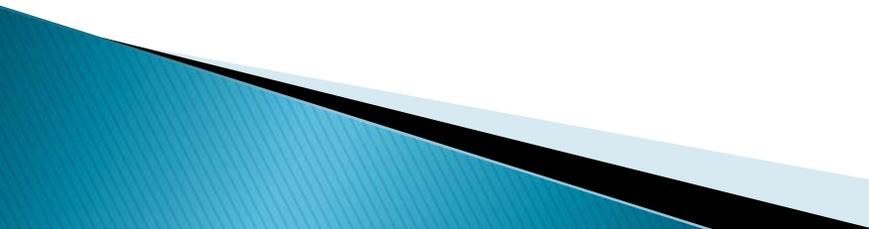
Brian Forbath

Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth - Bond Counsel to City

PURPOSE OF TONIGHT'S ACTIONS

- CFD 2000-1 (Grand Coast Resort) financed public infrastructure, it currently has approximately \$12,000,000 in bonds outstanding
 - The Bonds are secured by Special Taxes levied on the leasehold interest of the Hyatt Property
 - The approved sale of the Property to PCH Beach Resorts will terminate the leasehold interest that is being taxed to secure the Bonds
 - The rate and methodology of taxation needs to be changed so that the fee interest in the Property Tax rather than the Leasehold interest is subject to the special tax
 - There will be no fiscal effect to the City, or to debt service or current bond holders
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Summary of Proceedings

- ▶ Adopt Successor Agency Resolution authorizing City Manager to vote at the election
 - ▶ Conduct Public Hearing
 - ▶ Adopt Resolution 2016 Calling for an Election
 - ▶ Conduct Election
 - ▶ Adopt Resolution Certifying Election Results
 - ▶ Introduce Amended Ordinance 4082
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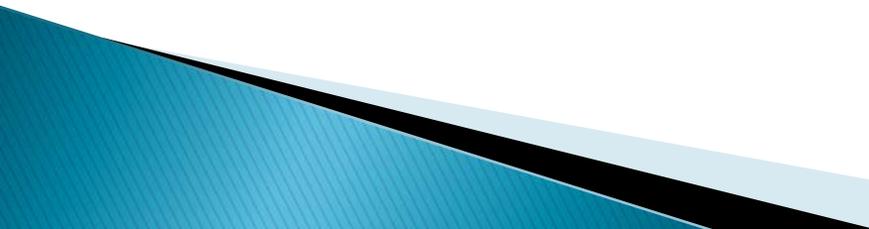
Public Hearing

- ▶ Notice was published in the Huntington Beach Wave on February 26, 2016
- ▶ In order to protest, person(s) has to be a landowner or registered voter within the CFD
- ▶ There are no registered voters
- ▶ Successor Agency is only landowner
- ▶ Protests require more than 50% of registered voters or half of non-exempt landowners. A valid protest will stop proceedings.

First Reading of Ordinance 4082

- The City Council acting in its Capacity of the Legislative Body of the Community Facilities District No 2000-01 (Grand Coast Resort) authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax Within Huntington Beach Community Facilities District No 2000-01
- Formally changes the rate and method of apportionment of the special tax to be consistent with the election held this evening.
- Authorizes the recordation of an amended notice of special tax lien on the property

What Happens Next?

- ▶ On March 21, 2016, second reading of Ordinance 4082 and Resolution approving certain amendments to the Bond Indenture for CFD 2000-1 to effectuate the changes in the rate and method
 - ▶ City Clerk forwards documents to the County Clerk-Recorder
 - ▶ Bond counsel and city staff file all required bond disclosures
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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:58 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: PLEASE - NO MORE HIGH-DENSITY BUILDINGS IN HB!!!!!!!

Importance: High

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Dina Alvarez [mailto:dina11@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:56 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: 'Dina Alvarez'
Subject: PLEASE - NO MORE HIGH-DENSITY BUILDINGS IN HB!!!!!!!
Importance: High

TO: **Huntington Beach City Council Members**

FROM: **Dina Alvarez, HB Resident**

DATE: **March 7, 2016**

RE: **NO MORE HIGH DENSITY BUILDINGS PLEASE!!!!!!!**

PLEASE re-consider the plan to rezone the Sandy Drive neighborhood between Pearce Dr. and Neely Circle. (Or any other areas in HB for that matter!!!!!!)

The MAJORITY of Huntington Beach residents **DO NOT WANT ANY MORE HIGH DENSITY BUILDINGS IN OUR CITY.**

PLEASE STOP RUINING OUR BEAUTIFUL, COZY, SMALL-TOWN FEELING CITY!!!! IT'S GETTING RIDICULOUS!!!!

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Esparza, Patty

From: Holly [hollyargot@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 2:39 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Proposed re-zoning for High Density Housing at 4831 Sandy Drive HB Ca

AGENDA COMMENT

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in response to the proposed rezoning of 4831 Sandy Drive in HB, CA to build High Density Housing. I am opposed to this re-zoning but unable to attend the March 7th meeting. Please take into consideration my opinion as a 41 year resident and 14year home owner of HB.

Holly Argott
6422 Crandall Drive
HB CA 92647

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From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 9:32 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 25432 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Question

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Virginia Audette

Description: I am writing to object to your plan to rezone the 7 sites proposed. The City has already ruined the Beach Boulevard/Edinger area with all the high density, and now you want to ruin the rest of the city as well? The traffic is so bad at Beach and Edinger that it takes about 3 cycles of left turn signals just to get onto Edinger. I'm not against all development, but this is excessive. I doubt that the tourists are coming here to see high rise apartments and gridlock. Please do the responsible thing for this city. If we wanted to live in a city like Los Angeles, that's where we would be living. More people equals more crime. If you build more and increase the population, doesn't that also increase your SCAG requirements?

Expected Close Date: March 4, 2016

[Click here to access the request](#)

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From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 1:33 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 25425 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Deborah Austin

Description: Please do not allow anymore hi density / low income housing in Huntington Beach. This city council is siding with hi density developers and does not care about its citizens. I have lived her 30 years and am seeing it go downhill fast with all these hi density apartments everywhereSay no !

Expected Close Date: March 4, 2016

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Esparza, Patty

From: Jerry [jbatqma@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 1:06 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: CC item #19

AGENDA COMMENT

I strongly urge all council members to postpone action on item #19 until we fully understand the long term ramifications on our wonderful city. Thank you. HB resident Jerry Barry

Sent from my iPhone

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Esparza, Patty

From: Rita Barry [rrbarry15@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 11:21 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda item #19

AGENDA COMMENT

I urge the council to NOT support any zoning changes. NO action on agenda item #19! We need to hold onto "Local Control"! Concerned HB Citizen Rita Barry

Sent from my iPad

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:54 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: NO HIGH DENSITY APTS

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Bartells [<mailto:brianbartells@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:53 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: NO HIGH DENSITY APTS

City Council of Huntington Beach,

I've have been living in Huntington Beach, CA for the last 42 years. I oppose all high density high rise apartment building in Huntington Beach. No more rezoning needed, No more building. I oppose the 4831 Sandy Dr, Huntington Beach high rise project. This once beautiful city of ours is becoming an eyesore with all the high density, high rise building, traffic, crime, noise, etc. I would like my H.B.City Council to hear my voice and STOP ALL NEW HIGH DENSITY, HIGH RISE BUILDING FOR GOOD! We have turned our once beach city into a dump and it count go on.

Thanks

Brian Bartells

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Esparza, Patty

From: Mark Bixby [mark@bixby.org]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 3:18 PM
To: Agenda Comment; CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: agenda item 19 Housing Element update
Attachments: bixby-hbcc-160306-housing-element.pdf

AGENDA COMMENT

Hi city council,

Please see attached for my comment letter regarding the Housing Element update.

- Mark B.

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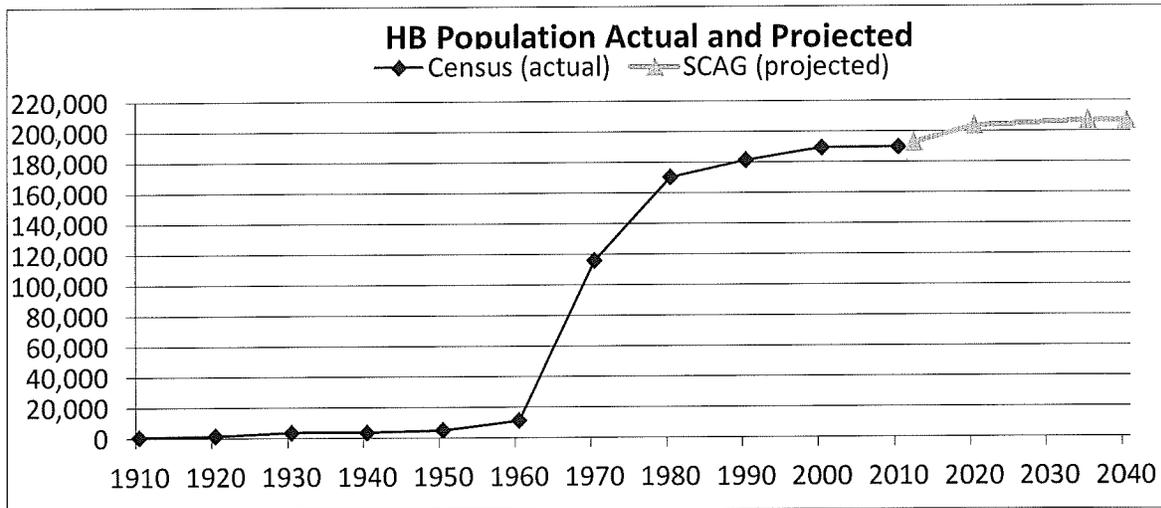
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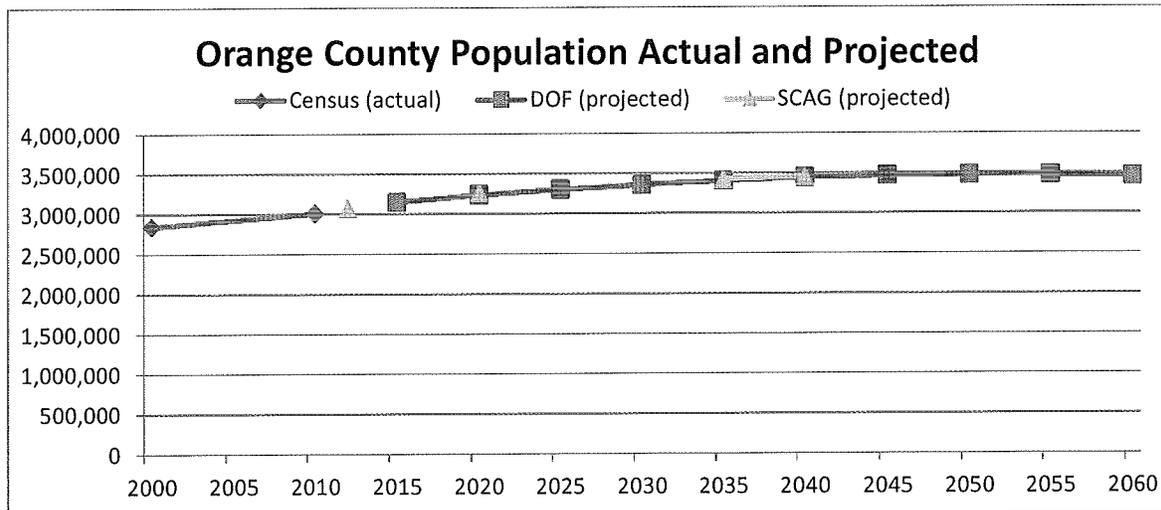
Dear city council,

Assertions were raised at last month's planning commission Housing Element public hearing that SCAG population projections are inaccurate. A look at the data shows otherwise.

The following graph shows past decennial census counts for the city and SCAG population projections issued this year. We see that the SCAG projection picks up where the census leaves off, and accounts for future growth already baked into the General Plan and various specific plans.



The next graph compares SCAG projections to state Department of Finance (DOF) projections. Counties are the smallest jurisdiction that DOF projects for, so all data points on this graph reflect Orange County as a whole. We see that both the SCAG and DOF data are in agreement and seamlessly continue the trend established in the actual census counts.



I strongly support the city meeting its affordable housing obligations (RHNA) required by state housing law. Falling short on RHNA will result in the city spending time and money to fight a losing battle in court. The window for SCAG administrative appeal of the current RHNA numbers closed back in 2012 with no city appeal filed. Furthermore, the city council approved a Housing Element update on September 16, 2013 that used the same RHNA numbers before you now. The minutes show that nobody spoke at the public hearing, and the item passed 7-0 with no council discussion. This history of prior acceptance will make it extremely difficult to contest the RHNA numbers now.

From a land use compatibility standpoint, I think that providing for the additional RHNA units should be done within BECSP. The seven sites before you in the staff recommendation introduce higher densities adjacent to existing low density neighborhoods, and that just sets the stage for land use conflicts. It makes more sense to me to locate the additional RHNA units within BECSP where land use intensity and density are already high and so land use conflicts will be minimized.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Bixby

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email: mark@bixby.org
home: 714-625-0876

Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:56 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: No to High Density Projects near Gothard/Garfied and Stewart Land/Clay Ave

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Sue Bonas [mailto:Sue@Intexexhibits.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:52 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: No to High Density Projects near Gothard/Garfied and Stewart Land/Clay Ave

Dear City Council of Huntington Beach,

We are opposed to the high density, high occupancy projects you are considering for the corner of Garfield and Gothard Streets and for the area of Stewart Land and Clay Avenue.

We do not feel that this is a good utilization of this land because:

- 1) The area was not developed initially and does not have the large street infrastructure to accommodate this level of density in a mostly single-home area.
- 1) There are already many other areas of high density residences in our City.
- 2) When we bought our homes in the Seagate Community, high density/low income was not the City's master plan for this area of Huntington Beach.

We have been decades long-time residents of Huntington Beach. Please consider a NO vote for this high density proposal.

Sincerely,
Sue and Maury Bonas
Home address: 18742 Ambrose Lane
Huntington Beach 92648

Sue Bonas



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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:55 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: HB resident !!! Low income housing project

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Botsford [<mailto:steve@socalfit.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: HB resident !!! Low income housing project

I'm an HB resident. I'm extremely fed up with these high rises apartments being build and now low income housing!! Enough I'm tired of the crime and problems this city is starting to have. Makes me want to move out of this once beautiful city!! No more building! If so you'll force your residents to move out of your city!!!

Steve botsford

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 1:26 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Plan Amendment No 15-001

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Martine [mailto:martinebrode@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 12:17 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Planning Commission
Subject: Plan Amendment No 15-001

Dear City Council and Planning Commission,

First, I would like to thank you for taking the Armstrong Nursery site off the Amendment, this was obviously the worst location for a high density housing. But, all of these locations are horrible places to put in high density housing. The location at 4831 Sandy Drive is right next to a park as well. I own a condo near this location and I can tell you that the park is already littered with trash and dog poop and changing the zoning to put in more apartments will make this problem worse. There is also already a parking problem in the area as well. For reference I have included a photo of the street that I took this morning, where there is not even one parking spot.

At the last meeting I attended, I became aware that the location at Gothard and Garfield will have over 200 units. That is absolutely ridiculous to put that many high density low income units anywhere in the city! This will create a ghetto in the area. The citizens of Huntington Beach work very hard to be able to buy nice homes in this city and they do not want any more high density apartments.

I could go on and on about why all of these locations are not suited for high density, but I'm sure you get the point.

I strongly urge the City Council to fight the SCAG numbers and not allow ANYMORE high density in Huntington Beach. I'm sure the citizens of the city would much rather pay a penalty than see our city ruined.

Thank you for your time

Martine

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Esparza, Patty

From: Flynn, Joan
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 9:38 AM
To: Esparza, Patty
Subject: FW: High Density

Joan L. Flynn, City Clerk
City of Huntington Beach
714-536-5404



Please consider the HB City Clerk's office for your passport needs

From: Sylvia Calhoun [mailto:skc347@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 9:02 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Fikes, Cathy; Flynn, Joan
Subject: High Density

I plan to be at City Council on Monday night to give you moral support to fight the Globalist push for high density in HB. S. Calhoun

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From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:00 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: We are against high density housing at Garfield and Gothard

AGENDA COMMENT

From: STEVEFOUGHT@aol.com [mailto:STEVEFOUGHT@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 9:49 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: stevefought@aol.com
Subject: We are against high density housing at Garfield and Gothard

Dear City Council

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

We are against high density development at the corner of Garfield and Gothard.

And we think Michael's research below sums up our feelings

Thank much for your time.

Steve ,

CAPE ANN development

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Research below from
Jean Habdak, Village Court
and
Michael Hoskinson HB Planning Commission

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND READ THIS WHOLE EMAIL!

For those of you that didn't send emails regarding high density, low income apartments in HB, (specifically on Goldenwest at Armstrong Nursery) here is the Planning Commission's response to my email. We need to send more emails and/or attend the meeting to challenge SCAG Demographics. After all, we don't want more taxes to pay for schools, roads, and police, etc. Take the time and let your voice be heard!

Dear Friends,

In regards to Planning Commission item #15-001, Housing Element Amendment.

Thank you for writing and attending the Planning Commission meeting Tuesday February 9th; we received 300+ emails and filled both rooms of The City Council Chambers.

During the 2014 election the citizens of Huntington Beach told the City in no uncertain terms that they wanted an end to the High Density Development on Beach Blvd. Councilman Peterson was elected and, as good as his word, he brought a motion to change the parameters for development, ensuring they would better fit in their

environment.

Shortly after, a Low-Income Housing group, The Kennedy Commission, sued HB to reverse this changes claiming that the City denied access to low-income housing.

www.kennedycommission.org

You're probably asking, why is the State forcing low-income housing on us ? I was curious as well and did some research that i'd like to share with you.

The low income mandates come from a Regional Government or COG (Council of Governments) called SCAG (So Cal Assn of Governments) which is empowered by executive action from the State of CA., SCAG's purview covers 6 counties (LA, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura and Imperial) that collectively house 191 cities.

www.scaq.ca.gov

SCAG sends RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) quotas to every city under their control, RHNA tells the City how many low-income units it needs to make space for and works on cycles; 2014-2021 being the current period.

I took some time in the last month and extracted SCAG's demographics from their website and plotted them, along with other demographics, on a spreadsheet. At our Planning Commission meeting on February 9th I brought my research to the Commission's attention, here is that video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efVfLk14YA>

As I mentioned in the video, I have serious reservations about the demographics that SCAG uses to force low income housing on Southern CA and feel strongly, in my opinion, that they need to be challenged.

Others have fought SCAG, most notably three citizen groups in Hollywood:

<http://www.newgeography.com/content/004108-the-laws-no-ass-rejecting-hollywood-densification>

During the trial Judge Goodwin used the terms "Fatally Flawed" "Entirely Discredited" and "Wishful Thinking" in relation to SCAG's population estimates which are the basis for every program it forces on Southern California.

Also, SCAG may be operating contrary to Article IV-Section 4 of the US Constitution which deals with the allowable type of government in the US.

I urge every one of you to read more about SCAG; they and the leaders of our State are mandating these fundamental changes to our towns.

Also, HUD has enacted new rules called Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) that allow the Feds to control our Local Zoning through through Public Grants and decree where low-income housing will be built in our town. Watch this short video to understand why we cannot afford to take grant money from the Feds any longer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvnDoK-j_UA

If the possibility of building more High Density Housing to our town upsets you then I urge you to stay engaged in the process; the Beach/Edinger Specific Plan (BECSP) didn't happen overnight, the City held a number of public awareness meetings that were poorly attended and then it went to numerous PC and Council meetings before becoming reality....if we'd all been more engaged BECSP might have turned out more to our liking. For example, one Planning Commission meeting regarding the Beach/Edinger Specific Plan in December of 2009 had only 5 people at public comment.

One way to stay engaged is to sign up for Planning Commission and City Council agendas via email at:

http://www.surfcity-hb.org/services/email_alerts/

The City Council will be taking up the Housing Element issue on Monday, March 7th at 6pm in the City Council Chambers. The City heard your comments loud and clear and has removed the Armstrong Nursery site from

consideration. But, there are many sites still under consideration and we need to hear your opinions on March 7th.

And, please share this email with any interested parties.

Thanks for being involved in the development of our city's future, Please stay connected. Also, please write me directly if you'd like to learn more about SCAG and the ways the State mandates changes to our town.

Yours,

Michael Hoskinson

HB Planning Commission

michael.hoskinson@surfcity-hb.org

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 5:33 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 25440 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Question
Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments
Citizen name: Joey Cheung

Description: I wish seriously to object to the proposed GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENT). The proposal will totally destroy the unique value of the environment and and bring discord and disruption to the harmonious community we have been fortunate to have been able to be associated with for the last 20 years The area of concern for Seagate is the Garfield & Gothard location (and possibly the Stewart streets too).

Expected Close Date: March 6, 2016

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From: pastable@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 2:38 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Monday night meeting Agenda item # 19

AGENDA COMMENT

H.B. City Council Members:

*I urge **no action** on Agenda Item 19 and **no zoning changes** in HB, period!*

The fact that citizens of a free country are expected to acquiesce to an un-elected Board in Sacramento is reprehensible.

I would favor the City Attorney filing suit against such mandates and challenging the constitutionality of such edicts as mandated low-income housing.

*Respectfully,
David Cicerone*

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:51 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Housing Element Amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

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From: Jennifer Coopman [mailto:jencoopman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:48 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Katapodis, Jim
Subject: Housing Element Amendment

Meeting Date: 3/7/16
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Hello City Council,

I am writing to you in response to the notice of public hearing I received in the mail regarding the Housing Element Amendment. I am a 38 year old resident in The Tides and I STRONGLY OPPOSE site #3, the Northeast corner of Stewart Lane and Clay Ave. I OPPOSE EACH ONE OF THE SEVEN SITES listed on the proposed list from the Housing Element Amendment for re-zoning for reasons listed below.

1) I use the Goldenwest/Summit crosswalk almost every day to go for a walk. I have almost been hit multiple times and it is concerning that there will be at least an additional several hundred new residents driving through this intersection if these proposed sites are built upon. This is not a joke. I fortunately am very alert and quick on my feet and have avoided being hit many times. I see mothers walking across this intersection with their children to use the playgrounds and I see adolescents using this intersection to walk home from high school. The idea of adding more traffic through this area is scary.

2) The neighborhoods surrounding these proposed sites are single family homes. The development of apartment high rise buildings does not fit in these areas.

3) Six of the seven proposed sites all fall within the same zip code. Not to mention, five of the proposed sites fall within one mile of each other. Even more astonishing is the fact that these five proposed sites are within miles of an area that is known for violence and crime. This is absolutely irresponsible to re-zone these proposed sites. I have personally volunteered to spend my time in this particular area that I am referencing through after school programs and summer programs so I know first hand the tragic experiences some of these children and families face. To re-zone these proposed sites (specifically sites 1, 2, 3, 6, 7) would be a disservice to the families in the surroundings neighborhoods.

4) The Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan was already intended for and zoned for the mandated RHNA numbers. Why should land be re-zoned when there is already an area that was planned to meet the RHNA requirement. I truly do oppose any more building and would choose to fight the state but if there is already a zone for this type of housing, I do not see the need to look to areas (especially industrial areas) to re-zone.

5) I love Huntington Beach. My father grew up here and he went to Dwyer Middle School and Huntington Beach High School. I have several family members who still live in HB. After working very hard in High School,

I went to UCLA for college. I worked very hard to receive a scholarship for three years and worked extremely hard to maintain good grades at UCLA. I then went on to receive my Masters. I am telling you this because I worked exceptionally hard to earn these degrees and this lead to a good job that gave me the opportunity to buy a home in the Tides and doing so was a dream come true. I did not want to stay in Los Angeles because of the buildings and exuberant population. I chose Huntington Beach because of the quieter beach life style. Please allow Huntington Beach to remain a beach town, not a city full of high rise buildings and overcrowding. This building really needs to stop.

I hope that you will heed these red flags and the many other red flags that are presented to you concerning the re-zoning of the proposed sites in the Housing Element Amendment.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and hear my concerns.
Jennifer Coopman

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 7:47 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High density, low income housing

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Ryan Cunningham [mailto:upsryanc@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 8:16 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High density, low income housing

To whom it may concern:

My name is Ryan Cunningham and I've been a resident of HB for 22 years. My family and I reside at 4791Lago Dr, near Sandy Drive where you want to put in HIGH DENSITY LOW INCOME housing. I very much oppose this as I'm a first time home buyer with small children. Council members are voted in to maintain and help better the quality of living we've come to enjoy and worked hard to receive. There are no benefits to the residents of this great city for which you are intending to do. I work over 10 hrs a day and will not be able to attend any town hall meetings to oppose this personally. I want to send my regards that I definitely OPPOSE this measure!

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:35 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: March 7 meeting

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Lance Damico [mailto:lance.damico@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:44 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Kathryn D'Amico
Subject: March 7 meeting

March 7, 2016

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

We live in the Seagate neighborhood, approximately ¼ mile north of the subject properties A, B, C and G of Table 3 - Sites for Potential Rezoning for the RHNA Shortfall.

We strongly oppose Amendment No. 15-001. Hi-Rise, Hi-Density buildings in this community will cause property values to fall significantly as we are already facing overcrowding in our neighborhoods.

Seagate provides two city parks in its neighborhood of approximately 800 homes - The 13 acre John Baca Park & Wetlands and the 4 acre Peter Green Park. The City required these developments to have open space & parks. This was in the Seacliff Master Plan and we and our neighbors bought here for that reason. SeaGate's "Bel Air" community has 101 units on approximately the same size parcel that proposes 298 units right next door to it. This is absurd.

Please rescind this amendment immediately. It is up to you to protect the current citizens of Huntington Beach from these ridiculous proposals that will dramatically reduce the quality of life in our City.

Thank you,
Lance and Kathryn D'Amico
18675 Ambrose Lane

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Esparza, Patty

From: M Dardis [mdardis@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 2:53 PM
To: Agenda Comment; mdardis@verizon.net
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: HDD will not save HB

AGENDA COMMENT

Highly Distinguished members of the HB City Council:

The plethora of HDD construction in HB is not the answer. The Elan property is a perfect result of HDD gone wild as it was build right up to the sidewalk and turning right off of Beach is waiting for an accident to happen when cars are leaving the Elan structure. Look at the parking problem at Bella Terra shopping center as the workers have to park on the far north side. Kings Seafood has less foodie traffic as there is no place to park. Within a short few years. Bella Terra sales tax base will decline as no one can shop there as No Place to Park is the refrain. Take time out of you busy schedules and watch the grid lock at the COSTCO Gas station. Where is the Sales Tax growth to be dervied when the retailers close and move out of their present locations up and down Edinger.. How soon will these apartments turn into slums. When were the traffic studies taken? Evidently, 3:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. There is no mass transportation and there never will be as So Cal is married to their automobiles. Density equals problems. You have congestion, and growth for growth sake is not the answer.

Milt Dardis
Huntington Beach Ca
714 968 3409

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 4:53 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Rezoning for High Density, Low Income Housing

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca De Julio [mailto:rjensen84@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 4:45 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Rezoning for High Density, Low Income Housing

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing this in extreme opposition to the rezoning of properties in Huntington Beach for high density, low income housing. This is a terrible plan that promises nothing good for our wonderful city. One needs to look no further then our neighboring city of Newport Beach and their apartment complex, "The Coronados". This is an prime example of high density, low income housing in a community similar to HB. Police reports can verify the number of calls and issues centered in that complex alone, not to mention the surrounding areas, is MUCH greater then any area in the city. The sheer number of people condensed into a small area leads to nothing good. I urge you to reconsider this plan. The residents of the your city are clearly against this. Please listen to them.

Respectfully,
Becky De Julio

Sent from my iPhone

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:40 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Low Income Housing.....

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick DiBernardo [<mailto:patrickdibernardo@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:39 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Low Income Housing.....

Dear City Council,

I am writing today to oppose the high density, low income housing in the Seacliff area of Huntington Beach, specifically the two locations on Stewart Drive and the location at Gothard/Garfield. The proposal would deteriorate arguably the nicest community within the city of Huntington Beach. There are many potential problems with this plan including, but not limited to:

- * Lower property values
- * Lower academic test scores at two high-performing schools (Smith Elementary and Seacliff Elementary)
- * Increase in traffic congestion
- * Parking issues
- * Increase in noise pollution
- * Decrease in community standards
- * Decrease in safety

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As a long-time resident of Huntington Beach, I urge you to vote "NO" on this proposal and consider other options when evaluating what we can do for high density, low income housing.

Sincerely,

Patrick and Sue DiBernardo

Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 11:09 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 25447 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Agnes Do

Description: To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to let you know my opposition of re-zoning of the undeveloped property on Garfield/Gothard, specifically the site located on the Northeast corner of Garfield Avenue and Gothard Street (APN: 111-074-02; 159-541-51) to be part of the low income housing under the Adequate Sites Program. This general area is known as Seacliff Holly and is comprised of many newer homes. This wonderful area have brought in families seeking a great and safe place to raise their children. Home values have increased and have kept steady. This is evident by the low crime rate reported in the area. By allowing this site to become a low income housing development, I see the following problems may occur:

- ~reduction in the property values of surrounding area, creating a trickle effect of nearby homes. Less tax revenue for the city
- ~congestion along Gothard Street; prone to more accidents (bicyclists, etc)
- ~ decrease in community standards
- ~ increase in noise
- ~parking issues

The list is not inclusive but I wanted to address the key issues I feel are most important. Please take these concerns into consideration when the city council votes on Monday, March 7, 2016.

Respectfully,
Agnes Do

Expected Close Date: March 7, 2016

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:00 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Opposed to GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENT)

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Ted Do [mailto:doerr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 11:00 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Opposed to GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENT)

To Whom it may concern:

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Respectfully,
Agnes Do

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:59 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High density housing

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Jerry D [mailto:gdonohue@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 11:22 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High density housing

I live 3 blocks from the proposed rezoning at 4831 Sandy Drive. This area is low density and should remain that way. The current zoning is compatible with the existing neighborhood. Sincerely, Jerry Donohue 16806 Redwing Lane, HB 92649

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Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 5:43 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 25444 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Larry Draus

Description: I understand that there is a proposal for high density development on Sandy Lane, near Green Street and Pearce. I oppose this development. The area is already quite congested with many condo and other multi-unit residences. I'm very concerned about the impact on both parking and traffic.

Please vote against this proposal.

Thank you.

Expected Close Date: March 6, 2016

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Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 9:26 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 25415 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Steve Farnsworth

Description: Let it be known that I am against the General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 (Housing Element Amendment) to rezone all 7 locations listed on the Public Hearing Notice to "meet" the low income requirement. Stop building in Huntington Beach. The apartments that were built for the Beach/Edinger Corridor Specific Plan are far from full, why build more. Thank you for your consideration.

Expected Close Date: March 4, 2016

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Esparza, Patty

From: Ron Ferber [ron.ferber@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:24 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Stop building high density apartments in HB

AGENDA COMMENT

I love our city but it is slowly being destroyed by the population and the traffic. I moved to HB from Fullerton 20 some odd years ago because it wasn't at the end of a freeway where everybody can get to easily, I moved here because of the close knit culture the city has. Over the twenty some years that I have lived in HB but have gone back to Fullerton to visit, I see a city that has fallen to the high density living. Street lights everywhere, traffic so thick it is hard to enjoy the city you live in.

There is a time when a area can just say enough is enough.

Ron Ferber

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:51 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: 4831 Sandy Drive

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Juliet Fleming [mailto:julietfrn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:49 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: 4831 Sandy Drive

To Whom it May Concern.

I am completely OPPOSED to the re-zoning of the Huntington Harbor area known as Harbor Pines to High Density High Rise Apartment Buildings. It has been brought to my attention that the specific address of 4831 Sandy Drive is currently being proposed.

Regards,

Juliet Fleming, RN
16551 Le Grande Lane #A
Huntington Beach CA 92649

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Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:25 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 25463 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Complaint

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: JEAN FOLKESTAD

Description: I watched on a youtube video regarding the study by Mr. Hoskinson. The study showed a lot of misinformation. This needs to STOP. All the buildings that have been planned are only helping the developers and real estate people, and we have 2 people that fit that bill. I vote NO more of this building.

Expected Close Date: March 8, 2016

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Esparza, Patty

From: Ed Fosmire [stfrancisx@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:55 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: fyi

AGENDA COMMENT

NO action on Agenda 19

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:38 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Rezoning in Parcels A, B, C, and G (off of Garfield)

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Mercedes French [<mailto:mercedesfrench@msn.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:37 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Rezoning in Parcels A, B, C, and G (off of Garfield)

Esteemed Board Members,

I strongly urge you to reconsider the actions you are considering taking. This rezoning will dramatically alter the landscape, culture and overall experience of the community we call our home. This is unacceptable to those of us who live here and are raising our families here.

Thank you,
Mercedes French
7085 Depoe Ct, HB, 92648
The Tides

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Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 2:02 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 25435 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Diane Fullerton

Description: How does property (Gothard/Garfield) that has been stated as "too contaminated" to ever build on become okay to build low income housing? I would think the city would put people's health before state mandate housing. Look for somewhere else where their isn't any contaminate soil.

Expected Close Date: March 5, 2016

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:51 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High Density Housing

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul G [mailto:pgarcia714@me.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:40 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High Density Housing

Dear Council,

First off, I would like to thank you for your time.

Secondly, I would like to express my concern over the amendment aimed at allowing low income high density development in my neighborhood. I live off of Gothard and Promenade in Huntington Beach, and have lived in this city for 5 years. There is a large amount of high density housing that I see being initiated in this city and my concerns have really been raised now that I see plans to bring low income high density housing into my back yard (Gothard and Garfield). I have huge concerns over the increase of crime this could cause and the short term and long term impacts this would have on my property.

I know you all have very busy schedules and I don't want to monopolize your time but I ask you to please fight against approving this amendment.

Thanks for your time,

Paul Garcia
7294 Mirage Drive
714-847-3860

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:04 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Low Income Housing Plan Objection

AGENDA COMMENT

From: cgibbons565@gmail.com [mailto:cgibbons565@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Christopher Gibbons
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 2:34 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Low Income Housing Plan Objection

Dear City Council,

As a Seagate resident, I am strongly against the plan to construct low income / high-occupancy housing in the areas planned. Similar construction has been a traffic disaster for us near Bella Terra and we can no longer take advantage of that facility due to the congestion.

In addition, this construction will absolutely bring additional crime to the area and will affect the area we all love and enjoy and impact our quality of life.

Respectfully,

Christopher Gibbons
HB Resident

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Esparza, Patty

From: Kristi Gillies [kgillies@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:36 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Item 19 - NO MORE HDD in HB

AGENDA COMMENT

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members: I have been a lifetime resident of the city of Huntington Beach (more than 40 years now) and with all the over development and HDD it is almost unrecognizable now. I presently live in the Seagate community near Gothard and Garfield (very close to seven (7) new sites proposed in General Plan Amendment No. 15-001). This willful destruction of our once quaint beach community is so sad to watch. I am writing to urge the City Council take NO ACTION on General Plan Amendment No. 15-001. Please take NO ACTION related to re-zoning any section of Huntington Beach including, without limitation, the seven (7) sites recommended in General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 until the appeal of the Kennedy Commission lawsuit is complete and the city knows exactly what if any penalties actually exist if we reject the RHNA mandate. The crime, traffic, overcrowded schools, etc. - it is getting unbearable. Enough is enough. I don't want to move my family out of the city I grew up in, but it's starting to look like I may have to. Please... I urge you to stop and take NO ACTION on agenda item 19.

Respectfully,

Kristi Gillies
714-841-6588

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:03 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: PLEASE VOTE NO on high density low income housing in H/B Seagate

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Goudge [<mailto:yourhomehunt@aol.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 2:52 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: PLEASE VOTE NO on high density low income housing in H/B Seagate

Sent from my iPhone
Larry and Susan Goudge
Real Estate Consultants
First Team Real Estate
BRE#01321301 - BRE#01321822
(714) 803-6649 (949) 375-2216

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Esparza, Patty

From: stephanie green [steffiehome@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 5:14 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: No Rezoning

AGENDA COMMENT

Good Evening;

I would like to take a minute and ask that you not rezone any proposed sites tonight. We have paid an outside agency to create a general plan. Every time HB City Council Approves a "new" zoning it goes against the long term plans that we have paid top dollar to an outside consultant to recommend. I urge you to Appeal the numbers of low income housing we are being forced to create and look at alternative ways if we lose the appeal.

Please do not take the easy way out! Do the work, keep HB a beautiful place!

Thank you!
Stephanie Green
18041 Starmont Lane
Huntington Beach 92649
714-402-8070

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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Esparza, Patty

From: Mark Haaksma [zha93@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:25 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: HDD housing zones, decisions, etc.

AGENDA COMMENT

Folks, please stop entertaining these developers. Nobody wants this in HB. There isn't ANY location that's acceptable, we're not saying no to any specific location, we're saying no period.

These developments are NOT low cost/income apartments, they do not help anyone but the builders, it's not what is needed for this city.

thank you

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COMMUNICATION**

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:29 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: City Council meeting re: HUD and zoning issues

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----
From: Jean Habdank [<mailto:jehabdank@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:28 AM
To: Hoskinson, Michael
Cc: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: City Council meeting re: HUD and zoning issues

Hello Michael,

Thank you for all of your research on zoning and HUD.

WE DON'T WANT HUD!! HUD takes away the city's ability to plan our communities in the best interest of the citizens. HUD mandates where and how certain properties are to be built and the citizens have to "suck it up" with additional taxes, police, roads and schools. How does this help us?

HUD is insidious like termites. If, we have to have HUD, then their statistics need to be correct. This is what we have a city council for, a city planner and a mayor. You've done your job but what about the City Council and Mayor?

We chose Huntington Beach because of it's smaller atmosphere and not to be packed in like rats with zero property apartments on the street. We have enough problems with the "inlanders" coming to the beach in the summer months causing crime and violence. We don't need more of that year round!

I'm not sure what else HUD mandates or pays for within the city (I'm sure I would be surprised) but I'm sure the city can pay for those items on their own or we can do without!

Thank you,
Jean Habdank
jehabdank@earthlink.net

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March 7, 2016

The Honorable Jim Katapodis, Mayor
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California

Re: March 7, 2016 City Council Meeting
Agenda Item # 19
General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 Housing Element

Dear Mayor Katapodis:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment on the proposed Housing Element Amendment that is before you tonight. We understand that the City Council may consider increasing the residential housing unit cap (MAND) for the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan ("BECSP"). A large portion of the BECSP is within the OVSD attendance area. Some of OVSD's schools within the BECSP have limited capacity for new students. The OVSD wants to avoid overcrowding its schools. We are concerned that the city will identify BECSP sites that are in attendance boundaries of impacted schools.

If the City Council chooses the option to increase the cap in the BECSP, OVSD requests that the city coordinate with the school district in identifying these sites in order to avoid overcrowded schools.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carol Hansen, Ed. D.
Superintendent

cc: Dave Sullivan, Mayor Pro Tempore
Barbara Delgleize, Council Member
Billy O'Connell, Council Member
Erik Peterson, Council Member
Jill Hardy, Council Member
Mike Posey, Council Member
City Clerk

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Esparza, Patty

From: oceanhb@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 12:12 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda 19

AGENDA COMMENT

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members,

I am writing to STRONGLY urge that City Council table ANY and ALL ACTION with regard to General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 (Housing Element Amendment) and ALL ACTION related to re-zoning ANY section of Huntington Beach including the seven (7) sites recommended in the GPA 15-001 and the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP), and hold on all re-zoning related decisions until such time as the city full understands the results of legal actions such as Kennedy Commission lawsuit as well as what quantifiable penalties actually exists if we reject the RHNA mandate.

To make any zoning changes at this time is equivalent to playing Russian Roulette with the citizens and quality of life in a precious suburban beach community. The "community" spoke resoundingly a year ago when they fought tirelessly again any further High Density Development in the BECSP, and the recommended actions of Agenda Item #19 will only serve to "redistribute" the destruction of our unique city, with High Density development potentially destroying piece-by-piece what residents of Huntington Beach have vested their entire lives.

We cannot afford to get this wrong! No amount of penalty from the state...via an UNELECTED board of bullies (SCAG) should be allowed to destroy a community; and no one "frivolous ambulance-chasing" lawsuit should be able to destroy a community either!

Again, I urge all of you to think of the legacy you leave this city as elected officials. Will you be remembered as the City Council that destroyed a once cherished suburban beach community.....or the city council who gave it all to save a coastal treasure.

Sincerely,
Cathy Haro
9531 Smokey Cr.
Huntington Beach, ca 92646
Sent from my iPad

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:56 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Opposed to Amendment No. 15-001

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Craig (CTD) [<mailto:craig@clickstodoctors.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:23 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Opposed to Amendment No. 15-001

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Craig Harvey and Huntington Beach has been our family's home for the last 20 years. We live in the Seagate neighborhood, approximately ¼ mile north of the subject properties A, B, C and G of Table 3 – Sites for Potential Rezoning for the RHNA Shortfall.

I strongly concur with all the letters and e-mails you have received in opposition of this Amendment No. 15-001.

Property values have already decreased (by \$60,000 for our property) since this amendment's public review began and I am also concerned as a resident and citizen. Crime is bad enough, our house was broken into once we won't go through it again. If this amendment is approved we will have to move out of our beloved city as its family friendly reputation will be gone. I won't feel safe letting the kids walk the dog at the park or anywhere else. The broader implications that this amendment has on our civil liberties is disturbing. The fact that an organization such as SCAG can dictate how our community is built and lives is problematic and unacceptable.

Please table any and all actions pertaining to this re-zoning until such time as the city full understands the results of legal actions such as Kennedy Commission lawsuit as well as what quantifiable penalties actually exists if we reject the RHNA mandate.

I hope your decision to rescind this re-zoning amendment is immediate. Please be the council members that we voted for. Be the ones that protect our rights to decide where and how our city builds its' future...Not some outside agency we didn't elect!

Thank you,
Craig Harvey
18717 Ashford Lane, HB

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Esparza, Patty

From: the Harveys [thearveys2@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 12:09 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

> Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members, I am writing to
> STRONGLY urge that City Council table ANY and ALL ACTION with regard to General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 (Housing Element Amendment) and ALL ACTION related to re-zoning ANY section of Huntington Beach including the seven (7) sites recommended in the GPA 15-001 and the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP), and hold on all re-zoning related decisions until such time as the city full understands the results of legal actions such as Kennedy Commission lawsuit as well as what quantifiable penalties actually exists if we reject the RHNA mandate.

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> Respectfully,

> Leanne Harvey
> 19761 Bowman Lane
> Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:40 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Please Vote "No" on Amendment No. 15-001

Importance: High

AGENDA COMMENT

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

From: Barb Heine [mailto:barb@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:38 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Please Vote "No" on Amendment No. 15-001
Importance: High

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Dear Mayor Katapodis and Council Members,

We are vehemently against rezoning for more high-density housing in Huntington Beach, and request that Amendment No. 15-001 receives a "no" vote from you. We also request that Parcel G (Garfield and Gothard) in particular be removed from any future consideration for such development.

Prior to this latest proposal, we were already greatly concerned about the high level of development in HB, particularly in the past year. It has greatly diminished quality of life for our family, and for many others with whom we've spoken. Huntington Beach is increasingly crowded with constant traffic, leading to high levels of stress. Huntington Beach does not have the infrastructure to support so much development, and we are already at levels of high concern related to the availability of natural resources such as water. All so-called "planning" done in recent times has been for short-term gain, with little to no regard for long-term consequences of these decisions. Now it is being proposed that sites at Garfield and Gothard, as well as Clay, be rezoned for more high density housing. This area is already a crowded high-traffic zone, especially in the mornings, after school hours, and after work hours. There is already a high level of congestion as well as safety issues for the many children walking home from school in that area. Where would all of the additional cars go, and how will we keep all of those kids safe? In addition, the schools in the area, particularly Huntington Seacliff Elementary, Smith Elementary and Dwyer Middle School are already overcrowded and at or near capacity. Where would more children moving into the area go to school? Moreover, where are all of the resources going to come from? We are in a drought condition with grave concerns about water. More residents mean more electricity use, more trash being generated, more air pollution, more water pollution, and so on.

When we purchased our home in Huntington Beach in the Seagate neighborhood, there was no mention of any possibility of any high density housing put in anywhere near us. In fact, there really wasn't any mention of it at all in Huntington Beach in the almost two decades we have lived here.

Now it is popping up everywhere, and it is being proposed that it be put in our own backyard. We are already starting to avoid the Bella Terra and Beach Boulevard areas due to the increased traffic and crowding; however, we cannot avoid the Parcel A, B, C, and G areas as they are directly along where we must take our children every day. Open space is continually being lost in our city, as is the "hometown" feel that first brought us to Huntington Beach. We have not been very involved in local politics to date beyond voting, but with the governance of HB continually making choices that increase stress and decrease well-being of the residents, we now have no choice and will put great effort into getting city council and planning commission members in place that have the long-term safety and well being of the residents and community at the forefront in their decision making. **Please do the right thing and do not allow our lives and our community to continue to be destroyed. Vote "no" on Amendment No. 15-001.**

Sincerely,

Phil, Barb, Luke, and Mark Heine

18548 Bentley Lane, Huntington Beach

Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:45 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Oppose Amendment No. 15-001 to add Hi-Rise, Hi-Density buildings at Garfield and Gothard

Importance: High

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Heine, Phil [<mailto:Phil.Heine@Avnet.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:42 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Oppose Amendment No. 15-001 to add Hi-Rise, Hi-Density buildings at Garfield and Gothard
Importance: High

Dear City Council members,
I live in the Seagate neighborhood, approximately ¼ mile north of the subject properties at Garfield and Gothard – Sites for Potential Rezoning for the RHNA Shortfall.

I strongly concur with all the letters and e-mails you have received in opposition of this Amendment No. 15-001.

I am deeply concerned regarding the overcrowded roads, overcrowded schools and overtaxed resources; this rezoning and construction would make these issues even worse. Hi-Rise, Hi-Density buildings in this community will cause property values to fall.

Seagate provides two city parks in its neighborhood of approximately 800 homes - The 13 acre John Baca Park & Wetlands and the 4 acre Peter Green Park. The City required these developments to have open space & parks. This was in the Seacliff Master Plan and the residents bought here for that reason.

I strongly urge you to oppose Amendment No. 15-001

Phil Heine
18548 Bentley Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
714-397-0860

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:59 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Zoning changes

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Nick Hellbusch [mailto:nickhellbusch@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 12:22 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Zoning changes

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members,

I am writing to STRONGLY urge that City Council table ANY and ALL ACTION with regard to General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 (Housing Element Amendment) and ALL ACTION related to re-zoning ANY section of Huntington Beach including the seven (7) sites recommended in the GPA 15-001 and the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP).

The zoning changes proposed are not in tune with the desires of this suburban beach community. The "community" spoke resoundingly a year ago, with push back against high density housing, and the recommended actions ins amendment #19 will only serve to reinstitute a further push High Density development on a community that does not want it.

Respectfully,

Nick Hellbusch

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:01 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Surf City Pipeline: Notification of new Request #: 25461

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Surf City Pipeline [mailto:noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:44 AM
To: Pipeline Admin Agenda
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Notification of new Request #: 25461

Request # 25461 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Anne Hinkey

Description: absolute NO to rezoning 7 sites for high density. (10 acre site at Gothard/ Garfield among them) I am in favor of following Planning Commission's recommendation of revisiting BECSP. Increase limit to 2350 units from 2100. Still far less than the 4500 initially approved.

Expected Close Date: March 8, 2016

[Click here to access the request](#)

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:58 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High Density Housing

AGENDA COMMENT

From: hinkeys@aol.com [mailto:hinkeys@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 2:17 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High Density Housing

Hello,

I am writing with great concern regarding the proposed High Density building at the Northeast corner of Garfield and Gothard. Our family lives in that area. We regularly visit Peter Green Park, right next to this proposed development. We work hard to have a nice place to live, in a nice safe neighborhood. My husband has been a lifelong resident of Huntington Beach, and had planned on staying here forever to raise our family. I am baffled at all of the recent development in Huntington Beach - from Elan on Beach and Main to the blocks and blocks (and blocks) of apartments by Bella Terra. I have never seen anything like it. I am all for reasonable progress and development, but these developments are being built at an insane pace. I am urging you to say NO to developing the Garfield and Gothard property into more low income, high density apartments. The increase of crowds and traffic as well as the possibility of an increase in crime is something that we are VERY opposed to. I listened to all of you very carefully when you ran for City Council, and I am hopeful that you will now listen to me and the rest of the residents of Huntington Beach who do not want any more of these developments built here. Thank you,

Sincerely,

Sharla Hinkey

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:58 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: General Amendment No. 15-001 General Housing

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Jerry Horn [mailto:jerry.horn5@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 7:51 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: General Amendment No. 15-001 General Housing

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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March 6, 2016

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Donna Horn, a 40 year resident of Huntington Beach, and 17 year Realtor in this community.

I live in the Seagate neighborhood, approximately ¼ mile north of the subject properties A, B, C and G of Table 3 – Sites for Potential Rezoning for the RHNA Shortfall.

I strongly concur with all the letters and e-mails you have received in opposition of this Amendment No. 15-001.

Though I am concerned as a real estate professional, of the impact this will have on nearby property values, I am also concerned as a resident and citizen. The broader implications that this has on our civil liberties is disturbing. The fact that an organization such as SCAG can dictate how our community is built and lives is problematic and unacceptable.

I acknowledge the difficulty that city officials have in trying to balance the wants of both our diverse population and the government bodies that rule them. And I admit to having no knowledge of how the policies and politics of state and city funding programs work, but I urge you to consider the message you received from Cari Swan of the Golden View tract. Please table any and all actions pertaining to this re-zoning until such time as the city full understands the results of legal actions such as Kennedy Commission lawsuit as well as what quantifiable penalties actually exists if we reject the RHNA mandate.

In 2007, our City intended to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate the possibility of using an abandoned railroad corridor for mass transit from Disneyland thru our neighborhoods to our beach. While that project was labeled unlikely, and just a feasibility study, the mere fact that

such a study was in process... meant having to disclose it to any prospective buyer of a home in the proximity of the corridor. That would have caused these property values to fall.

The same can be said for this Housing Amendment proposal.

Hi-Rise, Hi-Density buildings in this community will cause property values to fall.

Seagate provides two city parks in its neighborhood of approximately 800 homes - The 13 acre John Baca Park & Wetlands and the 4 acre Peter Green Park. The City required these developments to have open space & parks. This was in the Seacliff Master Plan and the residents bought here for that reason.

SeaGate's "Bel Air" community has 101 units on approximately the same size parcel that proposes 298 units right next door to it... nearly 3 times the density. As one speaker previously stated... "It just doesn't fit."

The same can be said for the 93 units proposed for Map #A, B & C in back of "The Tides"... "It just doesn't fit."

I hope your decision to rescind this re-zoning amendment is immediate. Please be the council members that we voted for. Be the ones that protect our rights to decide where and how our city builds its' future...Not some outside agency we didn't elect!

Thank you,
Donna Horn
18528 Bentley Lane, HB

Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: HB Housing Element Vote March 7th

AGENDA COMMENT

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

From: Hoskinson, Michael
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 3:55 PM
Subject: HB Housing Element Vote March 7th

Meeting Date: 3/7/16

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Dear Friends,

In regards to Planning Commission item #15-001, Housing Element Amendment.

Thank you for writing and attending the Planning Commission meeting Tuesday February 9th; we received 300+ emails and filled both rooms of The City Council Chambers.

During the 2014 election the citizens of Huntington Beach told the City in no uncertain terms that they wanted an end to the High Density Development on Beach Blvd. Councilman Peterson was elected and, as good as his word, he brought a motion to change the parameters for development, ensuring they would better fit in their environment.

Shortly after, a Low-Income Housing group, The Kennedy Commission, sued HB to reverse this changes claiming that the City denied access to low-income housing.

www.kennedycommission.org

You're probably asking, why is the State forcing low-income housing on us ? I was curious as well and did some research that i'd like to share with you.

The low income mandates come from a Regional Government or COG (Council of Governments) called SCAG (So Cal Assn of Governments) which is empowered by executive action from the State of CA., SCAG's purview covers 6 counties (LA, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura and Imperial) that collectively house 191 cities.

www.scag.ca.gov

SCAG sends RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) quotas to every city under their control, RHNA tells the City how many low-income units it needs to make space for and works on cycles; 2014-2021 being the current period.

I took some time in the last month and extracted SCAG's demographics from their website and plotted them, along with other demographics, on a spreadsheet. At our Planning Commission meeting on February 9th I brought my research to the Commission's attention, here is that video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efVfvLK14YA>

As I mentioned in the video, I have serious reservations about the demographics that SCAG uses to force low income housing on Southern CA and feel strongly, in my opinion, that they need to be challenged.

Others have fought SCAG, most notably three citizen groups in Hollywood:

<http://www.newgeography.com/content/004108-the-laws-no-ass-rejecting-hollywood-densification>

During the trial Judge Goodwin used the terms “Fatally Flawed” “Entirely Discredited” and “Wishful Thinking” in relation to SCAG’s population estimates which are the basis for every program it forces on Southern California.

Also, SCAG may be operating contrary to Article IV-Section 4 of the US Constitution which deals with the allowable type of government in the US.

I urge every one of you to read more about SCAG; they and the leaders of our State are mandating these fundamental changes to our towns.

Also, HUD has enacted new rules called Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) that allow the Feds to control our Local Zoning through through Public Grants and decree where low-income housing will be built in our town. Watch this short video to understand why we cannot afford to take grant money from the Feds any longer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvnDoK-j_UA

If the possibility of building more High Density Housing to our town upsets you then I urge you to stay engaged in the process; the Beach/Edinger Specific Plan (BECSP) didn’t happen overnight, the City held a number of public awareness meetings that were poorly attended and then it went to numerous PC and Council meetings before becoming reality....if we’d all been more engaged BECSP might have turned out more to our liking. For example, one Planning Commission meeting regarding the Beach/Edinger Specific Plan in December of 2009 had only 5 people at public comment.

One way to stay engaged is to signup for Planning Commission and City Council agendas via email at: http://www.surfcity-hb.org/services/email_alerts/

The City Council will be taking up the Housing Element issue on Monday, March 7th at 6pm in the City Council Chambers. The City heard your comments loud and clear and has removed the Armstrong Nursery site from consideration. But, there are many sites still under consideration and we need to hear your opinions on March 7th.

And, please share this email with any interested parties.

Thanks for being involved in the development of our city’s future, Please stay connected. Also, please write me directly if you’d like to learn more about SCAG and the ways the State mandates changes to our town.

Yours,

Michael Hoskinson

HB Planning Commission

Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 7:46 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Planning Commission Meeting

AGENDA COMMENT

From: JHoward250@aol.com [mailto:JHoward250@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 6:08 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Planning Commission Meeting

We are all dead set against any more High Density Units being built. Since this "new plan" of yours, our traffic is horrible, crime is WAY up, and sirens are heard nonstop all day. The city we fell in love with is being radically changed and most of us are not happy about it. Though we understand the plight of low income units mandated by the state, we also will fight each step of the way to insure no more units will be built. The penalty for non compliance of the units mandated is no more building permits? Perfect!
See you on Monday!!

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 4:31 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: high rise building on Sandy Drive

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Jo Anne Jennings [<mailto:j.l.jennings1944@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 4:27 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: high rise building on Sandy Drive

I'm concerned about building a high-rise apartment building on Sandy Street. The area encompassed by Warner, Bolsa Chica, Heil and Algonquin is already one of the most densely populated in Huntington Beach with **inadequate parking**. Single-family homes are almost non-existent while townhouses and four and five-plex buildings cover the area.

People going to work most often travel along Heil Avenue which is sinking at the corner of Bolsa Chica. I don't believe the infrastructure is present in this area of the city for adding the number of units that would be available in a high-rise apartment. I therefore **OPPOSE** this location.

Jo Anne Jennings
4696 Heil Avenue
Huntington Beach 92649

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:30 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: No more High Density

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Johnson [<mailto:jjohnson712@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:25 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: No more High Density

Please reconsider zoning more areas in Huntington Beach for high density high rise apartments. It doesn't fit our city. It doesn't fit our culture. It's not what our residents want. Fill the apartments we have vacant before building more. Save our city's land. Please do not approve any spot zoning.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Johnson

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Esparza, Patty

From: shelliej1974 [shelliej1974@aim.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 2:19 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda item 19 - General plan Amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

Dear Council Members,

As a citizen of Huntington Beach, a registered Voter and a caring Human, I strongly urge you to Please Stop taking land, homes, businesses for the greed of Apartments. We do not need anymore High Density eye sores. The management companies cannot rent the ones that they currently have. I am not sure who is profiting from these major expensive buildings, but I do know it is not those that may have voted for you to be in the place you are now.

You need to seriously consider taking action in other areas. Better street maintenance, move Fire fighters, more police patrols. Our beautiful city is wasting away to tweakers, thieves and scum. The increase of the supposed "low income" housing will not help, but rather hinder our poor city and it's reputation. Instead of surf city we are becomingscum city. I don't want to live in Venice and that is what your decisions are making this city of ours.

PLEASE NO New Apartment buildings!!!

Fix what needs to be fixed. That is what got you elected in the first place!

Sincerely,

Michele Johnson

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Esparza, Patty

From: Linda Kalicki [lbenedetto2@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 10:09 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda 19

AGENDA COMMENT

I STRONGLY urge the City Council to say NO to Agenda 19 and NO more zoning changes. We fought this battle last year and the citizens of H. B. Let their thoughts be known. Don't destroy this beautiful city with more development!!!!!!!!!!
Sent from my iPad

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Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 4:58 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

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Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Julie Katayama

Description: Please deny the above referenced general plan amendment. We do not need any more properties rezoned to residential. I am against building residences at all 7 locations. Our schools are already impacted and traffic is increasingly congested. Please use the units already being built at Beach and Edinger or any other areas already built. We DO NOT need anymore construction. We are ruining our beautiful, peaceful community with all this building. Please stop!

Expected Close Date: March 6, 2016

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:02 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENT)

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Katayama [mailto:jkatayama@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 5:09 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Planning Commission
Subject: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENT)

Please deny the above referenced general plan amendment. We do NOT need any more properties rezoned to residential. I am AGAINST building residences at ALL SEVEN locations. Our schools are already impacted and traffic is increasingly congested. Please use the units already being built near Gothard/Beach and Edinger, or any other areas already built or under construction, to meet the needs for low income housing. We DO NOT need anymore construction. We are ruining our beautiful, peaceful community with all this building. Please stop!

Sincerely,
Julie Katayama
7115 Ashley Dr.
HB 92648
714.848.1444

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 3/7/16

Agenda Item No. 019

Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:30 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: March 7th City Council Meeting

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Cheryl Keen [mailto:cheryl.keen02@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:04 AM
To: bill.oconnell@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Katapodis, Jim; Sullivan, Dave; Delgleize, Barbara; Peterson, Erik; Hardy, Jill; Posey, Mike
Subject: March 7th City Council Meeting

Bill and City Council Members,

As a long time (40+ years) resident of Huntington Beach I am writing to urge the City Council to vote No to ANY and ALL Action with regard to General Plan Amendment No. 15001 (Housing Element Amendment and ALL ACTIONS related to re-zoning ANY section of Huntington Beach including the seven (7) sites recommended in the GPA 15-001 and the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP).

Last years city elections and at the February 9th Planning Commission Meeting the residents of this city made their voices heard regarding hi-density development in this city.

I have listed a few of the areas that will be negatively impacted, our quality of life, traffic, crime, fire and police, schools, property values, impact to our wildlife and open spaces.

I moved and live here because of the quality of life. We the people have given you a clear message telling you what we want our city to be like now and in the future.

Again, I urge you to stop the high density development in our city.

Sincerely,

Cheryl E. Keen
Huntington Beach Resident

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:58 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Low income housing projects

AGENDA COMMENT

From: r_kenrich@msn.com [mailto:r_kenrich@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:55 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Low income housing projects

To whom it may concern. We respectfully ask you to listen to the community and vote No on this low income housing projects. We don't want this. This is bad for the community it increases crime and homelessness. Please do as we ask and vote No or we will vote you all out. The only people this benefits is a few politicians and a few developers. This isn't good. The grants you get will be off set with far worse costs like crime,homeless and people who won't contribute but just take. Do as we ask or you all will be voted out. Thank you. Respectfully

Rob and Julie Kenrich
Life long Huntington beach residents

Sent from [Outlook Mobile](#)

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Esparza, Patty

From: Jim Kirker [jkirker.x@redcopper.net]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:45 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: RVT@TroxellUSA.com; Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Stop pursuing SCAG High Density for HB's Housing Element

AGENDA COMMENT

Mike Posey;

I agree with Ron Troxell.

My parents moved here in 1968 to escape the big city. We use to live in Mar Vista, and I had to go to private school 10 miles away, which took 45 mins to get there. Then our apartment was burglarized, and my Dad said were moving to Huntington Beach.

I understood the value of living in Huntington Beach, and enjoyed the wide open spaces of the 60's and 70's here.

Now your making Huntington Beach into the very thing that we escaped. We like small government and fine services. I think the high density plan is stupid.

I think the key to increasing revenue is to make the lives of the existing population better, by investing in infrastructure such as high speed internet. Creating an environment where business in Huntington Beach can be more successful.

Take Irvine for instance. Every business in Irvine has 100 meg to 1 gig internet access. Online businesses thrive there, and there are tons of programmer shops and movie editing. If you're a programmer, you have to work in Irvine or move to Silicon Valley. You can't have a successful programming shop in Huntington Beach because bandwidth is so expensive. So the resident of Huntington Beach has to commute to Irvine.

So Huntington Beach has all this focus on small retail business, and a heavy focus on alcohol in the Downtown region. The focus is on people consuming, spending and drinking.

I admit that I think the city is over zoned for shopping and consumption. And not enough zoning for saving, learning and innovation, learning new skills or creating a smarter population.

Why not focus on people creating and innovating?

Jim Kirker
Huntington Beach Resident.

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Esparza, Patty

From: Jim Kirker [jkirker.x@redcopper.net]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: HUNTINGTON BEACH-HIGH DENSITY CALL TO ACTION Agenda Item 19

AGENDA COMMENT

I have 1 more comment,

That thing built on Beach and Ellis, with apartments and stores. I hate that thing, and won't shop there in protest. It makes no sense to me. What were you thinking?

And those new apartment units built on Beach Blvd, near Beach and Yorktown and Beach and Talbert, they make no sense to me either.

The one on Beach and Ellis, that could have been; say stores on the bottom, 25% apartments, and 50% offices. Put high speed internet into the structures, and HB residents could of setup cool offices and be competitive. Have short commutes to work. Water and sewer services would have less of an impact. There are successful businesses on Main / Florida / Delaware that want a new building, but want to stay close to home, that employ over 25 people.

The one on Gothard and Edinger. That could have been a high tech business park, with high speed internet, close to the freeway for meetings. Across the street from the college. Then the residence of Huntington Beach could have had a place to work that is close to home, no commute time. And live a better life.

You can live and work in Irvine, Newport Beach, but not here in Huntington Beach. Unless you're a bartender or a waitress / server. Or want to work in fast food or at Costco.

Jim Kirker
HB resident since 1968

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:30 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: HIGH DENISTY HOUSING

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Ellen [mailto:pkleizo@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:20 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: HIGH DENISTY HOUSING

SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 3/7/16
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Dear Mayor Katapodis and Esteemed City Council Members;

RE: AGENDA ITEM 19 - GENERAL PLAN

Good Day

We Ellen Kleizo and my husband Paul Kleizo of 18172 Lisa Lane, Huntington Beach CA 92646 are expressing our dissent in regards to any more High Density Housing

We as homeowners, tax payers and voting citizens are in total support of the letter that was sent by Huntington Beach resident Rob Pool

We request that any further development be stopped. The city is now so over run by the high density developement that has already been built, it is a major concern to all the current residents. We are extremely concerned over the strain it is putting on ALL our major resources, Schools, Fire and Police departments. The environment is suffering now and climate world wide is at a dangerous level. These are not hearsay items THIS IS REAL! It is going to affect our future and that of our children and grandchildren

Traffic has now become a nightmare and it is not even summer and tourist season. The pollution is awful. You have more cars on the roads and they are all sitting at lights idling and emitting pollution into the air we breath. Have you noticed how the sun no longer shines at the corner of Ellis and Beach at certain time of the day the same for the Warner and Beach intersection which happened a long time ago and has always depressed me. THIS IS NOT HEALTHY FOR ANYONE.

Is it really so bad if no more building permits are issued. We are NOT IRVINE, which has a lot more acreage than we do. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT
Lets improve on what we have, that's what Laguna is doing! WHY NOT A TROLLEY for the summer Let do some intelligent thought full things, things to help ALL residents of Huntington Beach and not the Greedy Ones who want to build on every single lot. We now need a desalination plant due to the drain on the water system and lack of rain. THIS WILL HARM THE OCEAN and we also oppose it.

LET'S MAKE THIS YOUR LEGACY! HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED! WHAT YOU WANT YOUR NAME TO MEAN TO HUNTINGTON BEACH, TO YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR GRANDCHILDREN TO US YOUR NEIGHBORS YOUR CITY YOUR VOTING PUBLIC!

STAND UP TO GREED AND PROTECT HUNTINGTON BEACH THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN! MOTHER NATURE NEEDS ALL THE HELP SHE CAN GET RIGHT NOW, AND SO DOES THIS CITY!

Thank You

Ellen Kleizo

Paul Kleizo

Our Children, Our Grandchildren and future generations

Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 11:52 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Please vote "NO" on the PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES

AGENDA COMMENT

From: steve knoll [<mailto:skpwow@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 11:46 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Please vote "NO" on the PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES

03/04/2016

To whom it may concern,

My name is Steve Knoll and have been a resident/homeowner since 2014. I moved here after 20+ years of vacationing to this wonderful city. I saved for over a decade and finally was able to purchase a modest home on the same block as proposed site F. (18922 Delaware Street). I'm begging you to reconsider the spot zoning proposal for the High Density low income issue shrouding our fine city. Proposed Site F. will impact me and my investment directly. The homes on this block are already plagued with dense apartment complexes and what little comfort we have with the minute elbow room we have left will be taken away. Street parking is already impossible and High Density will crush our area.

Please reconsider spot zoning changes to all the sites. This will open the door for more zoning concerns going forward. We as a community showed up at the last Council Meeting and voiced our disapproval in the rezoning proposal. We can fight the Affordable Housing situation and the majority of the community with fight with you. You will have our support in the fight and can count on us for anything you need.

Again, please vote "NO" on the PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES to permit High Density Development in the identified sites. Please put a stop to the "Spot Zoning" that has our community in an uproar. We don't want it and it's making us very nervous.

(F. 18922 Delaware Street) is adjacent to my home and it will devastate me and my neighbors to see this site converted to High Density Developing

I will be in attendance alone with many others. We hope to leave the meeting with a sense of hope and comfort knowing our Voter Elected City Council listened and acted on our communities' concerns.

Regards,
Steve Knoll
714-988-2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Steve Knoll
(402)813-4400
Skpwow@yahoo.com

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:59 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: City Council Meeting, March 7, 2016

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Kim Kramer [mailto:kim@e-mailcom.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 11:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: City Council Meeting, March 7, 2016

Dear City Council,

I am writing in regard to the "H" item submitted by Councilman Posey. Due to a scheduling conflict, I am not able to be at the City Council meeting to make public comments. I have always believed that good public policy is often based on public policy already established in other cities. I was truly astonished to see the disparity between Huntington Beach and the other Orange County cities with respect to campaign contribution limits. Specifically, 76% of the other cities in Orange County have a contribution limit greater than Huntington Beach. If you consider just the other Charter Cities in Orange County, the percentage is 78%. Based on this information, it seems very logical and appropriate that Huntington Beach increase its campaign contribution limit. I support Councilman Posey's "H" item and encourage you to vote "Yes."

Kim Kramer
Sent from my iPad

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COMMUNICATION**

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:06 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Agenda item 19 - General Plan amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

From: myra kuck [mailto:mykuck@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 10:22 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda item 19 - General Plan amendment

Dear Mayor & City Council Members

I am writing to STRONGLY urge that City Council table ANY and ALL ACTION with regard to General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 (Housing Element Amendment) and ALL ACTION related to re-zoning ANY section of Huntington Beach including the seven (7) sites recommended in the GPA 15-001 and the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP), and hold on all re-zoning related decisions until such time as the city full understands the results of legal actions such as Kennedy Commission lawsuit as well as what quantifiable penalties actually exits if we reject the RHNA mandate.

To make any zoning changes at this time is equivalent to playing Russian Roulette with the citizens and quality of life in a precious suburban beach community. The "community" spoke resoundingly a year ago when they fought tirelessly again any further High Density Development in the BECSP, and the recommended actions of Agenda Item #19 will only serve to "redistribute" the destruction of our unique city, with High Density development potentially destroying piece-by-piece what residents of Huntington Beach have vested their entire lives.

We cannot afford to get this wrong! No amount of penalty from the state...via an UNELECTED board of bullies (SCAG) should be allowed to destroy a community; and no one "frivolous ambulance-chasing" lawsuit should be able to destroy a community either! Again, I urge all of you to think of the legacy you leave this city as elected officials. Will you be remembered as the City Council that destroyed a once cherished suburban beach community.....or the city council who gave it all to save a coastal treasure.

Respectfully,
Myra Kuck
Resident & owner in HB for 20 years

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 8:30 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: rezoning of stewart lane between clay and garfield

AGENDA COMMENT

From: ITSrecruit@aol.com [<mailto:ITSrecruit@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 8:21 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: rezoning of stewart lane between clay and garfield

To whom it may concern :

I am a 40 year resident of huntington beach and have currently lived in the Tides community for more than 12 years. The new project proposal for low income. high density housing behind our community is a huge concern. This area is a prime location and this proposal would severely impact our privacy, property value and quality of life. Our community has always felt a sense of peace and safety and people have worked very hard and paid top dollar to live in a family friendly, beach close location. I hope you realize the negative impact this will have on the area and the potential harm to property values as well as traffic, noise and safety..There must be another location where a project like this would make more sense.

Sincerely,
Josh Lachman (Tides resident and concerned citizen)

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:59 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Saying No!! On high density housing.

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Matthew Larsen [<mailto:mlarsenn@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:57 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Saying No!! On high density housing.

The layout for the proposed high density "low income" housing is preposterous. Having these monstrosities added to our existing neighborhoods is a horrible idea and a nightmare for born and raised HB residents. If there is a quota to be met for "low income" housing due to obligations made by our city the new apartments need to be made on Beach Blvd or another major street with land availability. I have been a resident of HB for my whole life and plan to remain a resident but what this city is becoming is a metropolis and not "surfy city HB" that it once was. Please say no and vote no on high density housing.

Matt Larsen
HB Resident (Born & Raised)
714-887-4212
mlarsenn@yahoo.com

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dutch [dutch@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Council Meeting Agenda 3/7/16

AGENDA COMMENT

Dear Council Members;

As one of many outraged voting citizens of Huntington Beach, I strongly urge the council to take no action on Agenda Item 19, and no "High Density" zoning changes in our wonderful city. NONE!!! As far as any high density housing issues are concerned, the words "Anything Pro-High Density" is an acronym for "You Don't Get My Vote Next Election!"

"We the People" are more than angry with all levels of government. The change needed can start in our town. Listen to the people.

Roy "Dutch" Ludt
8331 Castilian Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:36 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

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Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments
Citizen name: Kristi March
Description: March 7, 2016

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,
My name is Kristi March, and I am born and raised in Huntington Beach. I have been a resident for 39 years. I live in the Seagate neighborhood, approximately ¼ mile north of the subject properties A, B, C and G of Table 3 – Sites for Potential Rezoning for the RHNA Shortfall.

I strongly concur with all the letters and e-mails you have received in opposition of this Amendment No. 15-001.

Though I am concerned as a real estate professional, of the impact this will have on nearby property values, I am also concerned as a resident and citizen. The broader implications that this has on our civil liberties is disturbing. The fact that an organization such as SCAG can dictate how our community is built and lives is problematic and unacceptable.

I acknowledge the difficulty that city officials have in trying to balance the wants of both our diverse population and the government bodies that rule them. And I admit to having no knowledge of how the policies and politics of state and city funding programs work, but I urge you to consider the message you received from Cari Swan of the Golden View tract.

Please table any and all actions pertaining to this re-zoning until such time as the city fully understands the results of legal actions such as Kennedy Commission lawsuit as well as what quantifiable penalties actually exist if we reject the RHNA mandate.

In 2007, our City intended to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate the possibility of using an abandoned railroad corridor for mass transit from Disneyland thru our neighborhoods to our beach. While that project was labeled unlikely, and just a feasibility study, the mere fact that such a study was in process... meant having to disclose it to any prospective buyer of a home in the proximity of the corridor. That would have caused these property values to fall.

The same can be said for this Housing Amendment proposal.

Hi-Rise, Hi-Density buildings in this community will cause property values to fall.

Seagate provides two city parks in its neighborhood of approximately 800 homes - The 13 acre John Baca Park & Wetlands and the 4 acre Peter Green Park. The City required these developments to have open space & parks. This was in the Seacliff Master Plan

and the residents bought here for that reason.

SeaGate's "Bel Air" community has 101 units on approximately the same size parcel that proposes 298 units right next door to it... nearly 3 times the density. As one speaker previously stated... "It just doesn't fit."

The same can be said for the 93 units proposed for Map #A, B & C in back of "The Tides"... "It just doesn't fit."

I hope your decision to rescind this re-zoning amendment is immediate. Please be the council members that we voted for. Be the ones that protect our rights to decide where and how our city builds its' future...Not some outside agency we didn't elect!

Thank you,
Kristi March
18708 Stratton Lane, 92648

Expected Close Date: March 8, 2016

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 2:34 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Rezoning for High Density

AGENDA COMMENT

From: shipwrek [mailto:shipwrek@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 2:24 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Rezoning for High Density

City Council Member:

My husband & I have been homeowners in Huntington Beach for 9 years.

We oppose ANY rezoning in our city to allow for more High Density building.

We are especially concerned about Site E, located at 4831 Sandy Drive. This is a small, residential neighborhood consisting of mostly 1 & 2 story homes, condos and apartment buildings, and is adjacent to a small park.

I'm betting that if you attempted to drive by this site, you would have a difficult time finding it. It is only partially paved (that's right, a dirt road) and doesn't even have a city street sign. The only identifying marker is a small, hand painted wood sign. It's a tiny piece of country in a suburban neighborhood. While it could be improved, putting a high density, high rise building would negatively effect the whole neighborhood and the park.

Please listen to your constituents & don't even consider rezoning this area, or any of the others on the list. We are built out, our resources are stretched to the limit, and the citizens of Huntington Beach have had enough!

Please do not rezone ANY areas for HD!

Thank you,

Shipley Marmion

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 9:36 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Open debate.

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Joseph mastropaolo [<mailto:jamastropaolo@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 9:21 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Open debate.

Members of the City Council, my name is Joseph Mastropaolo. I have been a resident of HB for many years.

I urge the City Council to organize an open debate on the advisability of rezoning the Armstrong Nursery property or any other property to meet State housing requirements. The State is requiring 4,500 new housing units and sued HB for reducing it to 2,100 units. Even 2,100 units is thousands of units more than HB can support.

New housing cannot be built on any vacant land. There must be jobs to support the new residents or the result will be joblessness and slums. The new jobs in HB are 233. That means the State is requiring 4,267 housing units to remain vacant and that would increase crime, gangs, drugs, disease, infantile mortalities, mental breakdowns, and stress fatalities. The State has no right to change HB to a slum community for 4,267 jobless residents.

Nothing in the State Constitution nor the Federal Constitution permits any level of government to force a city to overbuild and to create slums. What the State is requiring is unconstitutional besides being detrimental to the health and welfare of our residents. State government was designed to help cities provide for the health and welfare of its citizens. State government was NOT designed to be an outlaw organization militating against the health and welfare of our citizens as presently seems the case.

I urge the City Council to hold an open debate on this issue with the City Attorney in attendance to clarify constitutional issues if needed.

Thank for considering this second request for an open debate on this important issue for our city.

Sincerely,
Joseph Mastropaolo
Precinct 32285.

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Esparza, Patty

From: Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:29 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Agenda Alerts
Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

Request # 25466 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Agenda Alerts.

Request type: Comment
Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments
Citizen name: Patrick McKelvey
Description: March 7, 2016

RE: Opposition to Amendment No. 15-001

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Patrick McKelvey, a 16 year resident of the Huntington Beach community. I live in the Seagate neighborhood, approximately ¼ mile north of the subject properties A, B, C and G of Table 3 – Sites for Potential Rezoning for the RHNA Shortfall. I strongly concur with all the input you have received in opposition of Amendment No. 15-001.

As a Huntington Beach resident and multiple business owner, who works hard to keep my businesses local, I am very concerned about the impact this will have on nearby properties and the community. The idea of Hi-Rise, Hi-Density buildings in this specific neighborhood is not only out of place, but alarming. The broader implications that this has on our civil liberties is disturbing. The fact that an organization such as SCAG can dictate how our community is built and lives is problematic and unacceptable!

The Seagate community provides two city parks in its neighborhood of approximately 800 homes - The 13 acre John Baca Park & Wetlands and the 4 acre Peter Green Park. The City required these developments to have open space & parks, and this is how these communities were built. This was in the Seacliff Master Plan and we have decided to purchase homes here for these very reasons.

How is it that the city allowed other developments to not follow their master plan for low income housing? Why are we now “reacting” and trying to fix the changes that were made to the master plan? SeaGate’s “Bel Air” community has 101 units on approximately the same size parcel that proposes 298 units right next door to it... nearly 3 times the density. As one speaker previously stated... “It just doesn’t fit.” The same can be said for the 93 units proposed for Map #A, B & C in back of “The Tides”... “It just doesn’t fit.”

I hope your decision to rescind this re-zoning amendment is immediate. You were elected to be our voice and representative for this community. Stand strong on this issue and voice the community’s views. We count on you to make the right decisions.....Not some outside agency we didn’t elect!

Thank you,
Patrick McKelvey
18735 Fairfax Lane, HB

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Subject: Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

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Request type: Comment

Request area: City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Citizen name: Tracy Mckelvey

Meeting Date: 3/7/16

Description: Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

Agenda Item No. 19

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Thank you,

Tracy McKelvey

18735 Fairfax Lane, HB

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Esparza, Patty

From: Ashley Meier [ashley@a2blegal.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:29 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Opposition to item #19

AGENDA COMMENT

HB City Council,

I strongly urge the City Council members of HB to take NO ACTION on General Plan Amendment No. 15-001. I also strongly urge you to take NO ACTION to rezoning ANY section of Huntington Beach. Please take NO ACTION on anything until the appeal of the Kennedy Commission lawsuit is complete and the city of Huntington Beach is fully aware of penalties associated with taking NO ACTION.

Our City is worth fighting for and worth EVERY PENNY to fight a lawsuit that is fatally flawed. We do not have to answer to anyone, but those citizens who reside in HB.

We need to try EVERY avenue to fight the HD in HB. How can our City Council just roll over with its tail between its legs? It like we are being bullied for our milk money and we just hand it over every time! Fight back! Take any and every penalty we have to, to keep the city great.

If this were a Child Custody Battle, wouldn't you spend EVERY PENNY to have full custody of your kids? **Huntington Beach is your child.** You have to spend EVERY PENNY to fight for custody. Get the best attorney and fight.

I promise, we are worth it!!!!

Best Regards,

Ashley Meier

Paralegal



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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:57 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Re-zoning of property at Garfield/Gothard

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Todd Mooney [<mailto:toddcmooney@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 9:39 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Re-zoning of property at Garfield/Gothard

As a resident of Huntington Beach that lives in close proximity to the undeveloped property at Garfield and Gothard I want to voice my strong opposition to re-zoning of the property from medium-density residential to high density, low income apartments. I lived in Los Angeles for twenty years and saw first hand the effect that low income housing can have on a neighborhood. Please find another property to put the required housing.

Best regards,

Todd Mooney
18611 Amalia Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Sent from my iPhone

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High Density Housing (Garfield and Gothard) Huntington Beach

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Danny Nathie [mailto:dnathie@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:23 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High Density Housing (Garfield and Gothard) Huntington Beach

To Whom it May Concern,

My family and I are extremely concerned at the proposed "High Density Housing" being considered for the corner of Garfield and Gothard in Huntington Beach. This does not have our best interest nor the best interest of the Sea Cliff community as a whole in mind. We vehemently oppose this proposal.

Regards,

Danny Y. Nathie
Mobile: 562.500.8621

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Esparza, Patty

From: Jneil Nelson [jneilnelson@me.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 3:04 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Stop Agenda 19

AGENDA COMMENT

Please!! No more high density housing.
Jneil Nelson

Sent from my iPhone

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:57 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Protest on General Plan Amendment No. 15-001

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Andrew Ngo [mailto:shinyorbit@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 9:25 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Protest on General Plan Amendment No. 15-001

Dear The City Council of The City of Huntington Beach,

My name is Andrew Ngo, the resident of 7306 Arcadia Drive in Huntington Beach. We just recently learned that the City had planned to re-zone the now-vacant area of Northeast corner of Garfield Avenue and Gothard Street (APN: 111-074-02; 159-541-51) to build the affordable low-income households. This amendment directly affects us as we live in the BelAir Neighborhood, immediately adjacent to the said site.

We hereby oppose this proposal to build another dense development in the community.

The current values of our BelAir properties are at \$970,000's and continue to rise. By this summer, the values would be expected to reach \$1 million. The in-the-same-area neighborhood Crystalaires properties range at \$1.3 millions. The nearby Seagate community Sandpiper, Lyon Shores, SeaCountry... value at \$1.1 millions each. The low-income housing has no doubt impacts on the values of our neighboring properties.

Moreover, the dense development for these households would bring lots of large families to the community, thereby increasing the burden on local schools and roads, reducing the quality of local schools and hurting standardized test scores, not contributing to the local tax base and overburdening the local property tax system, and who knows increasing crime in the community and bringing in undesirable residents... just name the few.

Please consider to remove this plan at this said area from the draft Housing Element Amendment as you did with the Armstrong Nursery site.

I am looking forward to hearing from you as how the amendment moves forward.

Sincerely,
Andrew Ngo

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:57 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Re-zoning for Low income household

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Danny Nguyen [mailto:dan.mnguyen911@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 10:39 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Re-zoning for Low income household

We've resided in the Seagate Community for almost 10 years now and the reason we decided to move here because of the reputation of the "safe neighborhood", "low crime rate" and "good school". And now only if the city of HB wants to take all that away by bringing a low income - high occupancy buildings into the neighborhood. It is not only decreases the values of the surrounding properties, it can also increases all kind of illegal activities which will accelerate the crime rate in the future and also the safety our kid's sake.

I, myself and on the behalf of my family and all the family in the community ask the city of HB re-consider the decision of re-zoning the sites for low income households.

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Best Regards,

Danny Nguyen.

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:06 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Implementation of Low Income Housing into our Neighborhood

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Y Vien Nguyen [mailto:ynguyen@westernu.edu]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 9:05 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Baby Boo
Subject: Implementation of Low Income Housing into our Neighborhood

Dear Council,

We have been part of SeaGate Community since 2011 and for the past 5 years we have very much enjoyed our life here. It has been a great family environment with all the pleasure and convenience we were hoping for in a quiet close knit neighborhood. This as you know, came at a very high price tag, one that you hoped would ensure a long-term great living environment for us and our future family here in Huntington Beach.

Prior to purchasing a home here, we had the ability to live anywhere in South Orange County, with potentials being Irvine and Newport Beach. But, we chose to live here in HB. With that being said, we are 100% opposed to the idea of new constructions of Low Income Housing in our neighborhood.

These are the reasons:

1. Decrease the desirability of our neighborhood and therefore decrease our property value.
2. Potentially increasing crime, street congestion, and street waste.
3. Diluting our school systems.
4. Overall, diminish the quality of living in this neighborhood.

We are a young successful couple and can live anywhere. If this occurs we will highly consider moving out of Huntington Beach. It would be a very unfortunate situation because we very much love it here.

Respectfully,

Y Vien Nguyen
18772 Stratton Lane

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:06 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Please STOP IT With The Building!!!

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From: HB Resident [mailto:lifetimehbrresident@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 11:59 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Re: Please STOP IT With The Building!!!

In anticipation of the upcoming vote next week, I am re-sending my previous e-mail, and clarifying the fact that I (and the rest of the community) do not want to see ANY additional building happening in our once great city. This includes the area at Beach and Edinger and all of the proposed (or any future proposals) sites. Figure out an alternative like fighting the ridiculous Kennedy Commission or SCAG, use the existing (and from what I hear highly EMPTY HDD) locations you've already built.

You've previously mentioned that the residents never 'said' anything about not wanting high density building before it happened, but did you ever consider you never gave any proper notice? Overnight our city changed significantly, and there was nothing we could do at that point. The only reason any of us are aware of anything at this point are because of our online community of residents sharing information.

I am extremely disappointed in all of the building you have allowed, both commercial and residential.

JUST STOP!

On Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 5:43 PM, HB Resident <lifetimehbrresident@gmail.com> wrote:

As a lifelong resident and current home owner in Huntington Beach, I am BEGGING you to stop approving all of this building!

These high-density buildings that you have allowed are not only ugly (seriously, what is with the green street lights??), but creating a nightmare of a traffic situation and bringing in thousands of additional residents that just don't 'get' HB living. I understand the economics, but frankly it seems greedy and as if you don't give the slightest care to those of us who are already part of the community.

Now I hear about this additional building for low-income at the corner of Goldenwest and Slater. You should not build these annoying structures right in the middle of current, long-time residential neighborhoods. Why don't you re-purpose some of these already built (and empty) locations. Have you ever tried going to Stater Brothers in the area that will be affected? It is already far overcrowded most-times, and adding these people would make it impossible. I can only imagine what you have done to the poor Trader Joe's at Main and Beach which already had major parking lot issues before you put in that monstrosity at the corner. I had to circle the parking lot for 10 minutes at Nordstrom Rack because there are too many people and not enough parking. These situations will only get worse!

And while I have your ear, please stop it with the commercial building as well! I already make it a point not to go to the Strand, and you can be sure I will do everything in my power to never go to Pacific City. And don't even get me started on building in the Wetlands... I STILL can't believe that was EVER allowed.

Stop overcrowding us, and try to care about the people who have supported HB for so long, people who have been very involved in the city for many years! We live in HB for a beach community, not to live in New York City! While you may think we haven't been upset (or you don't hear from us) doesn't mean we aren't. Some of us were just never aware these approvals were happening before they went up.

For the first time in 30 years, I would consider moving out of this town. :(

Sincerely,

A letdown HB resident.

Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 10:49 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: zoning changes

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Melissa Overton [<mailto:melissaoverton@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 10:39 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Patrick Overton
Subject: re: zoning changes

To Whom it May Concern,

What are you trying to do to this city changing the zoning areas of 7 different sites that will permit high-density, low-income development???? This city does not need anymore apartments!!!! How does this improve the quality of life for the residents that own property here in the city???? It further adds to our problems of traffic congestion, transient families and overpopulation. We live in a suburban, coastal community. STOP trying to change our city into something it is not designed for and that residents do not want. This seems just like a money-maker for a few people and adds to the overall diminishing quality of life for the people already living here.

Why don't you add a few more police officers to the city's staff if you would like to keep our city safe and protect its citizens?? The amount of officers on patrol everyday is so insufficient it is embarrassing. Instead you want to increase the population and strain of this once great city. Please re-think your priorities.

Sincerely,
Melissa Overton
HB homeowner

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Esparza, Patty

From: Jennifer Paulin [jennifra1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 10:42 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: General Plan Amendment No. 15-001

AGENDA COMMENT

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members,

I am writing to STRONGLY urge that City Council table ANY and ALL ACTION with regard to General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 (Housing Element Amendment) and ALL ACTION related to re-zoning ANY section of Huntington Beach including the seven (7) sites recommended in the GPA 15-001 and the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP), and hold on all re-zoning related decisions until such time as the city full understands the results of legal actions such as Kennedy Commission lawsuit as well as what quantifiable penalties actually exists if we reject the RHNA mandate.

Jennifer Paulin
4446 Alderport Dr.
HB 92649

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:00 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High Density Housing

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Kathleen Peerenboom [mailto:kepboom@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 10:21 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High Density Housing

As a resident of Huntington Beach since 1959, I am opposed to high density housing. In particular the planned development at the corner of Garfield and Gothard. Please consider limiting this type of development in the future, as it is contrary to the reason residents--"old-timers" and recent locals choose to live here.

Thank you,

Kathleen Peerenboom
HBHS '66

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:58 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Opposition to 3/7 agenda item #19

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Peters [<mailto:peterssc@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:41 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Opposition to 3/7 agenda item #19

Dear City Council,

I am writing to oppose the high density, low income housing in the Seacliff area of Huntington Beach. The proposal would deteriorate arguably the nicest community within the city. Potential problems include:

- Lower property values
- Increase in traffic congestion
- Parking issues
- Increase in noise
- Decrease in community standards
- Decrease in safety

As a long time resident of HB, I urge you to consider other options when evaluating what we can do for high density, low income housing.

Respectfully,
Steve Peters

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:46 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: no on Amendment No. 15-001

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Susan Petersen [mailto:drydiver1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:45 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: no on Amendment No. 15-001

City Council,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding Amendment No. 15-001. As a long time resident of Huntington Beach I am deeply concerned about the number of high density complexes that have already been built in and around the area. The traffic in and around the area of new high density housing has crippled the intersections in the area. We are losing the charm that Huntington Beach was famous for. We are not like the city of Irvine that was planned to handle these types of housing developments with 4-5 lane boulevards and transportation corridors. We cannot sustain the increase in renters who do not have the same vested interest in the welfare of our city as homeowners do.

We need to slow growth and look at the impact that current projects are having on our city's resources.

I am hoping you will vote no on this amendment

Sincerely,

Susan Petersen

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:01 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Huntington Beach Spot Zoning

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Cliff Petty [mailto:hbbbrats@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:57 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Huntington Beach Spot Zoning

My wife and I have lived in H.B. for 30 years, we both vote no to spot zoning, and if this council continues to vote for more apartments and low income housing , none of you will get votes next election. If the only way to stop the re-zoning is a new council, you may all be gone when your term is up.

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:01 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: high density, low income

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: pizzapaiute1@netzero.net [<mailto:pizzapaiute1@netzero.net>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 11:07 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: high density, low income

No! Don't do it!

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 3:40 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: citizens for no more HDD

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Denise Podmore [mailto:denise@lagfa.com]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 3:39 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: citizens for no more HDD

To Whom it may concern:

I just wander how many of these city council members actually live in HB. If you do how can you approve all of this building. The traffic and accidents and we do not need any more of this in our city. What about the PARKS. Do you go around the city. Do you see the trash and discarded furniture in our city.

Not to even mention that there are no trash cans in the city, but on main street. Do you go down early in the morning and see the trash that is left behind, and you want to bring more low housing into our city!!!!. Wake up you council city members. I think all of this is disgusting and you should not be standing up for the city I love. I was born and raised here since 1964. This breaks my heart. Do you really really think the citizens of HB want this !!! The council members are just greedy POS.

Here is my cell if you feel the need to try to explain yourself.. 714-457-7781

A disgusted citizen of HB .

Denise Podmore

Assistant to: Terry D Anderson

and Duggan W Neville

Laguna Financial Advisors

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Esparza, Patty

From: Linda Polkinghorne [lapolkinghorn@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 9:50 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Zoning changes

AGENDA COMMENT

Again you are trying to force high density housing on us....how many ways and times have the people of H.B. spoke out against this. Here's a thought....why don't you let the residents vote on this!!!! Aren't you suppose to represent the people ? Your not on the city council to do what you want...you are there to do what is best for the people and so far you haven't done a very good job of that. Someone needs to explain why you think all this high density housing is a good thing.....I can't seem to find anything good about it....all I see is a crowded city....more traffic....more people means more crime....more wear and tear on already streets in need of repair....driving our property values down.....more crowded schools....need I go on !!!!!!! Like I have said before someone's pockets must be getting full of money.

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:01 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 19

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Rob Pool [mailto:rob.pool.oc@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 11:11 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: cfikes@surfcity-hb.org'
Subject: Agenda Item 19

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members,

It is becoming more and more apparent that the majority of citizens in Huntington Beach are not in favor of any form of additional high density housing. It appears as if staff developed a new strategy in dealing with this issue. Create division among the citizens with respect to the proposed locations. Further, present the case as "out of our hands". I want to say, in the strongest way possible, that I reject this thinking. We, as a city, need to fight for our right of self-determination.

There is a way out of this mess. The road may not be as easy- but this is something for which we should fight! We should simply table this discussion. I know that creates a certain amount of uneasiness. But, if there is one thing I learned from the debate over BECSP (Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan) it's this: It's difficult to say no to developers once the zoning has been changed. So, I have to ask, why rush into this decision? Is it simply to reduce staff's and council's uneasiness of the unknown? No decision should be made on this until several things occur:

1. Staff is directed to study the true and complete ramifications of simply defying this directive.
2. Staff is directed to study the analysis of the RHNA numbers performed by Planning Commissioner Michael Hoskinson to ascertain the validity of those numbers.
3. The outcome of the Kennedy Commission lawsuit appeal is determined.

If you cast a vote before these things are complete, you are simply reacting to a threat without first determining all the possible outcomes. And that is not a circumspect way to conduct business. I urge you, therefore, to hold steady and not panic. There may be a way out of this that will be positive for staff, Council and, more importantly, the citizens you represent.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your continued service to our city.

Sincerely,

Rob Pool

Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:04 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Please stop the rezoning of Stewart Lane between Clay and Garfield.

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Quang Quach [mailto:kebeqq@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 2:31 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Please stop the rezoning of Stewart Lane between Clay and Garfield.

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Quang Quach, I am a resident of The Tide Community. Fourteen years ago I was looking for a healthy, safety and excellent public schools education area to raise my two small kids. I had been lucky and happy that I found this area. I was right that my both kids now finished college and have good jobs. Thanks for excellent public school education at Sea -cliff area.

Since then I can see a lot of young couples moving in with small kids running around in this neighborhood. I knew right away that they have the same dream like me fourteen years ago.

Now the City has a plan to build a high-rise, high-density, low-income and very-low income complex around this area particularly locations #1 ,2,3,7 at notice of public hearing letter. Based on the facts and reality this project will attract a lot of peoples coming here with a lot of crimes. Our beautiful and safe city will have higher crime rates. It will severely impact our privacy, quality of life ,our kids education and affect our only investment that is our home.

This plan does not fit and does not belong in our neighborhood.

I have believed in you by voting for you as my City Council Members. Please do not let this plan happen and please do not let this plan destroy our dreams specially our young coming generations.

Best regards,

Quang Quach

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:02 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Gothard/Garfield rezoning

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Radcliffe [<mailto:mradcliffe99@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 8:38 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Gothard/Garfield rezoning

To whom it may concern:

I hope you will look out for the best interests of our community and deny this request. We love our community in Crystallaire and approving more apartments and high density living is a threat to the community. The traffic, noise and other results will diminish values and quality of living. In the last few years in HB there has been such a dramatic increase in apartments and more are certainly not needed or desirable. It would be irresponsible to vote for this request!!!

Michelle Radcliffe, Esq.

Sent from my iPhone

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:03 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: rezoning of seven sites

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Don Ramsey [<mailto:donramseyhb@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 4:47 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: rezoning of seven sites

Council members,

Please note that I am asking you to vote against the Affordable Housing Overlay, it is not in the best interest of Huntington Beach. Lets fight Sacramento and see what other options the city can come up with. On body wants anymore High Density Housing, please think about what is best for Huntington Beach and don't give in to the state mandate....lets fight it!!

Thank you,

Don Ramsey
50 year Resident
small business owner

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 4:22 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: HB City Council Meeting - March 7

AGENDA COMMENT

Begin forwarded message:

From: EcoMichael@aol.com
Date: March 2, 2016 at 12:22:03 PM PST
To: ecomichael@aol.com
Subject: H B city Council Meeting March 7

City of HB Honorable Mayor Jim Katapodis and City Council Members:

I am writing you this email to express my concerns once again over the City of HB's quest to put this low income housing around my area. Both GPA subject properties are next to industrial uses and on oil contaminated soil on the corner of Garfield and Gothard and the three properties on Stewart St..

Industrial property owners have met with six of the seven Council Members on this very subject. I spoke at the Planning Commission meeting on February 9, in opposition, and found out many new facts. One being that CEQA and the State of California have to approve the ground underneath where proposed building is planned, both Gothard St and Garfield corners are well-known to be oil contaminated soil, in addition to the three industrial properties on Stewart St as well.

This 1969 California State Mandate is outdated, old, and antiquated, and needs to be updated badly. Huntington Beach is the one suffering from the over-building of high rises because of this old antiquated law.

The three properties identified on Stewart St. are adjacent to long-time existing industrial uses. This will create a nightmare of a problem for both potential new residents and the long-time existing Industrial uses already in use for over 40 years.

I am submitting this email and asking you to please move any new low-income housing to the Beach Edinger corridor and keep it out of the Holly Seacliff General Plan Amendment and the 92648 zip code, as it is a bad fit to the area.

Thank you,

Respectfully Submitted

Mike Ramsey

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 10:22 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; Dombo, Johanna; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High-Density Development: OC Population Density
Attachments: OC Population Density.pdf

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Alan Ray (via Google Sheets) [<mailto:alanraycpa@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 4:54 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High-Density Development: OC Population Density

Alan Ray has attached the following spreadsheet:



OC Population Density



City Council members:

There have been many discussions regarding high-density development (HDD) in our city. There seems to be a great emphasis, especially after watching the Changing Housing Needs presentation by the Association of California Cities, Orange County (ACC-OC), on making Huntington Beach the focal point on building more high-density development. However, when reviewing the 2010 census data for Orange County attached, Huntington Beach already has one of the highest population densities in the county. I recommend that the focus be put on employment centers such as Irvine or Newport Beach which have much, much lower population densities than Huntington Beach. I do not feel that our city has the responsibility to provide all the housing needs for Orange County, especially when our population density of 7,103 persons per square mile is almost double the county average of 3,808. Please take these statistics into account when dealing with high-density development and feel free to contact me if you need any clarification.

Regards,

Alan Ray
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Huntington Beach, CA 92649
alanraycpa@gmail.com

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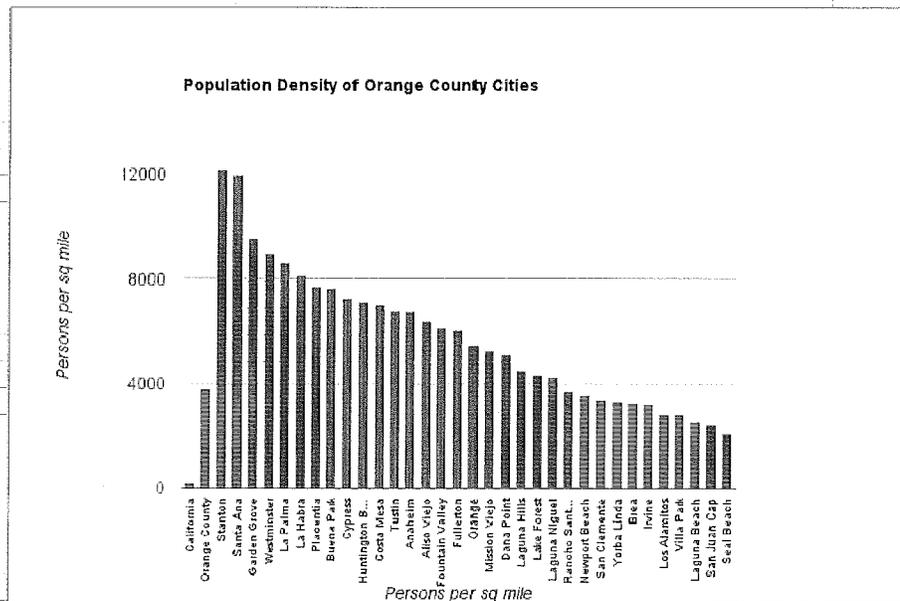
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OC Population Density
Persons per square mile

California	239
Orange County	3808
Stanton	12123
Santa Ana	11901
Garden Grove	9525
Westminster	8926
La Palma	8611
La Habra	8174
Placentia	7694
Buena Park	7652
Cypress	7264
Huntington Beach	7103
Costa Mesa	7024
Tustin	6817
Anaheim	6748
Aliso Viejo	6400
Fountain Valley	6134
Fullerton	6047
Orange	5501
Mission Viejo	5260
Dana Point	5133
Laguna Hills	4549
Lake Forest	4337
Laguna Niguel	4246
Rancho Santa Marg	3693
Newport Beach	3579
San Clemente	3395
Yorba Linda	3297
Brea	3252
Irvine	3213
Los Alamitos	2827
Villa Park	2797
Laguna Beach	2568
San Juan Cap	2451
Seal Beach	2141



Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:58 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: City Council Meeting March 7

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Read [<mailto:readsteve1@aol.com>]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 7:30 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: City Council Meeting March 7

My name is Rosemary Read, and I live at 7358 Sherwood Drive. Our property backs to Gothard Street between Ellis and Garfield. I was extremely distressed when I learned that the council will be voting on planned high density, high rise, low income housing complexes on Gothard and Garfield and Clay Ave and Stewart Land. High density housing that has been built in Huntington Beach has already directly impacted us. Our property has declined in value due to the increased traffic on Gothard, and we have had to listen to cars and motor cycles travel behind our home in steadily increasing numbers. The building of Costco and 2 huge unsightly apartment complexes in Bella Terra have directly affected the amount of traffic on Gothard behind us. The fire station on Gothard just north of us will have more emergency calls with sirens blaring behind us. We already have low income housing very near us on Promenade and Main Streets. Another huge ugly complex is very near us on Beach Blvd. and Ellis Streets. The complexes that have been built in recent years have changed the atmosphere here in Huntington Beach for the worse. We hated them when they were built in the Bella Terra area and on Beach Blvd, and had hoped no more of these ugly complexes would be built in Huntington Beach, period. Now we have learned that 2 more complexes will be built in our own backyard! WE URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE COMPLEXES.

Respectfully,

Rosemary and Steven Read

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Affordable Housing Vote

AGENDA COMMENT

From: virginia.reyes@wellsfargoadvisors.com [mailto:virginia.reyes@wellsfargoadvisors.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:10 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Hoskinson, Michael
Subject: Affordable Housing Vote

Dear Council Members:

I had the opportunity to review the work that Michael Hoskinson has done on the mandates for construction of more affordable housing here in Huntington Beach. His material is compelling and should really be looked at and understood more fully. I took the time to review the SCAG web site with the goal of trying to understand their role and authority. It is unclear as to why they have the authority to make such mandates upon us.

Before moving forward with decisions as to what sites to build upon, perhaps a better question is do we have to abide by these request? As a 25+ year resident of this city I would hope we would properly do the research and answer the question before designating sites to be built out to accommodate mandates from organizations that might not have the authority to demand such construction. Also, Michael's point about the lack of population growth should be part of the discussion. Why build if there is not the growth we are told that there is?

It is time to do some original thinking and stop just going with the flow. We have a beautiful city to protect... The citizens of Huntington Beach have elected you to do this job. Please stop and consider what is at stake. It is not just about money.

My request is that you defer the vote on constructions site at this time.

Thank you for the consideration,

Virginia Reyes
Senior Vice President - Investment Officer
Wells Fargo Advisors
3020 Old Ranch Pkwy. #190
Seal Beach, CA 90740
Phone: (800) 367-2347 Fax: (562) 598-5190
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Jodi Rios
737 Williams Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
February 8, 2016

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Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members
200 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

RE: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (HOUSING ELEMENT
AMENDMENT)

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members:

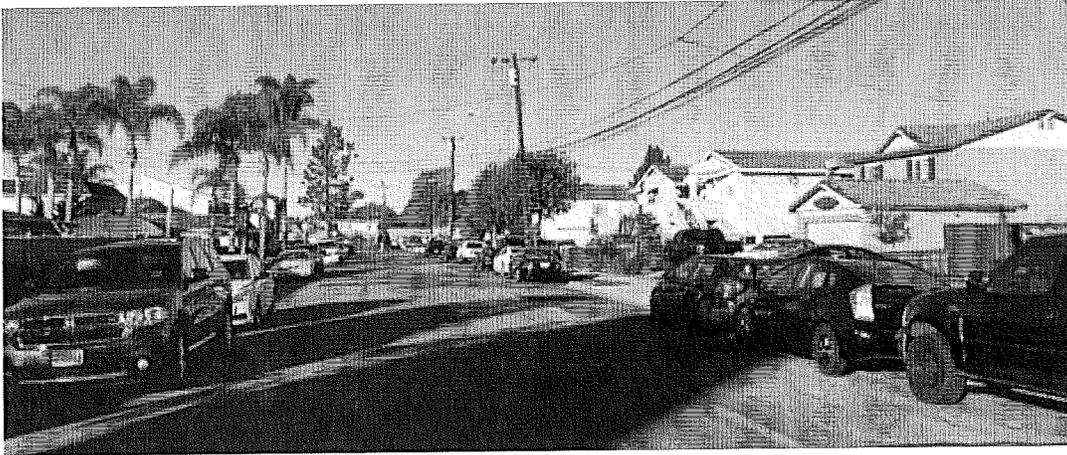
I am writing to strongly urge that City Council table any and all action with regard to General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 and the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP), and hold on all re-zoning related decisions until such time as the city fully understands the results of legal actions such as the Kennedy Commission lawsuit and any penalties if the RHNA mandate is rejected.

I live at 737 Williams Drive, across the street from one of the properties being considered for high density housing at tomorrow's meeting. It is currently zoned General Commercial.

I oppose this specific location for high density housing for several reasons, including but not limited to: the tremendous street parking impacts this project will cause, limited design review opportunities, reduced setback requirements, the additional traffic on Beach Boulevard and Williams Drive, the impacts of the skyline; and the certain drop in property value of my home. These impacts don't just apply to the Williams Drive address, but each of the properties.

My husband and I have owned our home for 30 years. We have made significant investments to improve our home and neighborhood and followed all of the municipal and building codes designed to promote an attractive neighborhood. It is horrifying and appalling that our city officials would write off my neighborhood to accommodate an RHNA created by an unelected group of dictators (SCAG).

I've included a photo of parking on our street on a typical afternoon. This was taken on a weekend. As you can see, the only open spots are those at driveways.



The Density Bonus Law, associated with the high density housing projects exacerbates the parking issue as it is my understanding that reduced parking requirements are afforded the developer with minimal input opportunity of normal review processes.

The staff report cites the following policies of the Housing Element and their consistency with the City's General Plan. I find them to be troubling, and a reinforcement of my fear that parking concerns in my community will not be addressed, but rather brushed under the rug. They are as follows:

“Policy HE 4.1: Support the use of density bonuses and other incentives, such as fee deferrals/waivers and parking reductions, to offset or reduce the costs of developing affordable housing while ensuring that potential impacts are addressed.

Policy HE 4.3: Explore continued improvements to the entitlement process to streamline and coordinate the processing of permits, design review and environmental clearance... A new Residential Overlay is proposed to facilitate the provision of affordable housing for lower income households by removing regulatory constraints, such as the conditional use permit process, and includes incentives, such as reduced parking requirements, to offset the costs of developing affordable housing.

Policy LU 11.1.3: Establish incentives for the inclusion of day-care, public meeting rooms and other community-oriented facilities in mixed-use districts; possibly including the use of bonus densities, expedited entitlements, or other techniques. The Housing Element includes a program to increase the number of childcare facilities in the City and **facilitates the provision of childcare facilities in residential development projects by establishing incentives such as expedited entitlement processing.”**

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February 8, 2016
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To be clear, I absolutely object to the 700 Williams site for a potential day-care, public meeting room, etcetera, if only based on additional traffic and parking needs that our neighborhood cannot and shouldn't have to bear.

I find it particularly disturbing that a letter sent to the City from the Kennedy Commission, on December 18, 2015 specifically states that sites A-F and H are going to be difficult to develop: "...parking setbacks and height limitations which can limit the development potential of a site when considered as a whole. They go on to state that parking deviations are necessary to the development. Their position is that you should "Create a by-right approval process without any public hearings or discretionary review for affordable housing on sites identified in the Residential Overlay."

High density housing projects within the BECSP have been contentious specifically **because of** the impacts the Kennedy Commission would like to incorporate in to their projects that have had such an ugly and negative impact on our community.

I support affordable housing, but Williams Drive, is not an appropriate location for the reasons above.

I urge you to vote against the housing element amendment.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jodi Rios

Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:35 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Low income housing

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Brent Rose [<mailto:brentrose1@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:34 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL; Mina Rose
Subject: Low income housing

Good morning.

I was recently apprised of the proposal to build low income housing across the street from my current address of 7380 Sherwood drive. I share a multitude of concerns over this project, none the less of:

Here's my concerns.....

- Lower property values
- Increase in traffic congestion
- Parking issues
- Increase in noise
- Decrease in community standards
- Decrease in safety

I am putting forth this objection to the planned site. Thank you for your time.

Brent Rose Black and Rose, LLP www.blackandrose.com Ontario, Orange County, Los Angeles, Sacramento/Bay Area

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From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:58 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: New Housing Proposed at Garfield & Gothard

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Jack Rozint [mailto:jackrozint@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 8:34 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: New Housing Proposed at Garfield & Gothard

Dear HB City Council Members -
As a business owner and resident of Huntington Beach, I am strongly opposed to the idea of high-density housing at the corner of Gothard & Garfield. Traffic is already an issue in our city, and this will only add to the problem. Also - the area consists mainly of single family housing in nice neighborhoods, and the proposed project does not fit with the surrounding area.

Please support the bests interests of our city and our residents and put a stop to this project.
Thank you,
Jack Rozint

Jack Rozint
President

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Esparza, Patty

From: Tina Ruiz [christinaruiz4@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 11:46 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

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We cannot afford to get this wrong! No amount of penalty from the state...via an UNELECTED board of bullies (SCAG) should be allowed to destroy a community; and no one "frivolous ambulance-chasing" lawsuit should be able to destroy a community either!

Again, I urge all of you to think of the legacy you leave this city as elected officials. Will you be remembered as the City Council that destroyed a once cherished suburban beach community.....or the city council who gave it all to save a coastal treasure.

Respectfully,

Tina Ruiz
714-717-4954

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Esparza, Patty

From: Michelle Schomburg [bousky@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 11:42 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; Flynn, Joan; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

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Respectfully,

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Michelle Schomburg
<http://bouskyarts.net>

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Esparza, Patty

From: Terry Schomburg [terry@scr.org]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:27 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda Item 19

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I urge no action on Agenda Item 19 and no zoning changes in HB, period.

Terry Schomburg

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March 7, 2016

Joan L. Flynn, City Clerk
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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CITY CLERK
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HUNTINGTON BEACH

Dear Ms. Flynn:

My husband and I purchased a small condo at 18900 Delaware a few years ago to use as a second home in order to visit our son's family on a regular basis. We researched the Huntington Beach real estate market for years before making this purchase, and we have been very satisfied with our decision. Our son completely renovated our condo, adding to its cost, in order to make it a very pleasant place to stay.

Our second floor balcony overlooks the empty lot in question for development and naturally we are very concerned about the proposed change in density which may allow a four-story complex there. However our main concern is that it would be a housing unit for all ages. It doesn't matter to us if it's income restricted (since our son lives in such a neighborhood at Cape Ann) but to allow noisy teenagers, rowdy young adults who party late at night, and young children in this neighborhood is completely inappropriate. I know I speak for many seniors without a voice.

If you walk around this block and the next one on Florida Street, you will see that it consists of mostly senior housing – apartments for rent, condos to buy and own, assisted living and nursing homes – and medical offices. All of this makes the neighborhood a very quiet one that is suited to people over 55, which is one reason we bought here after an extensive search. It would be completely inappropriate to build a high-density complex for all ages right in the middle of senior housing and would destroy the quiet enclave that all of us seniors have enjoyed for years. Many of us cannot relocate either, due to the price of real estate in this city.

Therefore, we strongly oppose a change in zoning which would allow a high density housing unit to be built on the 18922 Delaware lot, and we very strongly oppose mixed ages to be allowed into this quiet neighborhood of mostly senior housing. We beg you to consider all of the seniors living here now, many on a permanent basis who cannot afford to live anywhere else, when making your decision for the type of development for the Delaware property.

Thank you for your consideration,



William and Linda Scott (719-393-2204)

Colorado Springs, CO and Huntington Beach, CA

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:05 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High density housing Huntington Beach

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Linda Scotton [<mailto:lmscotton@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 1:42 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High density housing Huntington Beach

I live in the Bel Air community at Sea Gate and heard the city is considering high density housing at Garfield and Gothard. This is shocking to me.

When we bought into this community it was with the knowledge that we were moving into an upscale neighborhood and that the entire area was going to continue to grow in that direction. We never would have bought our home if a high density low income housing project was next door. This is going to impact the value of our home and I worry that crime and safety will be an issue. We paid close to a million dollars for our home and again this is just not fair to us that bought with the expectation that similar homes would be in our neighborhood.

The high density housing is more appropriate to be built closer to the 405 corridor where transportation centers are located and there are other apartment complexes.

We will fight this with our neighbors to the best of our abilities.

Sincerely,

Linda Scotton
7283 Arcadia Drive
HB 92648.

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:08 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: HIGH DENSITY LOW INCOME HOUSING

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Paul Scotton [mailto:pscotton@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 4:58 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: HIGH DENSITY LOW INCOME HOUSING

To Whom It May Concern,

The fact that I am not mentioning every item of concern I have does not in any way abrogate my rights concerning those concerns.

I received a notice in the mail on Monday February 29th informing me that the City Council was going to take up the issue of High Density Low Income Housing on Monday March 7. Do you suppose that one week's notice is sufficient? In reading the notice I note that you have presented incomplete information. The decision of the Planning Council was not to only reject this proposal but also to return the the Edinger/Beach Corridor proposal. The notice makes no mention of the latter. The notice also does not note that the process for identifying which parcels of land were to be included was demonstrated to have been faulty relying upon the "preference of the council". Since the Planning Commission recognized the problems with this proposal and voted to reject it, I find it odd that the City Council now wants to continue, that is after having dropped the strawman parcel of the Armstrong Nursery.

This is a bad proposal based upon arbitrary preference and one that will not withstand close scrutiny. It would be in the best interest of the Council and the City to reject it.

Sincerely,
Paul Scotton
7283 Arcadia Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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COMMUNICATION**

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:04 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: HIGH DENSITY LOW INCOME HOUSING ON GARFIELD AND GOTHARD

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Joseph Seemayer [<mailto:jseemayer@me.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 1:59 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: HIGH DENSITY LOW INCOME HOUSING ON GARFIELD AND GOTHARD

To whom it may concern:

As a Huntington Beach homeowner and long time resident, I am completely opposed to the high-density low-income housing amendment. I've worked extremely hard most of my life to own a house near the beach in Huntington and don't feel concessions should be made to those because they are low income. Those individuals need to do what almost everyone else does; go to school, work hard and save for your dream house.

Additionally, low income housing will most likely lower surrounding homes. Not acceptable for those who have made large investments into their homes.

Sincerely,
Joseph Seemayer

Joseph Seemayer
714.330.7809 cell
jseemayer@me.com

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Esparza, Patty

From: Agenda Comment
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:24 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Public Comments on Council Agenda Items

AGENDA COMMENT

Subject removal of houses on Sandy Lane, Huntington Beach
Name Cathy Shockley
Email cshockley62@gmail.com

Comments

Please do not tear down another home in Huntington Beach to build more high density apartments. I have lived in Huntington Beach my entire life , changes with high density lifestyles is not what Huntington Beach represents. We will have more buildings soon and less green space to enjoy at what point do we slow down. Where are the people going to go with apartments being built on Gothard and no green space to speak of , enough is enough.

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 8:10 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Please vote NO to rezoning in HB

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----
From: Susan Skoglund [mailto:suemskog@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 5:19 PM
To: Planning Commission
Cc: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Please vote NO to rezoning in HB

>> To Whom It May Concern,
>>
>> Enough building already! Please DO NOT vote in favor of rezoning the following sites:
>
> A. 19172 Stewart Lane
> B. 19192 Stewart Lane
> C. Northeast corner of Stewart Lane and Clay Avenue D. 700 Williams
> Drive E. 4831 Sandy Drive F. 18922 Delaware Street G. Northeast corner
> of Garfield Avenue and Gothard St.
>>
>> I am saddened by the state of our beautiful city. I am an HB local raised here since I was
4 (1970). I have for the most part lived in HB almost all my life, and my husband and I loved
HB so much we chose to stay and raise our family here, as well as, open a business here in
2009. However, as a HB local and HB business owner I am frustrated and saddened by the amount
of new construction in general, but especially in the last 5 years. I missed the boat and had
no idea about the plan to over build in and around Bella Terra and off Edinger and Gothard!
It is an out right disgrace the amount of apartments that have been built and will be built
in that area, not to mention all the other crazy huge apartment complexes up and down Beach
Blvd.
>>
>> Please stop this over building trend now by saying no to rezoning in general in HB, but
especially in regards the the sites mentioned above!
>>
>> Thank you!
>>
>> Susan
>>
>> Susan Skoglund-Toor
>> Vice President & CFO
>> JP's European Auto, Inc.
>> O: 714.848.3876
>> C: 714.260.3793
>> E: suemskog@gmail.com

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:58 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Against Housing for Gothard/Garfield!

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Robin Slome [mailto:robin_slome@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 5:15 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Against Housing for Gothard/Garfield!

To Whom it May Concern:

My family and I are strongly against any new housing development for Garfield/Gothard. We already have so much traffic congestion and new apartments in this area and any more would create headache in commuting. Please reconsider this decision.

Thank you for your time,

Robin Slome
7451 Latigo Drive
HB, CA 92648

Sent from my iPhone

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Esparza, Patty

From: Maria T. Spain [mtspain1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 5:24 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: I urge no action on Agenda Item 19 and no zoning changes in HB, period

AGENDA COMMENT

I DO NOT SUPPORT ANY ZONING CHANGES.

"I urge no action on Agenda Item 19 and no zoning changes in HB, period"

There are pending legal actions, and it is also possible at this time that the city could take action against SCAG (Southern California Area Government) for erroneously **calculated RHNA (regional housing needs assessment) numbers** which are the driving force behind High Density Development.

Maria T. Spain

Cell: 714-600-9992, Email: mtspain1@yahoo.com

*"On Leadership of all the things I've done, the most vital is coordinating the talents of those who work for us and pointing them towards a certain goal."
Walt Disney*

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:02 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High Density, Low-Income Housing Plan

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Ajjima Sa-ngunnet [<mailto:kaekong@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 8:35 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High Density, Low-Income Housing Plan

To Whom It May Concerns:

We would like to register our disapproval of the proposed low-income housing complex that the city council plans to construct at the corner of Main and Garfield, next to our residence at Cape Ann.

We thought the planning commission rejected this idea at the last council meeting to address this issue. Now, all of a sudden, we hear that there's a hearing Monday, March 7, on the proposal and we've been given very little notice about it. This smacks of an attempt to ramrod a controversial plan through the council with very little public discussion.

We believe that a high density, low-income housing project on such a large plot of land would in effect create a ghetto resulting in increased crime and a degradation of surrounding property values. We fear it would also have a negative impact on our local schools.

Housing projects on this scale have been shown time and time again to be monumental failures in this country. Low-income residents should be spread throughout the community rather than concentrated in one area.

We urge you to abandon this bad idea and search for a better solution.

Sincerely,

Scott & Ajjima Stoddard
18912 Coolwater Lane
Huntington Beach 92648

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:02 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High density housing on Gothard & Ellis

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Anna Straub [<mailto:astraub@socal.rr.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 6:06 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High density housing on Gothard & Ellis

I would like to object to housing at this location due to traffic constraints. There is already a lot of housing around this location & it will have a hugely negative effect especially on Ellis which is already too congested with the existence of the density housing which was put up on Ellis & Beach.

Regards,
Anna Straub
Sent from my iPhone

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:59 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Resident in HB of Crystalaire - New low income housing proposal objection

Importance: High

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Tyler Straub [mailto:tstraub@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 1:44 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: tstraub@socal.rr.com
Subject: Resident in HB of Crystalaire - New low income housing proposal objection
Importance: High

To whom it may concern,

I recently found out the housing development is voting on a low income/moderate housing in HB off Gothard and Garfield. My family and I strongly object to this being approved as it will crowd the area even more than it needs to be and additionally could bring higher crime in the neighborhoods due to demographics moving into the places.

Here are various concerns with this being approved:

- Lower property values
- Increase in traffic congestion
- Parking issues
- Increase in noise
- Decrease in community standards
- Decrease in safety

Additionally, we already have moderate income apartments and homes off promenade and main street (Cape Ann and the ones across from it). We don't and shouldn't be subject to more housing restrictions that could result in long term issues. I know the last vote was rejected from the past proposal off Goldenwest and Slater. I would expect and prefer the same outcome!

In closing, I know many of our homeowners have written about this situation and many of us will be attending to object and voice our strong concern about the proposal site. We don't want this in our neighborhood and happy to offer it somewhere else not near our property.

Kindly and concerned resident,

Thanks ,Tyler Straub

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Esparza, Patty

From: Irina Suvorov [isuvorov@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:23 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda item 19

AGENDA COMMENT

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members,

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To make any zoning changes at this time is equivalent to playing Russian Roulette with the citizens and quality of life in a precious suburban beach community. The "community" spoke resoundingly a year ago when they fought tirelessly again any further High Density Development in the BECSP, and the recommended actions of Agenda Item #19 will only serve to "redistribute" the destruction of our unique city, with High Density development potentially destroying piece-by-piece what residents of Huntington Beach have vested their entire lives.

We cannot afford to get this wrong! No amount of penalty from the state...via an UNELECTED board of bullies (SCAG) should be allowed to destroy a community; and no one "frivolous ambulance-chasing" lawsuit should be able to destroy a community either!

Best regards,

Irina Suvorov

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Esparza, Patty

From: Cari Swan [cswanie@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 8:55 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; Flynn, Joan; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

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Respectfully,

Cari Swan
Cell: (714) 287-6779

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 3:40 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Our City!!

Importance: High

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Gary Tarkington [<mailto:garytarkington@msn.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 3:38 PM
To: Planning Commission; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Our City!!
Importance: High

This has all got to stop NOW!! NO MORE ZONE CHANGES, and NO MORE HDD. We have all had enough. There should be low cost housing with already existing structures! We don't need to lose more land, have more traffic, more homeless and drug addicts, not enough water or adequate infrastructure.

This town is turning into a nightmare and it is all because of greed!! Do any of you REALLY care about this city and the residents?? I doubt it!

See all of you soon!

Ann Tarkington

Huntington Beach, CA.

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Importance: High

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Gary Tarkington [<mailto:garytarkington@msn.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 3:46 PM
To: Planning Commission; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Our City!!
Importance: High

NO on sites,

(A.) 19172 Stewa...rt Lane

(B.) 19192 Stewart

(C.) Corner of Stéwart & Clay Avenue...

But they then approve spot zoning on sites,

(D.) 700 Williams Drive

(E.) 4831 Sandy Drive

(F.) 18922 Delaware Street

(G.) Northeast corner of Garfield Avenue and Gothard.

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Ann Tarkington

Huntington Beach, CA.

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:00 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: REZONING Vote for Monday March 7, 2016

AGENDA COMMENT

From: dtraversi@aol.com [mailto:dtraversi@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 10:11 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: REZONING Vote for Monday March 7, 2016

Dear Major and City Council Members,

First, let me thank you for what you do for our city. I am aware of the time and effort you put in and want to point out that I and many in the city appreciate your support.

In regards to your vote tomorrow; rezoning seven properties here in Huntington Beach, I want to voice that I am **not** supportive of this initiative. Please vote **NO** when considering this vote. More high density and low income is not what this city needs at this time and this rezoning can and will lead to this outcome.

Thank you for reading.

Donna Traversi
508 10th Street
Huntington Beach CA 92648

Homeowner and Huntington Beach Resident

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Esparza, Patty

From: Kayla Troxell [KaylaTroxell@TroxellUSA.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:46 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

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Kayla

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:00 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Stop pursuing SCAG High Density for HB's Housing Element

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Ron Troxell Home Office [mailto:ront@troxellusa.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 8:23 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Stop pursuing SCAG High Density for HB's Housing Element

AGENDA COMMENT



Michael Posey,

Stop pursuing SCAG High Density for HB's Housing Element. Stop following the path of every BIG city in America. Why do you find it necessary to make HB alike Los Angeles and many other failing big cities in America? Take a good look at Los Angeles and note the terrible infrastructure, financial shortfalls and congestion. More people isn't the answer for additional revenue. It's like chasing the bouncing ball. More people require more service and more service requires more \$\$.



Ron Troxell
18392 Enterprise Lane
Huntington Beach CA 92648
Te: 714-847-0880
Fx: 714-847-4242

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High Density Housing | Zoning

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Janice Ugland [<mailto:janugland@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:15 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High Density Housing | Zoning

Dear City Council:

Since current residents are all ready restricted per water usage and we've year's long waiting lists for basic tree-trimming and street/alleyway/curb repair, haven't the money to support more law enforcement officers, why oh why in responsible and good conscience would any of you continue to approve zoning changes for high density developments in our town? Something is very wrong here. Very wrong.

Truly, our safety personnel as well as our law enforcement are stressed and stretched thin now. By adding more and more and more developments needing services provided, you are putting the established residents into further jeopardy than we already are. The city is unable to manage the influx of homeless needing services, there's an obvious drug and alcohol issue within our city as well as traffic problems both congestion and accidents, many with fatalities. Why would you ever consider to add more people into the fray?

Our quality of life is being impacted in an undesirable way. Please, please, deny each zoning change this evening so that we are able to settle into all of this fast pace of developments to study what impacts we will be facing in our future. Please.

Sincerely,
Janice Ugland
53-year Huntington Beach resident.

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Esparza, Patty

From: Carmen Villar [cavillar@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 12:51 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: HUNTINGTON BEACH-HIGH DENSITY CALL TO ACTION Agenda Item 19

AGENDA COMMENT

I urge you **NOT** TO SUPPORT ANY ZONING CHANGES.

Carmen Villar
8177 Coral Springs Ct.
H.Beach 92646

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:55 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High density development

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: Alisa Revi vonHartitzsch [<mailto:alisavh@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 1:52 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: High density development

We are really starting to grow tired of the incessant push by the city council to add more high density to our once quaint town. Why do we continue to put this on the table when it is so clear the community of Huntington Beach does NOT want it. Just take a look at our recent crime statistics. They are disgusting and you all should be embarrassed to be a part of this. Police are being beaten by druggies, high speed chases are killing teenagers, cars are flipping onto the beach with drunk drivers....and this is all just in the past month (just a few of the many incidents not all). Great let's add more people to the mix and keep the police count the same so we can out crime south central. Good idea. We implore you concentrate on getting your house in order and stop with the high density, it's ridiculous and our city is no longer safe thanks to under policing and over populating. Thanks for the bang up job while under your care, elections will shed a lot of light on the terrible way this city has been run into the ground.

Sent from my iPhone

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:08 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Opposition of new building

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Susanne Wagner [<mailto:susanne3331@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 7:51 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Opposition of new building

I am writing to express my opposition to the city council proposed development of high rise units on the northeast corner of garfield and gothard, and stewart land and clay avenue. Our infrastructure is already stressed enough. Stop the growth of another high rise building.

Susanne Wagner

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:31 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

From: marlene watson [<mailto:watsonmj5150@icloud.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members,

I have lived in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley since 1972, I currently reside in Huntington Beach. I have watched these communities grow and I know that progress is necessary, however I am disturbed at the visual impact and the congestion that the high density projects at Beach and Ellis and the projects at Beach and Edinger and Bella Terra and others being considered will and are are causing. These high density buildings are an eye sore and do not add to the charm of our great city. They do not fit into the landscape and they make our city look like someone placed an oversized building to maximize the use of the land with no consideration of its impact on traffic, congestion or appearance on a corner. They have added congestion to already congested areas and will have lasting consequences some of which are not yet foreseen.

I urge City Council to table ANY. and ALL action with regard to General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 (Housing Element Amendment) and ALL ACTION related to re-zoning or spot zoning of ANY section of Huntington Beach including the seven (7) sites recommended in the GPA 15-001 and the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP), and place a hold on all re-zoning related decisions until such time as the city has fully studied and understands the impact on the community and the results of legal actions such as Kennedy Commission lawsuit as well as what quantifiable penalties actually exists.

Study this thoroughly and consider the impact that it will have on the cities future for our Children and Grandchildren.

Respectfully,
Marlene Watson

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Sent from my iPad

Esparza, Patty

From: Nancee Weingarden [nanceejayne@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 3:40 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Sandy Drive Development

AGENDA COMMENT

We, as local homeowners, absolutely DO NOT SUPPORT the proposed high-density development of Sandy Drive.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
John & Nancee Weingarden
4812 Hermanson Circle
HB, CA 92649

SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 3/7/16

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:00 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Thank you

AGENDA COMMENT

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

From: Brenda Welch [mailto:bankingbrenda@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 11:09 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Thank you

Meeting Date: 3/9/16
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Dear Council Members~

Thank you for serving our city as council members.

Also thank you for shelving the request to use the Armstrong Nursery site by Central Park to house more density housing.

We all love Huntington Beach and are sad to see so much rapid progress and expansion of population, buildings and traffic.

I sit in my house and daily hear sirens (fire and/or police). I can't help but think about how their jobs have been impacted by this increase in population and people to serve.

I am bringing to your attention that I don't understand why low cost housing has not been included in all of these new and continuing new high density housing projects being built in our city.

Why hasn't low income housing been included in those large complexes on Edinger and Gothard, or the Elan project down on beach or the other projects down beach farther? Why would the low income people be excluded from these areas?

Plus we are going to have to house the homeless as well. Where will that be?

Just requesting your ideas as to a plan for these questions.

Thanks again,

Brenda Welch
17412 Mayor Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

714-847-6120

P.S. Our daughter went to St. Bonaventure with Barbara Delgleize's daughter. We traveled to China in a group with Dave Sullivan. Just to refresh your memories that we have lived in HB a very long time!

*Brenda is a Marshall University Alum and
Fan....GO Herd!!!
and California State University Long Beach.....Go Beach!!!*

Esparza, Patty

From: Linda Wentzel [lindamarieofhb@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 9:37 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members,

I am writing to STRONGLY urge that City Council table ANY and ALL ACTION with regard to General Plan Amendment No. 15-001 (Housing Element Amendment) and ALL ACTION related to re-zoning ANY section of Huntington Beach including the seven (7) sites recommended in the GPA 15-001 and the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP), and hold on all re-zoning related decisions until such time as the city fully understands the results of legal actions such as Kennedy Commission lawsuit as well as what quantifiable penalties actually exists if we reject the RHNA mandate.

To make any zoning changes at this time is equivalent to playing Russian Roulette with the citizens and quality of life in a precious suburban beach community. The "community" spoke resoundingly a year ago when they fought tirelessly again any further High Density Development in the BECSP, and the recommended actions of Agenda Item #19 will only serve to "redistribute" the destruction of our unique city, with High Density development potentially destroying piece-by-piece what residents of Huntington Beach have vested their entire lives.

We cannot afford to get this wrong! An UNELECTED board of bullies (SCAG) should not be allowed to destroy a community; and no one lawsuit should be able to destroy a community either!

Again, I urge all of you to think of the legacy you leave this city as elected officials. Will you be remembered as the City Council that destroyed a once cherished suburban beach community.....or the city council who gave it all to save a coastal treasure.

Respectfully,

--
Linda Wentzel
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(c) 714.951.7463

SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 3/7/16

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Esparza, Patty

From: Jutta Werrlein [jmwerrlein@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda item 19

AGENDA COMMENT

I urge that you take no action on Agenda item 19 and no zoning changes in Huntington Beach period.

Thank you,
Jutta Werrlein
Jmwerrlein@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 3/7/16

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Monday March 7th - City council Meeting.

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Stacey Wolfe [mailto:staceywolfe2626@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:54 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: RE: Monday March 7th - City council Meeting.

To whom it may concern;

Regarding the rezoning of the vacant parcel at Garfield and Gothard to high density, low income housing.

I would like to urge the city council to vote "no" on Amendment No. 15-001, and requesting that Parcel G be removed from all and any consideration for rezoning to high density housing.

We already have overcrowded roads, overcrowded schools and overtaxed resources; this rezoning and construction would be devastating, not to mention the decrease in our property values.

We are the original owners of our home and when we purchased 20 years ago in Seacliff- Seagate community (1/4 mile north), open space and parks were part of the reason we purchased here.

Sincerely,

Stacey Wolfe
Concerned homeowner

SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 3/7/16

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Esparza, Patty

From: Flynn, Joan
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 5:04 PM
To: Esparza, Patty
Subject: Fwd: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

Joan Flynn, City Clerk
Huntington Beach

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carol Woodworth <kwoodworth@socal.rr.com>
Date: March 6, 2016 at 4:51:07 PM PST
To: <agendacomment@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: "Fikes, Cathy" <cfikes@surfcity-hb.org>, <jflynn@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

Dear Mayor Katapodis and City Council Members,

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Before you vote on agenda item 19, I ask that you consider the following:

1. Do you remember how many HB residents (and voters) supported the moratorium on building in the BECSP?
2. Do you represent those HB residents or SCAG?
3. Why would you rush to change zoning when the city's appeal of ONE lawsuit is not yet complete?
4. RHNA numbers have been questioned by other cities and subsequently changed. Have we vigorously questioned the source data and calculation used in arriving at our numbers?
5. Are a few grant dollars worth giving up local control of our zoning?

Rather than adhering to some arbitrary mandate from an unelected group (SCAG), our chartered city should be looking at ways to retain LOCAL CONTROL over OUR CITY zoning.

I urge you to stop and take NO ACTION on agenda item 19.

Respectfully,
Carol Woodworth

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Esparza, Patty

From: Carol Woodworth [kwoodworth@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 4:51 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; Flynn, Joan; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Agenda Item 19 - General Plan Amendment

AGENDA COMMENT

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Respectfully,
Carol Woodworth

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 4:23 PM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: High density low income

AGENDA COMMENT

-----Original Message-----

From: val.wyatt917@gmail.com [<mailto:val.wyatt917@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 4:22 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Planning Commission
Subject: High density low income

Can't imagine why in the world you would want to jam more folks in this already over populated neighborhood! Have you ever checked out the street parking with cars parked around the bend of the corner? We don't need for this area to be more "dense". I imagine property values for those of us who are owners, not renters, will go down! The number of renters will increase and they don't have the same regard for the property that is not theirs and the property itself usually takes a hit with poor care. I do not recommend that you support this endeavor! Val Wyatt, Harbour Vista homeowner

Sent from my iPhone

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:03 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Low Income Housing

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Guy Zierten [<mailto:gzierten@socal.rr.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 3:17 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Low Income Housing

Gentlemen:

Since I will not be able to attend the March 7 Council Meeting, may I go on the record that I am **totally against** the low-income high rise buildings in areas that you propose! This area already has too much mixed land use and I feel this would devaluate our property greatly.

Guy Zierten
Seagate Resident

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Esparza, Patty

From: Dombo, Johanna
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 8:03 AM
To: Agenda Comment
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: FW: Low Income Project

AGENDA COMMENT

From: Justine Black [<mailto:justineblack@socal.rr.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2016 3:16 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Low Income Project

Gentlemen:

Since I will not be able to attend the March 7 Council Meeting, may I go record to say that I am **totally against** the low-income high rise buildings in areas that you propose! This area already has too much mixed land use and I feel this would devaluate our property greatly.

Justine Black Zierten
Seagate Resident

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March 4, 2016

To the Huntington Beach City Council:

At your meeting on March 7, 2016 you will be addressing the issue of affordable housing in Huntington Beach. We recognize that more affordable housing is strongly opposed by many of our fellow citizens. However, for a number of years, many people have been addressing the issue of homelessness. It has been found that one of the major issues is the lack of affordable housing. The city has currently identified somewhat over 200 homeless people in Huntington Beach. Although a number of Non-profits, the Faith communities, our Police Department and Business Development are doing all they can with the available resources, a lack of housing is the chief stumbling block to solving the homeless problem. If we do not address the lack of housing we will never solve the homeless problem. We urge you to help your staff and the available private resources by approving a strong affordable housing program.

Although you will hear more about the homeless at your study session on March 21st, I have enclosed some information now which may help you in your decision about affordable housing in Huntington Beach. I should mention that Chief Handy, Lt. Rodriguez and Kelly Fritzel and their staffs are addressing the homeless issue in a very constructive manner. However, they need your help.

I apologize for the rather large packet. Many of us who have looked at the homeless issue found that it is a complex problem. Solving it will require a complex solution. If I can be of further help, call on me at any time.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph Bauer

714-846-3927

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 3/7/16

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Huntington Beach

Homeless Conditions 2014

Report and Recommendations



10/13/2014

City Net
Dr. Brad Fieldhouse
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Huntington Beach Homeless Conditions Report and Recommendations

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I. Executive Summary

A. Overview of Homelessness in Huntington Beach

(Note: the data presented in this summary overview is fully explained and footnoted in the Full Report on P. 6)

Like many coastal cities in southern California, Huntington Beach presents an attractive place to live, with abundant amenities that are justifiably the source of civic pride in “Surf City USA”. These very same amenities are why residents of Huntington Beach who are not housed also find the city an ideal place to live.

It is estimated that 272 individuals are homeless in Huntington Beach. Of this group, the average age is 48. In addition, these are likely estimates:

- 190 are men, 82 are women
- 101 are living (typically in a “sheltered” homeless environment) in a household that includes at least one minor child
- 35 are veterans
- 52 are considered “chronically homeless”
- 30 are living with severe mental illness.

Homeless neighbors in Huntington Beach are geographically dispersed across large sections of the city. Agencies, both formal and informal, which provide goods and services to homeless neighbors, are similarly dispersed across the city.

The societal costs of homelessness are significant, even for Huntington Beach’s relatively small homeless population.

The average gross monthly cost for homeless individuals is \$1,446 per month, and net costs are \$728 per month. Therefore Huntington Beach’s 272 homeless neighbors carry a total cost burden (at \$1,446 per month) of \$393,312 per month, or \$4.7 million per year. If housed, these costs would be reduced by 50% to \$198,016 per month, or \$2.4 million per year.

Fortunately, community stakeholders in Huntington Beach are aware of the plight of their homeless neighbors and eager to engage them with compassionate responses. These groups demonstrate an attitude of partnership and collaboration with city agencies and law enforcement to seek solutions for homeless neighbors and an unwillingness to turn a blind eye towards neighbors in need.



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B. Assignment

At the city's invitation, City Net explored the scope and scale of problems related to homelessness in Huntington Beach to deliver recommendations to leverage existing resources in a collaborative effort to provide compassionate solutions for homeless neighbors.

We conducted interviews with stakeholders to create the following:

1. Asset map of homeless services and resources offered by the Huntington Beach faith community and nonprofit community.
2. Research study into reduction of Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) costs related to homeless intervention and care.
3. Research study into reduction of city and community health care costs, including costs from the Huntington Beach Fire Department (HBFD) related to homeless intervention and care.

C. Methodology

City Net engaged dozens of Huntington Beach stakeholders through formal and informal gatherings and events including the following:

1. Community Outreach Events

- a. Clergy Luncheon, July 2, for senior leaders of 19 Huntington Beach faith congregations
- b. Vision Event, July 23, for 34 community and nonprofit organizations to measure assets and set common goals around providing care for homeless neighbors.

2. Targeted Stakeholder Interviews with:

- a. Community activists and nonprofit organizations, August 28
- b. Huntington Beach city agencies, March 10, April 16 and July 16
- c. Huntington Beach Police Chief, Huntington Beach Fire Chief and HBPD Homeless Outreach Officers on July 21
- d. Homeless neighbors, August 27 and 28

3. Investigative field study with Huntington Beach first responders

- a. August 27 ride-along with HBPD to investigate 7-8 areas of frequent homeless concentration, as well as a meeting with HBFD personnel to explore frontline first-responders' experiences with homeless neighbor intervention



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4. **Comparison of Huntington Beach conditions and services to local, regional and national best practices for community-based, collaborative homeless intervention and care.** City Net's observations and recommendations drew on direct fieldwork in other communities, as well as a review of regional and national documents, City Net examined Huntington Beach homelessness conditions and services in light of best practices elsewhere.

D. Summary of Public Requests

Through the events and interviews with the faith community, nonprofit organizations and other community stakeholders, we identified the following recurring themes as their recommendations for a citywide response to care for homeless neighbors¹:

1. Meetings for collaboration, organization, to share information and network
2. Resource list
3. Centralized location for resources for the homeless
4. Communication
5. Coordination of services

E. City Net Findings

1. Huntington Beach possesses nonprofit organizations, faith congregations, local businesses and community groups eager for collaborative solutions to ending homelessness in Huntington Beach
2. These groups are largely decentralized both structurally and geographically
3. Existing Huntington Beach resources are not formally coordinated
4. The HBPD and HBFD have developed significant skills in compassionately engaging homeless neighbors in Huntington Beach, but at significant personnel and material costs
5. Permanent solutions can be achieved, allowing city resources to be saved or redeployed

¹ See Appendix B.2 on page 23 for raw data of these requests.



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F. City Net Recommendations

Our findings can be summarized into these recommendations:

1. Given the abundance of assets in the Huntington Beach nonprofit and faith community, we recommend that Huntington Beach invest in coordinating these resources without aggregating them or investing in heavy infrastructure.

This centralization includes common practices such as:

- Homeless multi-service center, cold-weather shelter, or year-round shelter
 - “Check-in” center for homeless neighbors to collect and store their gear
 - Concentration of services in tight geographic area
 - More food or clothing for homeless neighbors
 - Creation of a “magnet effect”—either perceived or real
 - Isolated impacts with agencies not coordinated and not leveraging resources
2. Proactive connection of the Huntington Beach nonprofit and faith communities with the HBPD, the HBFD and other first responders in a collaborative context
 3. Investment in a multi-sector collective impact collaborative, which would meet regularly to achieve the following over the course of 12 months:
 - a) 25-40 homeless individuals off the streets and on the path to permanent housing with supportive care.
 - b) Volunteer teams to engage “hot spots” where homeless complaints are received.
 - c) Mobilization of resources from the Huntington Beach volunteer and faith community.
 - d) Blight reduction teams
 - e) Positive stories to tell
 - f) Exploration of public/private partnerships into affordable housing.
 - g) Investigation into exploratory intervention and care projects as identified by the collaborative partners.



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II. Full Report

A. Overview of Homelessness in Huntington Beach

Surf City USA

Like many coastal cities in southern California, Huntington Beach presents an attractive place to live, with abundant amenities that are justifiably the source of civic pride in “Surf City USA”. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the family-friendly atmosphere, in a relaxed environment with the conveniences of urban living but without the congestion of a large city. Abundant parks and recreational facilities, friendly people, responsive public servants, world-class beaches and temperate weather combine to make a city which attracts people to visit and live.

These very same amenities are why residents of Huntington Beach who are not housed also find the city an ideal place to live. But do homeless individuals travel to Huntington Beach because it is such a great place to live? Research suggests that homeless individuals are no more or less mobile than the general population² which counters the commonly-held perception that homeless individuals disproportionately travel away from the cities in which they first became homeless.³

Number and Demographic Characteristics of Huntington Beach Homeless Neighbors

Homeless populations can be notoriously difficult to count, but the national best practices are to conduct “Point-in-Time (PIT) Count” and/or “vulnerability index” counts, in which teams of trained volunteers canvass “hot spots” or areas with typically high-densities of homeless individuals within municipalities at designated times to physically count the homeless individuals they see, then make extrapolations from this data.

Huntington Beach did not contract City Net to engage a PIT Count for this project because data exists from the 2013 county-wide PIT Count conducted by Orange County for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the County’s 10-year plan to end homelessness in Orange County. For the effort in 2013, trained volunteer teams arose early one morning in the winter and canvassed 126 locations across the county⁴ and concluded that homeless people comprise 0.14% of the total county population⁵.

² Burt, Martha R. 2001. “What will it take to End Homelessness?” Washington DC: Urban Institute, October 1.

³ Rosenthal, Rob. 1994. *Homeless in Paradise*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

⁴ Precise locations were not disclosed as part of the report. See “Orange County Homeless Count & Survey Report” July 2013. Focus Strategies: Sacramento, p.66.

⁵ *Ibid.* p.6.



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Huntington Beach's population in 2012 was 194,708⁶, so using the 2013 county conclusion of 0.14% of the population being homeless, it is estimated that 272 individuals are homeless in Huntington Beach. It is important to reiterate that, while PIT counting is the national best practice for understanding the scope of homelessness in a given community, it remains an *estimate* because it is not possible to locate and count everyone, particularly in a population that isn't always interested in being found and identified. By HUD's own estimate, this kind of geographic sampling methodology may undercount homeless populations by as much as 15%.⁷

Of these 272 estimated homeless individuals, 166 are considered "sheltered homeless"⁸ and 106 are considered unsheltered. These figures correlate with the HBPD Officers' estimate of "150 homeless people living in Huntington Beach at any one time", because the Officers would likely be referring to unsheltered homeless individuals, who are more readily visible and identifiable as homeless.⁹

Of the entire population of 272 homeless individuals estimated to be living in Huntington Beach, the average age is 48. In addition, these are likely estimates:

- 190 are men, 82 are women
- 101 are living (typically in a "sheltered" homeless environment) in a household that includes at least one minor child
- 35 are veterans
- 52 are considered "chronically homeless"
- 30 are living with severe mental illness.¹⁰

Decentralization

As is common in municipalities, homeless neighbors in Huntington Beach have identified sections of the city where the frequently congregate (see section C.3 below), however, these locations are geographically dispersed across large sections of the city, not within eyesight of and generally beyond comfortable walking distance from each other. Agencies, both formal and informal, which provide goods and services to homeless neighbors, are similarly dispersed across the city.

⁶ <http://www.city-data.com/city/Huntington-Beach-California.html>

⁷ "Orange County Homeless Count & Survey Report" July 2013. Focus Strategies: Sacramento, p. 10.

⁸ *Ibid.* p. 7-8. The County estimates that 61% of homeless individuals are "sheltered" or living in "supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including g congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low income individuals)."

⁹ HBPD presentation to City Council "Addressing Homelessness in Huntington Beach: A Community Outreach Program Approach", 3/17/14, slide 16.

¹⁰ "Orange County Homeless Count & Survey Report" July 2013. Focus Strategies: Sacramento, p.9, 35, and 40.



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Perhaps because services are decentralized, homeless neighbors we encountered were relatively light on personal belongings, generally only those possessions that could be taken with them in a handbag or backpack. Consequently, the areas of the city they frequented were relatively free of the visual blight-- such as shopping carts full of belongings, semi-permanent public encampments, excessive trash, public loitering of large groups of homeless neighbors, graffiti and public property damage, etc.-- that often drive complaints from residents to city officials.

Community Costs and Potential Savings

The societal costs of homelessness are significant, even for Huntington Beach's relatively small (when compared to other Orange and Los Angeles County cities) homeless population.

The average gross monthly cost for homeless individuals is \$1,446 per month, according to a landmark 2009 financial study of 9,186 homeless individuals in Los Angeles County. The study examined the cost burden as shared primarily by these public and private agencies and programs:

- Department of Health Services hospital-inpatient
- DPSS General Relief
- DPSS Food Stamps
- Sheriff mental health jail facility
- Private hospitals-inpatient
- Sheriff general jail facility
- Sheriff medical jail facility
- Department of Public Health
- DPSS General Relief Housing Vouchers
- Paramedics
- Department of Health Services outpatient clinic
- Department of Health Services emergency room
- Department of Mental Health
- Private hospitals-emergency room
- Probation Department
- Homeless Services Authority services¹¹

¹¹ "Where We Sleep: Costs When Homeless and Housed in Los Angeles" Economic Roundtable. 2009. P. 19-20.
http://www.economicrt.org/pub/Where_We_Sleep_2009/Where_We_Sleep.pdf.



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There is still a cost burden when homeless individuals are housed, because individuals continue to draw on these agencies but at lesser amounts, so this burden decreases by 50% to \$728 per month, which can be considered the net societal cost for each homeless neighbor in the community¹².

Therefore Huntington Beach's 272 homeless neighbors carry a total cost burden (at \$1,446 per month) of \$393,312 per month, or \$4.7 million per year. If housed, these costs would be reduced by 50% to \$198,016 per month, or \$2.4 million per year.

Robust Assets and Community-wide Will to Engage Homelessness Issues

Community stakeholders in Huntington Beach are aware of the plight of their homeless neighbors and eager to engage them with compassionate responses. Dozens of groups from the city's faith community, nonprofit organizations, and civic groups attended community meetings we hosted (see section C.1 below) to communicate their activities and consider ideas for better coordinated responses. These groups demonstrated an attitude of partnership and collaboration with city agencies and law enforcement to seek solutions for homeless neighbors and an unwillingness to turn a blind eye towards neighbors in need.

Disclaimer: this report as written and the recommendations they contain are not necessarily reflective of the intentions, suggestions, or endorsements of neither the individuals interviewed nor the organizations they represent. The plan serves as a tool for discovery of the past and current status of homeless care in Huntington Beach, and is based on the information gathered via community meetings, interviews, research, and statistical data.

B. Assignment

The City of Huntington Beach asked City Net to explore the scope and scale of problems related to homeless neighbors in Huntington Beach, to measure the existing assets on hand to address the problems, and to make recommendations to reduce and even eliminate most experiences of homelessness in Huntington Beach in a solutions-based, coordinated, multi-sector collaborative approach.

We conducted targeted exploratory interviews with and collected data from key community leaders and stakeholders to deliver the following:

1. Asset map of homeless services and resources offered by the Huntington Beach faith community and nonprofit community. We identified strengths and areas for improvement.

¹² *Ibid.* P. 19.



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2. Research into reduction of HBPD costs related to homeless intervention and care. Establishment of baseline data related to homelessness reported to the HBPD, and analysis of existing approaches to addressing homelessness, with an eye toward ways that local faith and nonprofit communities could supplement and support existing HBPD efforts, ideally to reduce city costs.
3. Research into reduction of city and community health care costs related to homeless intervention and care. Similar to the HBPD metric above, we will gather data regarding public funds in general, and Huntington Beach city funds in particular, regarding the provision of health services, including emergency room visits, for homeless neighbors in Huntington Beach. We will reach out to the HBFD health care, EMT, and hospital workers to build relationships and explore ways that the faith community in Huntington Beach can be mobilized to appropriately intervene before homeless neighbors require emergency health care.

C. Methodology

1. Community Outreach Events

City Net convened and led the following activities:

a. *July 2 clergy luncheon:*

Recognizing that the engagement of the faith community is a vital resource for communities addressing homelessness, we hosted a lunch meeting particularly for senior leaders and decision-makers of 19 local faith congregations and nonprofit organizations to enroll their support and cast a vision for aligning their community service activities with each other and with public agencies for the common good.

Participating groups included:

Beach Cities Interfaith Services
Build Futures
Center for Spiritual Living
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Huntington Beach Stake
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
North Stake
Coastal Community Fellowship
Community United Methodist Church
Compassionate Huntington Beach
First Christian Church of Huntington Beach

Fresh Beginnings Ministries
Grace Lutheran Church & School
Huntington Beach Interfaith Council
Joe Carchio, Huntington Beach City
Council Member
Kellee Fritzall, Huntington Beach Office of
Business Development
Off the Streets
Sts. Simon & Jude Roman Catholic Church
Stonebridge Christian Church
Surf City Church United Methodist Church



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First Church of Christ Scientist Huntington
Beach
Fountain Valley United Methodist Church

Zoroastrian Community

b. July 23 vision event:

In addition to reaching out to the Huntington Beach faith community, we led more than 100 individuals representing 34 faith congregations, community and nonprofit organizations through structured exercises in asset mapping and community goal-setting around providing care for homeless neighbors through a collaborative approach.¹³

Participating groups included:

American Family Housing
Assistance League
Assistance League of Huntington Beach
Beach Cities Interfaith Services
Build Futures
Building Blocks for Hope, Inc.
Christ Lutheran Church Costa Mesa
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Community United Methodist Church
Compassionate Huntington Beach
First Christian Church of Huntington Beach
Community Resource Center
First Christian Church of Huntington Beach
Community Resource Center
First Church of Christ Scientist Huntington
Beach
Fresh Beginnings Ministries
God's House Church Huntington Beach

Golden West College
Good News Ministry of Grace Lutheran
Church of Huntington Beach
Heart in Hands

Huntington Beach Interfaith Council
Johnny's Saloon
Kiwanis of Huntington Beach
Laundry Love Huntington Beach
Learning Black History Classes
National Alliance of Mental Illness
Off the Streets - Huntington Beach
Project Self Sufficiency
Saddleback Church
Self Help Interfaith Program (S.H.I.P)
SHIP - Holy Spirit Catholic Church – His
Hands
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

St. Mary's by the Sea Parish
St. Vincent de Paul Society - Sts. Simon &
Jude Conf.
Surf City United Methodist Church
White Lotus Night Bazaar

¹³ See Appendix B.2 on page 23 for complete explanation of exercises and results.



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2. Targeted Stakeholder Interviews

In addition to discussions at the community events above, City Net engaged additional groups in focused conversations in the formulation of this report:

- a. Community activists and nonprofit organizations
 - i. August 28 Project Self-Sufficiency
 - ii. August 28 Beach Cities Interfaith Services
 - iii. July 2 Build Futures
 - iv. February 11, March 17, former Huntington Beach mayor and community advocate Ralph Bauer. In addition to several personal meetings with Ralph, he also conveyed the findings (verbally and with a tape of the event) of a community meeting he convened in February with dozens of community stakeholders.
- b. Huntington Beach city agencies
 - i. March 6, April 10 and July 16: Huntington Beach City Manager's office
 - ii. April 10 and July 16: Huntington Beach Office of Business Development
- c. Huntington Beach Police Chief, Huntington Beach Fire Chief and HBPD Homeless Outreach Officers on July 21
- d. Homeless neighbors
 - i. August 27: seven homeless neighbors on HBPD ride-along
 - ii. August 28: four homeless neighbors at Beach Cities Interfaith Services
 - iii. March 17: HBPD presentation on homelessness to Huntington Beach City Council

3. Investigative Field Study with Huntington Beach first responders

City Net conducted field investigation of 7-8 local areas in Huntington Beach frequented by homeless neighbors, as directed by Huntington Beach first responders from HBPD and HBFD. On August 27, we accompanied the HBPD on an early-morning ride-along to visit the areas of the city where homeless neighbors commonly congregate to observe conditions and interact with homeless neighbors about their perceptions of conditions and services for the homeless in Huntington Beach. This ride-along also included a visit to one of the HBFP stations and conversations with HBFD leadership about their observations and interactions with homeless neighbors.

Sites City Net visited include:



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- Huntington Beach Sports Complex
- Huntington Beach Central Park
- Grassy Park between PCH and the Huntington Beach bike trail at 9th Street
- PCH and Huntington Beach Pier
- Lake Park/Farquhar Park
- Triangle Park on Main and 6th
- Main Street Corridor
- Magnolia Street Corridor, intersecting with:
 - Garfield Avenue
 - Adams Avenue
- Beach Boulevard Corridor, intersecting with:
 - 405 Freeway
 - Talbert Avenue
 - Garfield Avenue
 - Atlanta Avenue
 - PCH

4. Comparison of Huntington Beach conditions and services to local, regional and national best practices for community-based, collaborative homeless intervention and care

City Net's observations and recommendations drew on direct fieldwork in other communities, as well as a review of regional and national documents, City Net examined Huntington Beach homelessness conditions and services in light of best practices elsewhere, including¹⁴:

- a. Orange County Commission to End Homelessness "Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness", 2012
- b. Orange County Community Resources Urban County Consolidated Plan "2013-2014 Annual Action Plan"
- c. Anaheim Homeless Collaborative Results to Date, 2014:
- d. Home for Good "Action Plan to End Chronic and Veteran Homelessness by 2016 in Los Angeles County", 2012 Update
- e. "Orange County Homeless Count & Survey Report" July 2013.

¹⁴ See appendix A "Reference Documents" for links to all of these documents.



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- f. *"Where We Sleep: Costs When Homeless and Housed in Los Angeles"* Economic Roundtable. 2009.

D. Summary of Public Requests

Through the events and interviews with the faith community, nonprofit organizations and other community stakeholders, we identified the following recurring themes as their recommendations for a citywide response to care for homeless neighbors:

1. Meetings for collaboration, organization, to share information and network
 - A recurring structure of community meetings for the faith community, nonprofit organizations, community stakeholders, law enforcement and city government where information can be shared, activities aligned, resources shared, planning coordinated and a common agenda formed to provide care and solutions to homeless neighbors in Huntington Beach.
2. Resource list
 - A physical list (generally in hard copy and electronic forms) of all the services available to homeless neighbors in the city and region, with contact information, eligibility requirements, including government programs, nonprofit service organizations, and community-based services from the faith community and elsewhere.
3. Centralized location for resources for the homeless
 - A physical location in Huntington Beach to host a multi-service center, where homeless neighbors can receive services. Multi-service center programs can vary, but many are open year-round from early morning to mid-afternoon, serving meals, providing showers, laundry, access to county mental health services as well as telephone and address contact to persons who are homeless and have severe and persistent mental illness. Agencies and volunteers may also provide things like health education, testing and first aid, along with supportive services such as back to work assistance, housing assistance, substance abuse counseling and SSI benefits assistance.
4. Communication
 - Community stakeholders desire regular and consistent channels of communication between each other, the city, county and other stakeholders that impact services to homeless neighbors in Huntington Beach.
5. Coordination of services



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Stakeholders articulated a desire for a structure that would coordinate services, to eliminate duplications and identify gaps in the continuum of care for homeless neighbors, and to avoid unintended negative consequences when services are uncoordinated.

The HBPD and the HBFD expressed in the meeting on 7/21/14 their desire to be better connected to existing community resources so that they, as first responders to so many homeless neighbor intervention incidents, can offer positive alternatives and referrals.

6. Blight reduction efforts and activities

- Many stakeholders expressed a desire to maintain and preserve the natural and civic beauty of Huntington Beach through prevention, reduction and eventual elimination of blight that so often accompanies homelessness— such as shopping carts full of belongings, semi-permanent public encampments, excessive trash, public loitering of large groups of homeless neighbors, graffiti and public property damage.

E. City Net Findings

1. Huntington Beach possesses significant existing resources from nonprofit organizations, faith congregations, local businesses and community groups concerned with effectively helping homeless neighbors (see section C.1 above for list). These groups eagerly shared their best ideas with us for collaborative solutions to ending homelessness in Huntington Beach.
2. These groups are largely decentralized both structurally and geographically, which we consider to be ideal, because national best practices for effective solutions to homelessness are those where homeless neighbors are integrated into existing communities, rather than segregated into geographic service centers, such as Los Angeles's Skid Row.
3. However, existing Huntington Beach resources are not coordinated through any formal system wherein agencies can share data, craft a common agenda, and work toward collective, solution-oriented outcomes.
4. The HBPD and HBFD have developed significant skills in compassionately engaging homeless neighbors in Huntington Beach, but at great personnel and material costs.
5. If better connected with the nonprofit and faith communities, permanent solutions can be achieved, thus reducing expenditures from the HBPD and the HBFD, and valuable city resources saved and/or redeployed to other priorities.



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F. City Net Recommendations

Recommendation #1

Given the abundance of assets in the Huntington Beach nonprofit and faith community, we recommend that Huntington Beach invest in coordinating these resources without aggregating them or investing in heavy infrastructure by:

- Keeping the services decentralized, but linking them structurally to lead to permanent solutions (such as housing) for homeless neighbors, thus working to end homelessness in Huntington Beach as opposed to managing the problem through continual service provision.
- Not investing in expensive infrastructure such as shelters or multi-service centers. This centralization includes common practices such as:
 - Homeless multi-service center, cold-weather shelter, or year-round shelter
 - “Check-in” center for homeless neighbors to collect and store their gear
 - Concentration of services in tight geographic area
 - More food or clothing for homeless neighbors
 - Isolated impacts with agencies not coordinated and not leveraging resources
- These will aggregate homeless neighbors into one geographic location, and will potentially create a perceived or real “magnet effect” wherein homeless people from outside Huntington Beach will go there to avail themselves of services. Instead, Huntington Beach can redirect local homeless neighbors to existing and/or planned shelters, such as the county-run year-round multi-service centers currently planned for Santa Ana and Anaheim. In tandem, the city can connect local homeless neighbors to housing through collaborative case management.
- Not investing in “Point in Time” counts and/or vulnerability indexes, because the city already has a strong handle on the number of homeless neighbors in Huntington Beach, and their locations and particular needs. These estimates can be further refined by extrapolating data provided at no cost by Orange County.
- Exploring public/private partnerships into affordable housing in which private investments will fuel mixed-income, mixed-use developments on existing city land.

Recommendation #2

We recommend that the Huntington Beach nonprofit and faith community be connected to the HBPD, the HBFD and other first responders in a collaborative context to achieve the following:



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- Reduce HBPD and HBFD service calls related to homeless neighbors by 15% annually
- Creation of teams of volunteers that can be deployed as directed to engage “hot spots” where homeless complaints are received. This allows the HBPD and other first responders to balance their duty to enforce codes and laws with a compassionate community response that seeks to connect homeless neighbors with available resources, including housing.
- Mobilization of additional resources from the Huntington Beach volunteer and faith community to provide physical assets to first responders, such as motel vouchers, food cards, bus tokens, cold weather gear, etc. This stocks the HBPD and others with supplies to compassionately engage homeless neighbors at all hours; when the nonprofits are closed and congregational members are sleeping.
- Blight Reduction Teams of volunteers that will pick-up trash, paint over graffiti, power-wash sidewalks, etc., in support of city services to ensure that areas where homeless neighbors gather are sanitary and to preserve and enhance Huntington Beach’s beauty.

Recommendation #3

We recommend the City of Huntington Beach invest in a multi-sector collective impact collaborative¹⁵, which would meet regularly to achieve the following over the course of 12 months:

- a) **Move 25-40 homeless individuals off the streets and on the path to permanent housing with supportive care**¹⁶. The Huntington Beach Homeless Collaborative will move homeless neighbors off the streets through the combined resources and assets of the collaborative. Through coordinated case management, each homeless neighbor will be invited on a path to permanent housing and supported with surrounded care, primarily from neighbors from the Huntington Beach volunteer and faith community.

The goal of 25-40 homeless neighbors represents 9%-15% of the 272 homeless neighbors¹⁷ in Huntington Beach and represents an aggressive, but attainable goal for a structured multi-sector collective impact collaborative.

The net savings, even accounting for ongoing costs of homeless neighbors once housed, for moving a homeless neighbor in Huntington Beach off the streets is \$728 per month.¹⁸ Therefore, moving even 25 neighbors off the streets will represent a monthly savings of \$18,200. Moving 40 neighbors

¹⁵ For more information on collective impact, see Kania and Kramer, “*Collective Impact*” Stanford Social Innovation Review, Winter 2011. http://www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective_impact

¹⁶ See Attachment C on p.37 of this report for the results of a current collective impact homeless collaborative in Anaheim.

¹⁷ “Orange County Homeless Count & Survey Report” July 2013. Focus Strategies: Sacramento, p. 7-8.

¹⁸ “*Where We Sleep: Costs When Homeless and Housed in Los Angeles*”. Economic Roundtable. 2009. See section A above for complete analysis of homeless neighbor costs in Huntington Beach.



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off the streets would realize monthly savings of \$29,120. Over the course of a year, the savings would total \$218,400 to \$349,440.

- b) **Volunteer teams to engage “hot spots” where homeless complaints are received.** These will be coordinated with the city and with the HBPD to provide proactive outreach in advance of, or in coordination with enforcement activities.
- c) **Mobilization of resources from the Huntington Beach volunteer and faith community.** This includes volunteer teams that will provide long-term supportive care to homeless neighbors who receive housing, material goods (such as motel vouchers and food cards) to assist the HBPD and other first responders, and exploration of generating private investments into affordable and mixed-income housing.
- d) **Blight Reduction Teams** of volunteers that will pick-up trash, paint over graffiti, power-wash sidewalks, etc., in support of city services to ensure that areas where homeless neighbors gather are sanitary and to preserve and enhance Huntington Beach’s natural beauty.
- e) **Positive Stories to Tell.** The collaborative will generate hundreds of stories of transformed lives that can be shared by the collaborative partners and city government with supporters, skeptics and critics alike.
- f) **Exploration of public/private partnerships into affordable housing.** This exploration would build on Huntington Beach’s growing affordable housing inventory to appropriately steward city resources and partnerships.
- g) **Investigation into exploratory intervention and care projects as identified by the collaborative partners.** Some of these could include the following:
 - approved sleeping zones where homeless neighbors can sleep without getting tickets
 - homeless court to allow homeless neighbors to clear tickets
 - creative short term and long term housing ideas
 - engagement options for homeless neighbors with mental health concerns
 - better access to available resources for HBPD officers



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III. Appendix

A. Reference Documents

The reference documents used in the conclusions and recommendations in this report can be accessed as follows:

- g. Orange County Commission to End Homelessness "Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness", 2012:
http://www.ocpartnership.net/images/website/1064/files/final_ten-year_plan_2012_445.pdf
- h. Orange County Community Resources Urban County Consolidated Plan "2013-2014 Annual Action Plan":
http://cams.ocgov.com/Web_Publisher/Agenda05_07_2013_files/images/O01213-000299A.PDF
- i. Anaheim Homeless Collaborative Results to Date, 2014:
(see Appendix C below)
- j. Home for Good "Action Plan to End Chronic and Veteran Homelessness by 2016 in Los Angeles County", 2012 Update:
http://www.unitedwayla.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/HomeForGood_Action_Plan.pdf
- k. "Orange County Homeless Count & Survey Report" July 2013. Focus Strategies: Sacramento. http://focusstrategies.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/FINAL-OCP_2013_PITReport_Final_Calibri_071013.pdf
- l. "Where We Sleep: Costs When Homeless and Housed in Los Angeles" Economic Roundtable. 2009. http://www.economicrt.org/pub/Where_We_Sleep_2009/Where_We_Sleep.pdf



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B. Raw Data from Huntington Beach community events

1. July 2 Clergy Meeting Asset Map

Organization	Contact	Phone	Email	Food Assets	Clothing Assets	Shelter Assets	Other Assets	Potential Assets
Surf City Church UMC	Pastor Anthony Boger	714-536-3537	anthony.boger@gmail.com	Food Distribution once a month	Fluff & fold service; weekly clothing giveaway	SHIP	ESL; Computer Learning	Case Management, financial literacy
Coastal Community Fellowship	Christopher & Melinda Hotka	951-473-0016	Dochootka@aol.com	2nd/4th Thursday-Spaghetti Ministry at Coastal Fellowship, picnic parks daily outreach and beach community. R.V park box food delivery H.B	Mens, women, children clothing 2nd/4th Thursday. Picnic packs/box food bi-monthly at church	None except reference sheet	None	None
Fresh Beginnings Ministry	Bill Nelson	714-472-9634	billnelson@gmail.com	Picnic paks to homeless (1000 per month)+ Family boxes (enough for 2 people for 10 days) Church Ministry functions (picnics, UBS, Dinners, ALL MEALS INCLUDED	Men, Women, Children, Blanket & Tarps	Use Resources, B.C.I.S, Build Futures	Recovery Programs (Family and Marriage Pastoral Counseling) Job Interview training, Life Support (long term relationships) Will work with HHT	Restaurant for hot meals to homeless and minorities, also to serve as banquet hall for fundraising dinners
Zoroastrian Community	Maneck Bhujwala	None	mbhuiwala@so-cal-rr.com	None	None	None	None	None
Fountain Valley United Methodist Church	Pastor Glen Haworth	714-962-2593	glenhaworth@yahoo.com	Breakfast @ Church every Saturday "Welcome Home"	None	S.H.I.P program	Showers and Clothes washing each Saturday	None
B.C.I.S Beach Cities Interfaith Services	Karen Maurer	714-962-7512	karen@stwilfridschurch.org	Sack Lunches and Groceries on site M-F from 9-2pm	giveaways, all types M-F 9-2pm	Referalls	Utility assistance, Mail, ID assistance, hygiene and prescriptions	None
St. Simon & St. Jude Catholic Church	F.R Christian Mondor OFM	714-393-3547	emondor@ssi.org	Loaves and Fishes/ Meals/ (St. Joseph Catholic Church, Santa Ana) SSJ refers locals to this Santa Ana project	SSJ Mens Club provides food baskets	Help	SSJ host AA meetings each week in school classroom in evening	None
First Church of Christ Scientist, H.B	Jennifer Ann Zeat	714-536-9707	cschHb@verizon.net	None	None	None	None	Will be prayful support
Stoneridge Christian Church	Brandon Ridley	714-594-9606	None	None	None	None	Refer people to new programs	Help



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Organization	Contact	Phone	Email	Food Assets	Clothing Assets	Shelter Assets	Other Assets	Potential Assets
Grace Lutheran Church & School	Pastor Chris Tweitman	714-899-1700	ctweitmann@gmail.com	Weekly Meals (Sundays), Daily Offerings of Grocery Bag of food (1 person/family per week)	Sundays- All types (pending donations)	None	Bus tokens (once monthly), Vitamins and Haircuts (Sundays once a month)	None
B.C.I.S & OFF THE STREETS	Bil Wright	714-969-4462	billwright77@gmail.com	B.C.I.S-Groceries (5 days per weeek) OTS- Getting homeless off the streets (must have job and substainable income; SSDI, SSI, ect) Will pay deposit for Apt.	B.C.I.S- Clothing (5 days/week OTS- Furniture (only for apt placement)	Referrals and OFF THE STREETS (getting homeless off the streets)	B.C.I.S- Utility Bills, hygiene, prescriptions, birth certificates, ID's, jobs referrals	Case Management
First Christian Church	Dave Moses	714-536-2589	None	Food Bank once/month (last Saturday from 10-1pm)	None	None	Recovery Program on Monday Nights 7-9pm	Community Resource Center (Tue-Thurs 10-1pm) Help with rent, utilities, case management
H.B Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	Brad Ward	310-635-6300	BWard@FWS.net	See Notes from Jynene Johnson	None	None	Weekly Addiction Recovery Meetings	justserve.org, mobilize volunteers
H.B Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	Jynene Johnson	714-6094693	JyneneJ@gmail.com	Welfare programs in our church, provides food for anyone in need through a stockhouse of stocked foods	Clothing provided though our thrift store, free for needy	Housing is given, or rent is paid through our Church leaders	Weekly Addition Recovery Meetings, employment centers for training and jobs. Free english classes 3x week and family preparedness classes monthly	Monthly caregiver support group. Service website to volunteer justserve.org
H.B Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	Don Garrick	714-315-7720	DonGarrick@aol.com	"Bishop's" Stockhouse provides food with sign permission from a ZDS bishop	HELP	Motel vouchers with bishop approval	Free job training, walk-ins, Teams assigned to manage needs, Addition programs, Pathways (Finish College program)	refliefsofbedrockcreek.org



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Organization	Contact	Phone	Email	Food Assets	Clothing Assets	Shelter Assets	Other Assets	Potential Assets
Help	Cherie Atkinson	None	Help	Food Closet Fridays (12-2pm), sack lunches daily	Collect clothes (mens, shoes, backpacks, blankets for B.C.I.S again	House ship clients (2x, two weeks a year)	Mobile tutoring, homeless children (Mondays 3-6pm), After school program (Middle School), Shower ministry (Tue, Wed, Thurs 9-10:45am, filled to capacity)	None
H.b Interfaith Council/Compassionate H.B	Rev. Dr. Peggy Help	<u>714-596-4647</u>	<u>r.revpeggyp@verizon.net</u>	Oversight and organizing community groups and houses of worship	None	None	Please come to our Compassionate H.B meeting Wed. July 9th at 7:00pm City Hall	None



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B.2. July 23 Community Meeting Asset Map and Public Request Generation

Huntington Beach Homelessness Gathering Wednesday, July 23rd Asset Mapping and Public Request Generation

Attendees were asked to go around the room and place post-it notes on flip charts if they provided services or had any assets in specific areas pertaining to homeless support. They were also asked to post other resources in the specific area that they knew of who may not be in the room. Attendees then self-selected which group they would join to participate in a focused conversation around homelessness resources. Below is the input from the collected data.

Following the break-out sessions, participants gathered back together to share each groups 2-3 ideas or solutions. Below are some of the common themes identified:

- Resource list
- Meetings for collaboration, organization, to share information and network
- Centralized resources for the homeless
- Communication
- Coordination of services

Some of the one word parting phrases from the group:

- Empower
- Coordination
- Cooperation
- Centralization
- Hope
- Reintegration
- Community
- Solutions
- Patience
- Action
- Respect
- Success



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1	Johnny's Saloon	Ron Edwards	714-658-3290	crzyede70@yahoo.com					
6	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sts. Simon & Jude Church Bob Egan, St. Mary by the Sea Felipa Chadwich St. Vincent de Paul Pat Penfield		Pete Andres email - peteinhb@verizon.net	Weekly pass out of groceries (and on call)		Hotel vouchers	Referrals to professional agencies	Misc. financial help - for purchases, Px, transportation
7	FCCHB Community Resource Center	Dave Moses	714-536-2589		Last Sat of month food pantry			Spiritual Counseling; Financial counseling; Bus passes (1 day); gas cards (\$10); toiletries; recovery programs; resource referrals	
10	Good News Ministry of Grace Lutheran of HB	Josephine (Josey) Morales	562-415-4685	Euelia@aol.com					
10	Good News Ministry of Grace Lutheran of HB	Jon & Valerie Finch and Betty Wardle	Finch - 714-401-3955; Betty 714-899-1700	finch.4@verizon.net and bwardle@gracehb.org	Meal every Sun at 4 pm; Food bags given out Mon-Thur in church office - Large bag for families and small bag for individuals	Donated clothing, shoes, blankets, toiletries, etc. for men and women available each Sunday before the meal 3:15-3:45		Art ministry and haircuts	Bus passes give out at the first of the month; first come first served until gone
14	Phyllis Lembke		714-717-8366						I am a Dr. and will provide free counseling



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15	C.U.M.C.	Howard Herdman	714-803-8310 and 714-843-0886	hherdman@socal.rr.com	Food closet Friday's 12-3 pm - a grocery bag of food; sack lunches given during showers T, W, Th 9:30 am to 11:00 am		S.H.I.P Program 4 weeks a year	School on wheels - tutoring for homeless children Mondays 3-6 pm	Showers on T,W,Th 9:30 am to 11:00 am; Bus passes given when available
16	Kiwanis of Huntington Beach	Cynthia Varnell	714-944-4804	Cynthia4Kiwans@gmail.com					
17	Beach Cities Interfaith Services	Karen Mauner, Carol Sneary	Karen cell: 949-940-5723;	karen@stwifridschurch.org	daily sack lunches; groceries for working poor	all types; free 5 days a week; referrals to Women Helping Women & Mom's Equivalent		Mail; license & ID rquisition; rent & utility assistance; job searches; referrals veteran's help	drug/alcohol counseling; health screening; prescription help
18	Assistance League	Susan Bjork	714-391-2967	suebjork@aol.com		Thrift Shop - 65 years in HB; Through program Operation School Bell we cloth children and work through the schools			
19	Buildng Blocks for Hope, Inc.	David & Jana Atwood	657-203-5019	blgdblocksforhope@gmail.com	We have resources & contacts to donate food and give to organizations that can distribute correctly	We receive large quantities of clothing on a regular basis that we distribute to families in US and Mexico	We love working with OC Rescue Mission	Orange County Rescue Mission; Evangelical Free Church of HB; Johnny's Saloon of HB; Local AA Meetings and sponsors	
21	Fresh Beginnings Ministries	Bill Nelson	714-472-9634	bill@freshbeginningsministries.com	Picnic Parks - 2 meals w/sanitary items in a gallon baggie; support 5 ministries with food for dinners and lunches; baby food - jars, dry, perishables - formula	Men clothing; women's clothing; blankets; coats		Recovery programs; Life support to shut-ins; Job training - interviews	



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22	Off the Streets - Huntington Beach	Larry Burns, Bill Wright, Cheryl Lynch	657-215-0853	offthestreet snow.com/h b			OTS pays first month's security deposit to get qualified homeless individuals into permanent housing (rented room or apt)	Financial counseling	
24	Johnny's Saloon	Kyle E., James K., Chris C.	714-496-2831 and 949-690-0767						
26	St. Bonaventure Catholic Church	Joe Sullivan		josephsullivan@verizon.net	HOPE office provides packaged food (from OC Food Bank) to local low income residents (registered) and some homeless locals every week day	Hope office provides limited amounts of toiletries and clothing (e.g. socks) to homeless people every weekday	Host SHIP in January; 3 weeks a year (temp shelter)		
29	Saddleback Church	Lani Barry	714-536-9865	lbarry7@verizon.net	food pantry once a month				
31	St. Bonaventure Church	Dr. Pat French		PatFrench2@verizon.net	St. Bonaventure Hope center	Women helping women		On line list of resources similar to AA	Women helping Women
32		Debbie Miller	714-964-9384	Food distribution at Christ Lutheran Church in Costa Mesa 2nd Sat of every month	Women helping Women (dress for success program)				
35	City of Huntington Beach	Chris Slama		cslama@surfcity-hb.org					



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36	SHIP - Holy Spirit Catholic Church - His Hands	Pat Goodman	714-847-6617			His Hands			
37	Assistance League of HB	Diane Dwyer		dwverhawk@aol.com					
39	St. Mary's by the Sea Parish	Deacon Tom Conertis		DeaconTomC@gmail.com	Nonperishable food distribution twice weekly to poor with cooking facilities and homeless that have basic food needs				
40	Beach Cities Interfaith	Bill Wright	714-623-3418		Food, groceries, sack lunches,	Clothing, free; shoes free		Hygiene kits, prescriptions, utility bills, birth certificates, CA ID's, CA Driver License, local calling, emergency referrals, job referrals, PO Box,	Counseling, case management; recovery, addiction - referrals & counseling; help with books and education
42	Surf City United Methodist Church	Kelly Frankiewicz	714-475-9401	tedfuicz@aol.com	Fountain Valley UMC on Bushard - weekly Saturday, 6 am - noon washer/dryer, hot breakfast, showers, social services; Surf City UM - 4th Sat. 2nd Harvest food distribution	FV UMC Saturday am		Mondays 6 - 8 pm at Surf City UMC 2721 Delaware, HB - 12 step meetings AA, NA, and OA	
44	White Lotus Night Bazaar	El Veasta Lampley	714-472-5139	brnshgs@yahoo.com					PLEASE CALL ME!
45	Learning Black History Classes	Barbara Junious	714-377-0659	BJ5391@aol.com					
46	Heart in Hands	Patrick Walls		propsoffthewall@gmail.com					



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48	St. Vincent de Paul Society - Sts. Simon & Jude Conf.	Bob Egan		egannest@yahoo.com	On demand daily from 9:30-11 am		Homeless, particularly woman with children are put up in a hotel/motel for several days		
49	God's House	Brett White		brett@gods-househb.com					A youth group of kids looking to serve the homeless
51	American Family Housing	Scott Mather		sctmather@yahoo.org and Smather@AFH.org			Overnight shelters	Addiction support, recovery programs, job training, education	
53		Carly Normandin		carlyluckyx2@hotmail.com					
54	Johnny's Saloon	Hek Valdez	714-369-7985						Ability to raise funds
56	Self Help Interfaith Program (S.H.I.P)	Susan Haggard	562-431-3462	sph.susan@aol.com shipinoc.com			Provide shelter for motivated, screened, employable, single adults while they seek employment and save enough \$ to get back into independent living. Covers North and Central OC	Provide Counseling	
58	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints	Jynene Johnson	714-609-4693						
50 A6 B3 8A 2:A	1st Church of Christ Scientist of Huntington Beach	Jennifer Zast Hetely		cschhb@verizon.net				Prayerful support	



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Economic Sustainability: Jobs/Placement/Training, etc.

What is missing? Where are the gaps?	What could be better coordinated?	What are some new insights or learning from tonight?	Brainstorm 2-3 ideas or solutions in this area
Source of information for faith group leaders for temp housing; standard interview forms	Long term solution to economic sufficiency (Project Self Sufficiency)	Does HB have any facility for homeless people? Any shelter? Home?	Compile data on people and resources; local resource list similar to 211, on website, and printed

Health: clinics, mental health, counseling, recovery

What is missing? Where are the gaps?	What could be better coordinated?	What are some new insights or learning from tonight?	Brainstorm 2-3 ideas or solutions in this area
Mental Health, illness Until proper treatment is given, it self perpetuates; sleep disorders leading to psychosis	Overlap: Health screening, vision, dental; case management, aftercare; referrals Better Coordinated: Bus passes to get to appointments; Solutions		What is currently provided in HB? Once we find out then collaborate

Permanent Affordable Housing

What is missing? Where are the gaps?	What could be better coordinated?	What are some new insights or learning from tonight?	Brainstorm 2-3 ideas or solutions in this area
Relative # is small of those who are willing to step up; Tough issue – end point; Long-cycle; Expansive; overcrowding; no redevelopment funds	Below is other data on flip chart: 8 – 0-30% Ext Lo 535 – 30-50% VLo 528 – 50-80% Low	Complex issue; demand and supply; Lack of redevelopment funds; people in low income housing need community help to stay there	



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Emergency/Transitional Housing			
What is missing? Where are the gaps?	What could be better coordinated?	What are some new insights or learning from tonight?	Brainstorm 2-3 ideas or solutions in this area
ER Housing; Transitional Housing; Housing for Men; Where to park – no hassle parking at night; Sites for building temp housing; Storage; mentors/advocates; Case mgrs.; Count ? undercount	24 hour 211 – places aren't open – doesn't see ER Chaotic system	Where can we put ER housing; surplus land/swap	Identify SB2 Sites Solve the temporary night parking (City of Santa Barbara) Work with City Mgt. to develop solutions Real time resources available (jumping through ropes) Sites available where there is no criteria to come and stay (pets) Coordination of services between faith community Shore up safety net to prevent homelessness BC Interfaith Services Ralphs Group



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Betterment: education, literacy, computers, skills, etc.

What is missing? Where are the gaps?	What could be better coordinated?	What are some new insights or learning from tonight?	Brainstorm 2-3 ideas or solutions in this area
<p>GED prep; vocational training; certified prep programs; interview skills; teach grooming for interviews, dressing (Working Wardrobe Costa Mesa); resume writing; EDD Job fairs and placement;</p>	<p>On-line comprehensive resource and telephone concierge</p> <p>Expand 211 services to greater HB</p> <p>Quarterly mtg. of service providers</p> <p>Communication of services available; eblast to providers</p> <p>Hand out for homeless folks</p>	<p>The large corporations & businesses need to be involved in the solutions</p> <p>There are many (untapped resources) at hand</p> <p>There are many people willing to help</p>	<p>Collective gathering to tap and coordinate the resources (email, phone, flyers, resource directory)</p> <p>Creating communication to those in need</p> <p>Not just "feed" but "teach" them and empower them to "fish"</p>



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Basic Needs: food, clothing, rental assistance, laundry, storage, transportation, showers, hygiene kits

What is missing? Where are the gaps?	What could be better coordinated?	What are some new insights or learning from tonight?	Brainstorm 2-3 ideas or solutions in this area
<p>Advertisement for services/resources available</p> <p>Common calendar for all organizations by city – meals, showers, etc.</p> <p>Bus passes, gas cards, funds for DMV fees</p> <p>Funds for meds – over the counter/Rx</p> <p>Storage? For homeless; lockers; warehouse for clothing;</p> <p>Short term & long term donation of storage</p> <p>Glasses – sunglasses/prescription & reading</p> <p>Funds for legal docs, birth certificates, CA ID</p> <p>Safe overnight parking for those living in cars</p> <p>Mental illness assistance</p> <p>Need fresh foods</p>		<p>Lots of basic needs available</p> <p>Need to centralize and be aware of where services are located and when</p>	<p>Central warehouse – online list of donations – provides jobs for homeless – clothing – furniture, etc.</p> <p>Free transportation – similar to HB City Council on aging provides drivers</p> <p>Free clinic for health care like Alta Med (dental, eye glasses) Laundry facilities</p> <p>Hair cuts/grooming needs donated</p> <p>Car repairs donated</p> <p>Rental assistance</p>



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B.3. Ralph Bauer-hosted Meeting Asset Map

Organization	Contact	Phone	Email	Food Assets	Clothing Assets	Shelter Assets	Other Assets
Assistance League Huntington Beach	MaryAnn Boryszewski	714-847-6511	alh1234@netzero.net		Assistance League Thrift Shop/Operation School Bell/Operation New Beginnings		GWC ONB Support
First Christian Church	David Moses	714-536-2589	dave.moses@fceb.com	Food Bank	x	Rental Assistance	Budget Class/Help
Golden West College	Chip Marchbank	714-895-8768	cmarchbank@gwc.cccd.edu			x	Health/Transportation
American Family Housing	Scott Mather	714-960-8625	sctmather@yahoo.com HELP	x	x	x	Safety/Health/Economic Self-Sufficiency/Transportation
St. Simon and Jude Church	Dr Christian Mondo	714-393-3547	CMONDOR@SST.ORG	food vouchers	St. Vincent de Pane Society HELP	temporary, for people in our parish boundaries	Ongoing second career counseling
St Simon and Jude Church/ HB interfaith Council	Dr Christian Mondo	714-393-3547	CMONDOR@SST.ORG	food baskets especially Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday	as needed	temporary/	second career counseling for unemployed
Laundry Love H.B	Christian Kassoff	714-726-3673	zinchy@gmail.com	groceries/dinner	laundry		
	Phyllis Lembke	714-717-8366	plembke@so-cal.rr.com	x	x	x	safety/Health/economic self-sufficiency/transportation
Koinonia Fellowship	Thomas Charles Helmick (pastor)	714-801-2355	thomaskoinonia@aol.com	groceries from Trader Joes Monday nights 5-6pm	sweatshirts, jackets, some shirts and socks to provide		hygiene and women's feminine hygiene; we pass out if needed
The Church of Jesus Christ and Ladder-day Saints	Jynene Johnson	714-609-4693	HELP	service projects	donations		



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Holy Spirit Fountain Valley-SHIP Commitment 2x/year	Pat Goodman	714-847-6617	patgoodman@yahoo.com		x	x	economic self-sufficiency; prevent homelessness from happening-strong intervention system to stop homelessness from happening/survey homeless on steps to prevent and causes of homelessness
Huntington Beach Baptist Church	Mona Grace (volunteer head)	562-606-6868	flowergirl1239@hotmail.com	They provide; Monday night 4:30-6pm OC Mission brings chili, pizza, drinks. Food, Groceries, lunch bags	clothing, hygiene items, shoes, sleeping bags, etc.	T-F, 11am-1pm	T-F, 11am-1pm at 8121 Ellis St. H.B Baptist Church in the back of the church
Community United Methodist Church	Norma Brandel Gibbs or Kay Goddard	714-846-3247	kathryngoddard@csulb.edu	food closet once a week and lunches, bus passes daily, showers 2x a week	collection for assistance league	SHIP-rotating faith organizations 2 weeks at a time-overnight, meals	Economic self-sufficiency; SHIP provides assistance for those seeking a job. Transportation; bus passes
St Simon and Jude Church Conference of St. Vincent + De Paul	Bob Egan	714-964-5818	egannest@yahoo.com	x		x	Transportation
Assistance League Huntington Beach	Diane Help	714-968-6356			x		
The Church of Jesus Christ and Ladder-day Saints	Terry Cirac	949-254-282	tcirac.embassy@earthlink.net		can provide clothing and food		
Networks Church-Laguna Beach	Betty Calloway	949-293-9954	bettycaloway@cox.net			Shelter for homeless population; half of church population is homeless/shelter is overpopulated; sleeping outside in ditches, cardboard boxes etc.	
Rancho Hunt Mobile Home Parks	Betsy Crimi H.O.A President	714-309-9466	betsycrimi@yahoo.com		HELP	HELP	HELP



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Organization	Contact	Phone	Email	Food Assets	Clothing Assets	Shelter Assets	Other Assets
Off the Streets-Huntington Beach	Larry Burns	714-642-5541	offthestreetsnowhb@gmail.com			one month security deposit, household apartment furnishings	economic self-sufficiency; financial counseling
Project Self Sufficiency	Brigitte Beisner	714-536-5439	bbeisner@surfcity-hb.org	not enough food resources		not enough affordable/low cost housing	safety; no emergency shelter or transitional housing
Community United Methodist Church	Cheri Atkinson	714-803-8310	cherievatkins@aol.com	food closet Fridays 12-2pm and shower ministry			transportation; bus tokens
Community United Methodist Church	Cheri Atkinson	714-803-8310	cherievatkins@aol.com			need emergency housing for men	safety; parking and sleeping, harassed by police/ transportation; transportation to shelters which are primarily in Fullerton/Santa Ana-dorms only open in cold, rainy seasons
Health Issues	Shirley Dettloff	714-847-8371	shirleydettloff@socal.rr.com			x	Health/Economic Self Sufficiency
Golden West College Service Learning	Jeremy Napial	714-290-2011	Jeremy@Because.org				Volunteers
Beach Cities Interfaith Services	Carol Sneary, Maren Maurer	714-309-4017, 714-969-4462	bcishb@verizon.net			needed for individual + couples	Health-mental health and general health. Transportation; better service in orange county resources for gasoline and bus passes.
National Alliance of Mental Illness	Lynn Thies	714-299-1405	Lynnthies@aol.com			Board & care homes for mentally ill	Mental Health staff & homes for mentally ill; jobs to receive services for mentally ill; transportation to services
Build Futures	Kathy Tillotson	714-907-7358	Kathy@BuildFutures.org	Help to get food stamps; provide parks & food care	Connect to resources	Housing provided to homeless youth 18-24; house in sober living houses	Safety - take off streets; Connect to medical insurance, mental health & substance program; help to obtain "right to work" documentation and employment; provide bus passes
Saint Bonaventure Church	Joe Sullivan	714-842-9707	josephsullivan@verizon.net	Available at the Hope Office	Available at the Hope Offices	Help through city organization	Can provide volunteers
None	Jim Wheeler	714-374-8866	wheetwo@socal.com	None	None	None	None



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Self Help Shelter Program SHIP	Bill Thacker	714-366-2244	None	None	None	None	None
None	Vic Leipzig	714-848-5394	None	None	None	None	None
Beach Cities Interfaith Services	Bill Wright	714-623-3418	None	None	None	None	*Also off the Streets
None	Jane Burke	714-585-8546	None	None	None	None	None
None	Barbara Delgeize	714-421-0103	barbara4hb@gmail.com	None	None	None	None
None	Ed Desroches	None	ebdesroches@verizon.net	None	None	None	TBD
None	Joe Dagley	714-504-4903	None	None	None	None	None
None	Rabbi Steve Einstein	714-287-1101	rebeiraffe@aol.com	None	None	None	Where I can be of Service
None	Tom Harman	714-599-6700	None	None	None	None	None
CUMA/ 1B	Howard Herdman	714-843-0886	hherdman@social.rp.com	None	None	None	None
American Family Housing	Scott Mather	714-642-2680	vetmather@yahoo.com	None	None	None	None
HB Church of Religious Science	John Morris/ Anna Cotton	714-337-6631	ladyanna@dslextreme.com	None	None	None	Interested how our community can help homeless in HB
None	Cody Riechers	714-932-8653	codyriechers@yahoo.com	Can connect organizations that distribute food	None	landowners willing to donate space to grow food	gardeners willing to volunteer time and energy
Compassionate HB/ Interfaith Council	Peggy Price/ Connie Bourdman	714-596-4747	r.revpeggyp@verizon.net	None	None	None	Want to collaborate and create for all issues
	Martha Nishida	714-536-8613	Mnishida@social.rr.com	None	None	None	None



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C. Case Study: Anaheim Homeless Collective Impact Collaborative

City Net is contracted by the city of Anaheim to lead a multi-sector collective impact collaborative in the city. Key results from the beginning of the project are listed here as a way to imagine possible outcomes from such a collaborative in Huntington Beach.

1. Homeless neighbors moved off the streets and on the path to permanent housing- with surrounded care

	Households	Individuals
January-March	29	48
April-June	68	104
July-September	39	54
October	12	26
TOTAL	148	232

2. Mobilization of faith community to provide supportive care to homeless neighbors

- 12 total congregational teams have formally organized and are providing supportive care to homeless neighbors in Anaheim
- 37 faith congregations have participated in the collaborative overall, along with 23 nonprofit organizations, 11 governmental agencies/departments, and 9 businesses
- 1,880 volunteer hours (IRS value of \$42,394) donated by the faith community to the collaborative
- Donations of furniture and housing items for move-ins of homeless neighbors

3. Anaheim Police Department (APD) cupboards fully operationalized and supplemented with cash and in-kind donations from faith community

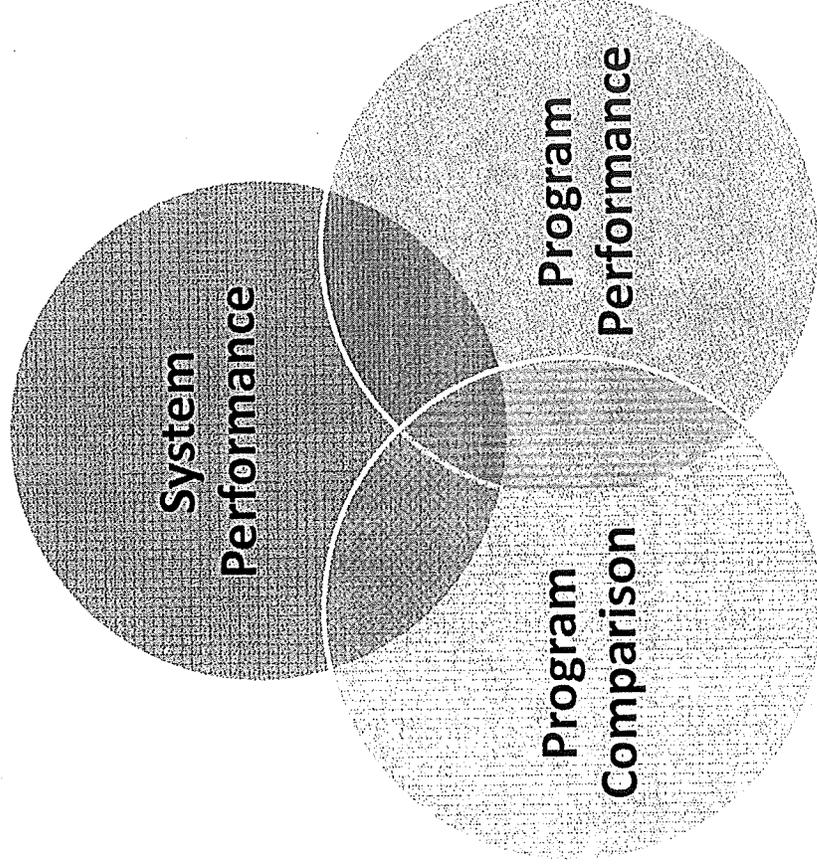
- Community partners donated \$22,100 to APD to provide officers with motel vouchers, food cards, gas cards, cold-weather clothing, relocation funds, etc.
- "Locker" secured, donated and operationalized at Magnolia Baptist to house these APD goods.

4. Reduction of APD service calls related to homelessness

- APD reports 13% reduction in service calls from 2013 baseline numbers, a reduction of 65 calls per month on average, for a total of 522 fewer calls in 2014 through August.

OC System & Program Performance

- In depth analysis of system and program outcomes over 3 years
- 67 programs, 30 providers
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and budget data



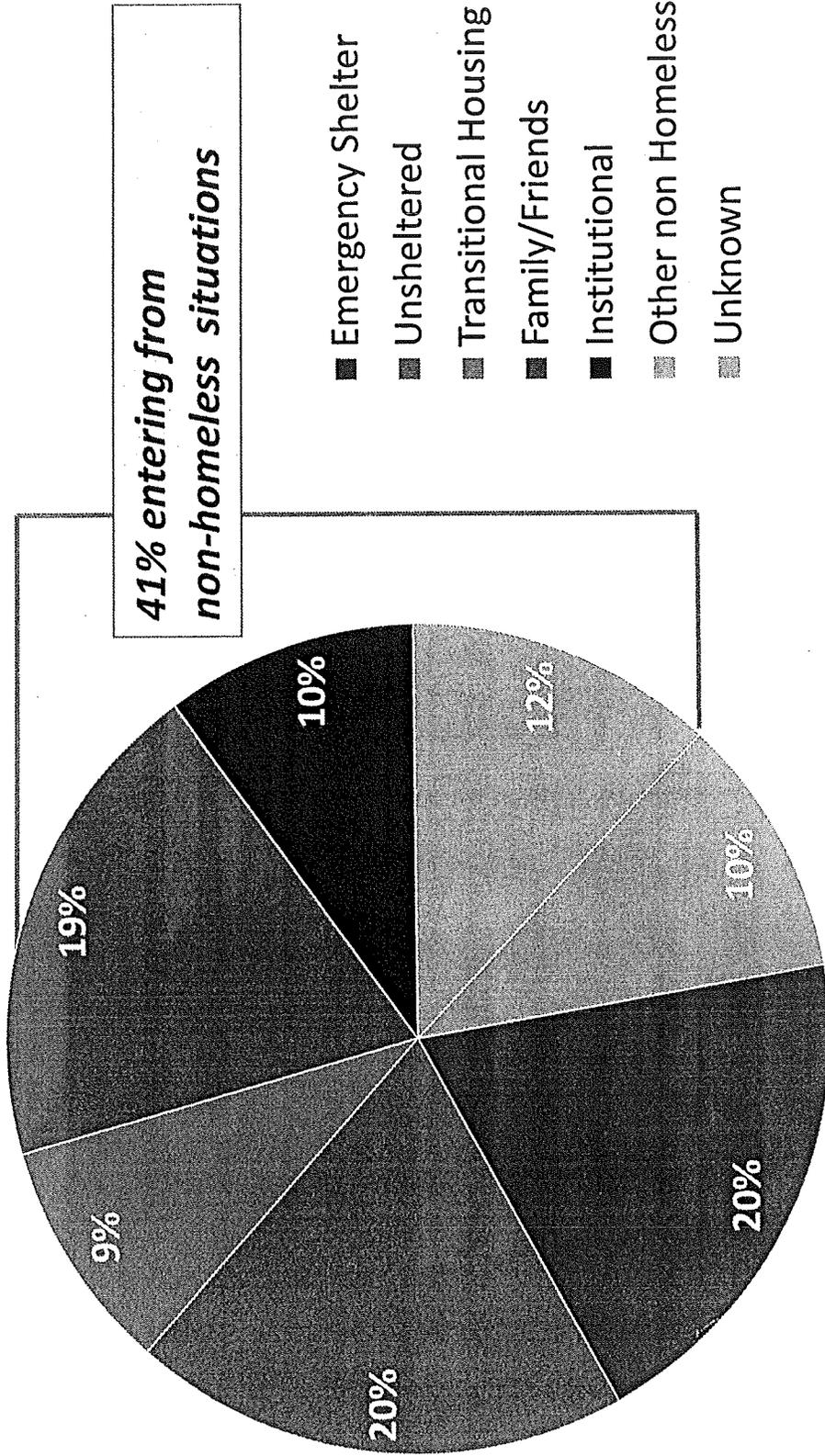
Orange County's System of Care

System Summary: Year 2

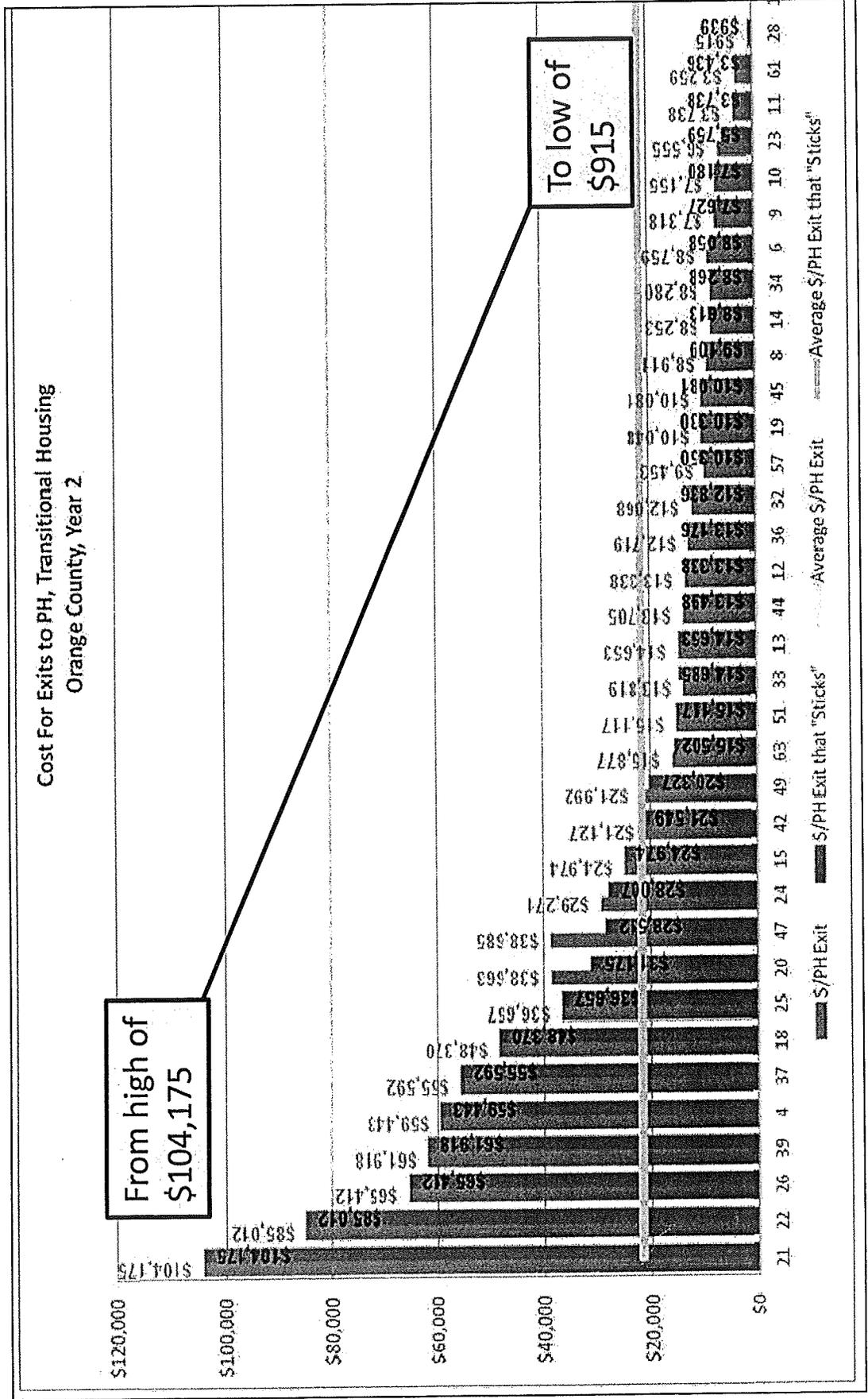
	Emergency Shelters	Transitional Housing	Rapid Re-Housing	Permanent Supportive Hsg.	Total System
Total Providers	15	33	7	8	63
Total Programs	21	60	11	16	108
Average # Programs per Provider	1.4	1.8	1.6	2.0	1.7
<i>% of all system programs</i>	19%	56%	10%	15%	100%
Total HMIS Providers	7	22	3	8	40
Total HMIS Programs	8	41	4	12	65
<i>% of all system programs in HMIS</i>	12%	63%	6%	18%	100%
HMIS Program Coverage ¹	38%	68%	36%	75%	60%
Total Beds	1,294	1,990	345	1,690	5,319
<i>% of all system beds</i>	24%	37%	6%	32%	100%
Total HMIS Beds	1,097	1,396	313	1,303	4,109
<i>% of system beds in HMIS</i>	27%	34%	8%	32%	100%
Total Investment in HMIS Programs ²	\$3,398,659	\$12,873,848	\$498,925	\$26,321,999	\$43,093,431
Average Investment/Year/Bed	\$3,098	\$9,222	\$1,455	\$20,201	\$8,494
Average Investment/PH Exit	\$21,927	\$26,709	\$3,450	N/A	\$17,362
<i>% of system investment</i>	8%	30%	1%	61%	100%

System Outcomes: System Entry

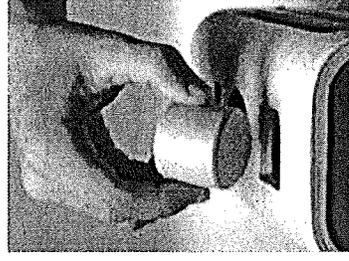
Household Entries into Transitional Housing



System Outcomes: Cost / Permanent Housing (PH) Exit



Reframing Homeless Programs in Orange County with a Housing Crisis Resolution System



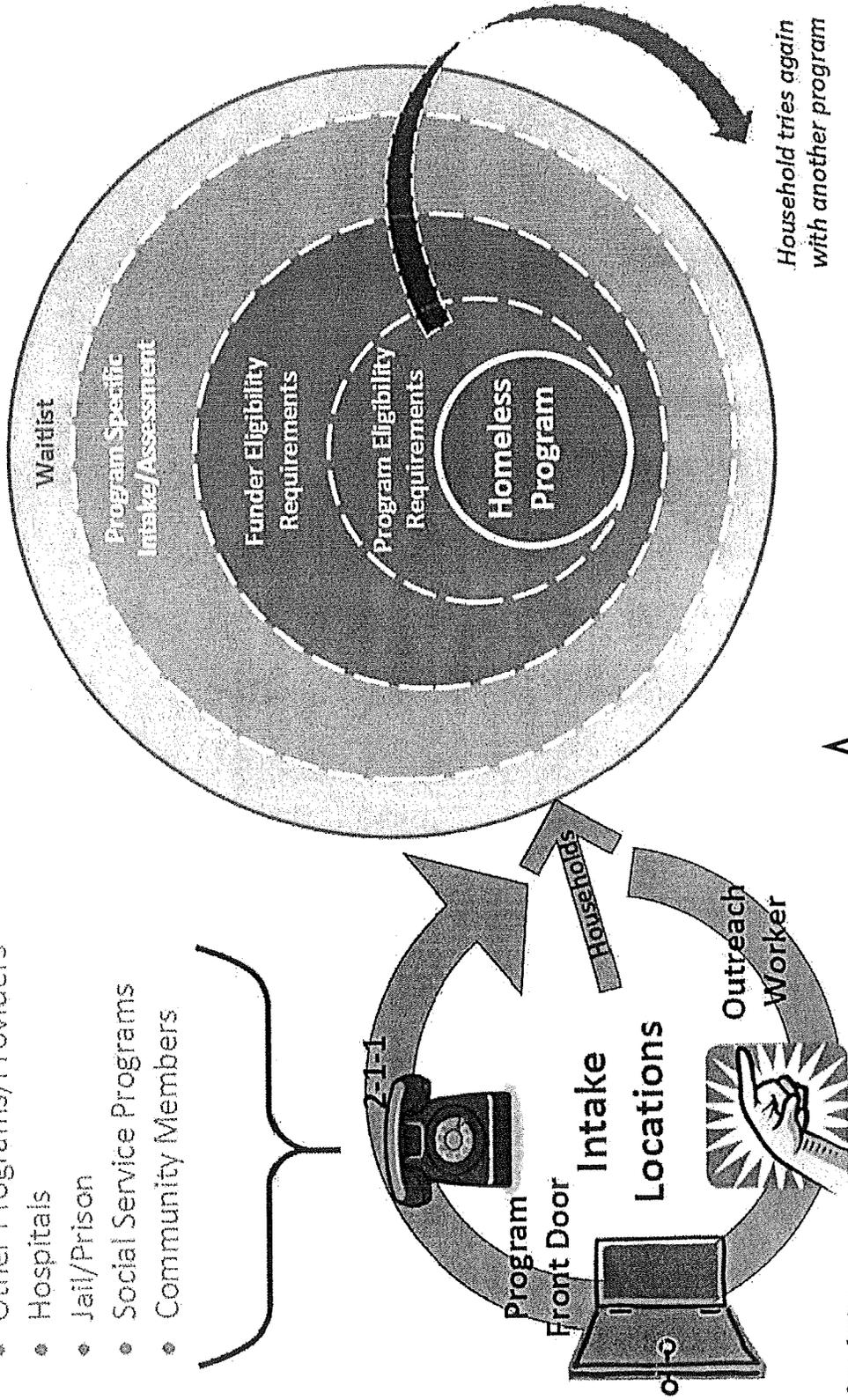
Does Orange County's current set of housing components fit the need?

How does Coordinated Assessment/
Centralized Intake help solve this problem?

Orange County Current Program Entry Process

Referrals From:

- Other Programs/Providers
- Hospitals
- Jail/Prison
- Social Service Programs
- Community Members



★ x 108 programs

Number of Homeless from the Point in Time Count vs. # of Beds

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	2009		2011		2013	
	#	% of total	#	% of total	#	% of total
Sheltered Homeless People	2,609	31%	2,667	38%	2,573	61%

	2013	
	#	% of total
Unsheltered Homeless People	1,678	39%
Sheltered Homeless People	2,573	61%
Total Point-in-Time Count	4,251	
Annual Estimate	12,707	

5,319 beds
2,573 beds occupied
2,746 beds EMPTY

Coordinated Assessment / Centralized Intake (CA/CI) Improves the Process

- Bed Inventory will allow us to fill empty beds
- Working with service providers to remove barriers from programs
- Solving issue of housing those who are chronically homeless
- Right-sizing the system to create system change

How do we right-size our system?

- By gathering individual Program Access criteria, including Funder and Physical Plant restrictions
 - Maximum age limit for accompanied children
 - Gender, single or married
 - Residency, e.g. last known zip code within city limits
 - Minimum income
 - Sobriety
 - Criminal record
 - Immigration status
 - Rental history
 - Eviction history
 - Credit history
 - Pets
 - Program participation requirements

We look at this information, and then:

- Identify the best use existing bed inventory
- Work collaboratively with programs to make sure programs don't close their doors due to property deed restrictions
- Think outside the box, e.g. we have too much transitional housing, maybe use as emergency housing
- **Create plan that allows the community to reduce homelessness by 85% within 5-6 years**

To reach this goal we need all in the Continuum of Care to participate

- Service providers, HUD and non-HUD funded
- Faith communities
- Cities
- County
- Funders
- Law Enforcement
- Mental Health System/Hospitals/EMTs
- Transportation
- Department of Education – Orange County

Transformation



Connect – Collaborate – Inform

For more information:

- www.211oc.org or dial 2-1-1
- Main office in Santa Ana 714-288-4007
- www.ocpartnership.net
- Homeless Provider Forum meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month (except July), from 9-11am
<http://www.ocpartnership.net/content/homelessproviderforum.html>
- Commission to End Homelessness meets monthly on the fourth Friday of the month
<http://www.ocpartnership.net/content/2014mastercalendar.html>



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COMPANY PARTNERS

Category - Housing / Shelter

Laura's House
 (866) 498-1511 (24hr)
 (949) 498-1511 (24hr)

Services: Shelter, support, counseling including individual/couples/family therapy, resource center, education and outreach for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Family Self-Sufficiency - Orange County Housing Authority
 1770 North Broadway
 Santa Ana , CA
 92706
 (714) 480-2719
 (714) 480-2812

Services: Rental assistance and counseling for self-sufficiency.

Orange County Housing Authority
 1770 N. Broadway
 Santa Ana , CA
 92706
 (714) 480-2700
 (714) 480-2812

Services: Administers the Section 8 Rental Program.

Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter
 1963 Wallace Ave.
 Costa Mesa , CA
 92627
 (949) 631-7213
 (949) 631-7648

Services: Emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless families and counseling for self sufficiency.

Orange County Community Housing Corporation

1833 E. 17th, Suite 207
 Santa Ana , CA
 92705
 (714) 558-8161
 (714) 558-0423

Services: Housing and education services for low-income families; mentoring for financial self-sufficiency and family health & nutrition; tutoring.

Mary Erickson Community Housing

P.O. Box 775
 San Clemente , CA
 92674
 (949) 369-5419
 (949) 369-5416

Services: Serves south Orange County with low-income housing for working families.

Women's Transitional Living Center

P.O. Box 6103
 Orange , CA
 92867
 (714) 992-1939 x101
 (714) 992-0525

Services: Assistance for victims of domestic abuse or human trafficking including emergency shelter & transitional housing, legal advocacy, immigration services, residential childrens program.

Interval House

P.O. Box 3356
 Seal Beach , CA
 90740
 (714) 891-8121
 (562) 596-3370

Services: Shelter, support and counseling for victims of domestic violence.

Human Options

P.O. Box 53745
 Irvine , CA
 92626
 (949) 854-3554
 (949) 509-0862

Services: Shelter; counseling, support and legal assistance for abused women and children; elder abuse prevention.

Friendship Shelter

P.O. Box 4252
 Laguna Beach , CA
 92652

(949) 494-6928
 (949) 497-4324

Services: Transitional housing for homeless individuals; individual and group counseling; individual case management; life skills training; recovery meetings; budget/credit counseling; job readiness/employment placement; housing and specialized services for individuals with mental health disabilities.

Department of Housing & Urban Development
 1600 North Broadway, Suite 100
 Santa Ana , CA
 92706
 (888) 827-5605
 (714) 796-5520

Services: Assistance for housing and rent; energy efficiency assistance; counseling and resources; fair housing; Indian programs;transitional disaster housing assistance and relief for re-building.

Housing Authority - Garden Grove
 11277 Garden Grove Blvd., #101-C
 Garden Grove , CA
 92842
 (714) 741-5150
 (714) 741-5197

Services: Assistance for housing and rent; energy efficiency assistance; counseling and resources; fair housingtransitional disaster housing assistance and relief for re-building.

Housing Authority - Anaheim
 200 S. Anaheim Blvd
 Anaheim , CA
 92805
 (714) 765-4320

Services: Assistance for housing and rent; energy efficiency assistance; counseling and resources; fair housing.

Housing Authority - Santa Ana
 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Bldg 20 Civic Center Plaza
 Santa Ana , CA
 92701
 (714) 667-2200

Services: Assistance for housing and rent; energy efficiency assistance; counseling and resources; fair housingtransitional disaster housing assistance and relief for re-building.

Housing Authority - Orange County
 1770 N Broadway
 Santa Ana , CA
 92706
 (714) 480-2900

Services: Assistance for housing and rent; energy efficiency assistance; counseling and resources; fair housing transitional disaster housing assistance and relief for re-building.

Human Options - Community Resource Center

P.O. Box 53745
Irvine , CA
92619
949-854-0180

Services: Crisis intervention, support groups, legal advocacy, counseling for abused women and children, information and referrals, personal empowerment program.

Serving People in Need (SPIN)

151 Kalmus, Ste H-2
Costa Mesa , CA
92626
(714) 751-1101
(714) 751-3332

Services: Guaranteed Apartment Payment Program (GAPP) provides apartment move-in assistance, follow-up case work & support services (One adult must employed full-time and leaving long-term shelter or transitional living program). Substance Abuse Rehab Program (SARP) provides financial assistance for individuals experiencing recovery, extreme financial need and homelessness.

Orange County Rescue Mission - Operation OC

One Hope Drive
Tustin , CA
92782
714-247-4300

Services: Provide Housing, shelter and community referrals.

Family Assistance Ministries

929 Calle Negocio, Suite G
San Clemente , CA
92673
949-492-8477

Services: Provide food, shelter, utility assistance, transportation assistance, medical, dental, prescription assistance, financial counseling and client aid to thousands of people in South Orange County.

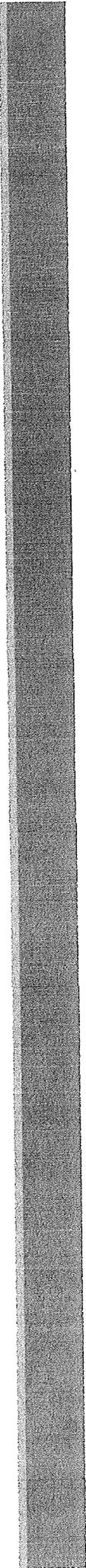
Oakview Renewal Partnership

17241 oak Ln.
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
(714) 847-6869

Services: The Job Development Program supports residents with case management; job search, application, resume-building, and interviewing skills assistance; and job placement. OVRP is partnering with workforce partners to carry out this program.

Haven of Hope Philosophy

- By bringing service providers together, H4H can realize its goal of treat the root causes of homelessness.
- One central location for several specialized services including:
 - veterans services,
 - sexual abuse counseling,
 - substance abuse, medical services ,
 - violence intervention services,
 - HIV/AIDS services
 - ex-offenders programs
 - pregnant teen services
 - animal kennel/shelter support services



Haven of Hope Philosophy

- The benefit of using one database/tracking system allows H4H to create a streamlined system that integrates and coordinates efforts without duplication.
- Providers are able to make multiple service provider appointments while collecting real time referrals and utilization of a common calendar



Option 1: Transformational Program

Life Skills Track

- Works to enable members to “possess the abilities to interact with others in a socially responsible manner and overcome functional barriers”.
- For homeless who lack basic life skills

The Educational/Vocational Track

- Enable members to “possess the skills to compete in the present and future job markets” .
- For those who already have life skills and are ready to begin job training.

Fast Track

- For the “economically homeless” who are homeless solely for economic reasons such as unemployment.

The Disability/Seniors Track

- For disabled and elderly persons who already have life skills

The In-House Recovery Program

- For those suffering from alcohol or drug addictions

Initial Participation in the Transformational Program:

The goal for 2011 was to place 400 members in jobs:

- As of December 9, 2011, 525 Members had been placed in jobs with benefits.
- During the month of November, 2011, 48 Members had found homes,
- 44 members found jobs,
- 2 Members successfully passed their GED (high school equivalency) exams
- There were 13,500 days of sobriety.

Option 2: Prospects Court Yard (PCY)

- Intended for persons who are not ready to commit to transformation.
- Provides Security to the Chronic Homeless
- Members enter through a guard station
- Must show their Haven for Hope identification badges
- Any bags they are carrying are searched
- Breaths are checked for alcohol
- Must walk through screening devices (Metal detectors)
- Supervised by guards

Services Provided at PCY

- Indoor and Outdoor marked off sleeping facilities
- Clean mattresses, sheets, and blankets provided
- Showers and laundry facilities
- Thrift stores to buy clean clothes
- Medicine
- Ability to trade 4hrs of service to move inside
- No limitation on stays
- Dining Room
 - Serves three meals a day
 - 365 days a year
 - For 300 PCY members

Financing : Haven For Hope

- Total Project Cost: 103M
- Partnered with various public and private entities to secure loans (market and below market), grants, donations, and \$9.2 million tax credit subsidy (\$40 million in allocation)
- Government Grants
 - New Market Tax Credits \$9.2M (net subsidy)
 - City of San Antonio \$22.5M
 - County of Bexar, TX \$11.0M
 - State of Texas \$9.5 M



Financing : Haven For Hope

- Donors
- Methodist Health Care Ministries \$7.1M
- NuStar Foundation \$6.0M
- Bill Greehey \$5.2M
- AT&T Foundation \$5.0M
- Other Charitable Gifts \$28.2M



Annual Organizational Expenses

System	I. Campus Operator's Partner Services	II. Life Safety	III. Case Management Social Work	IV. General	TOTAL
STAFF	30	40	42	11	123
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repairs - Upkeep - Information Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contractors - Security specializes in handling homeless and their specific needs and issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intake Case Management Tracking Software 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance - Human Resources 	All Services
SERVICES					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Custodial - Grounds - Events - Painting - Utilities 				
COST	\$3.3M	\$2.1M	\$3.2M	\$1.1M	\$9.7M

What Have We Learned from Haven of Hope?

1. Centralization of virtually all services required for success makes service delivery more efficient
2. Developed through extensive analysis sector/service approaches that package and phase services for the homeless based on their mental capacity and physical needs
3. Importance of co-locating services and natural transition from one program to another
4. Master Calendar to avoid conflicting appointments
5. Ease of service navigation due to onsite assistance
6. Several levels of care based on mental and physical needs of the client

What Have We Learned from Haven of Hope?

7. Ongoing support during transition from homeless to housed
8. Providing a centralized location for all service-center groups and organizations to come and contribute in an effective, safe, and community enhancing services to the homeless is the most efficient model

Question: Could cities duplicate this model on a smaller scale? What would work in Huntington Beach



Utah's Homeless Approach

Orange County Forum
Orange County, California
September 17-18, 2015

Lloyd S. Pendleton
President/CEO
Pendleton Enterprise



Homeless Homed -- The Daily Show

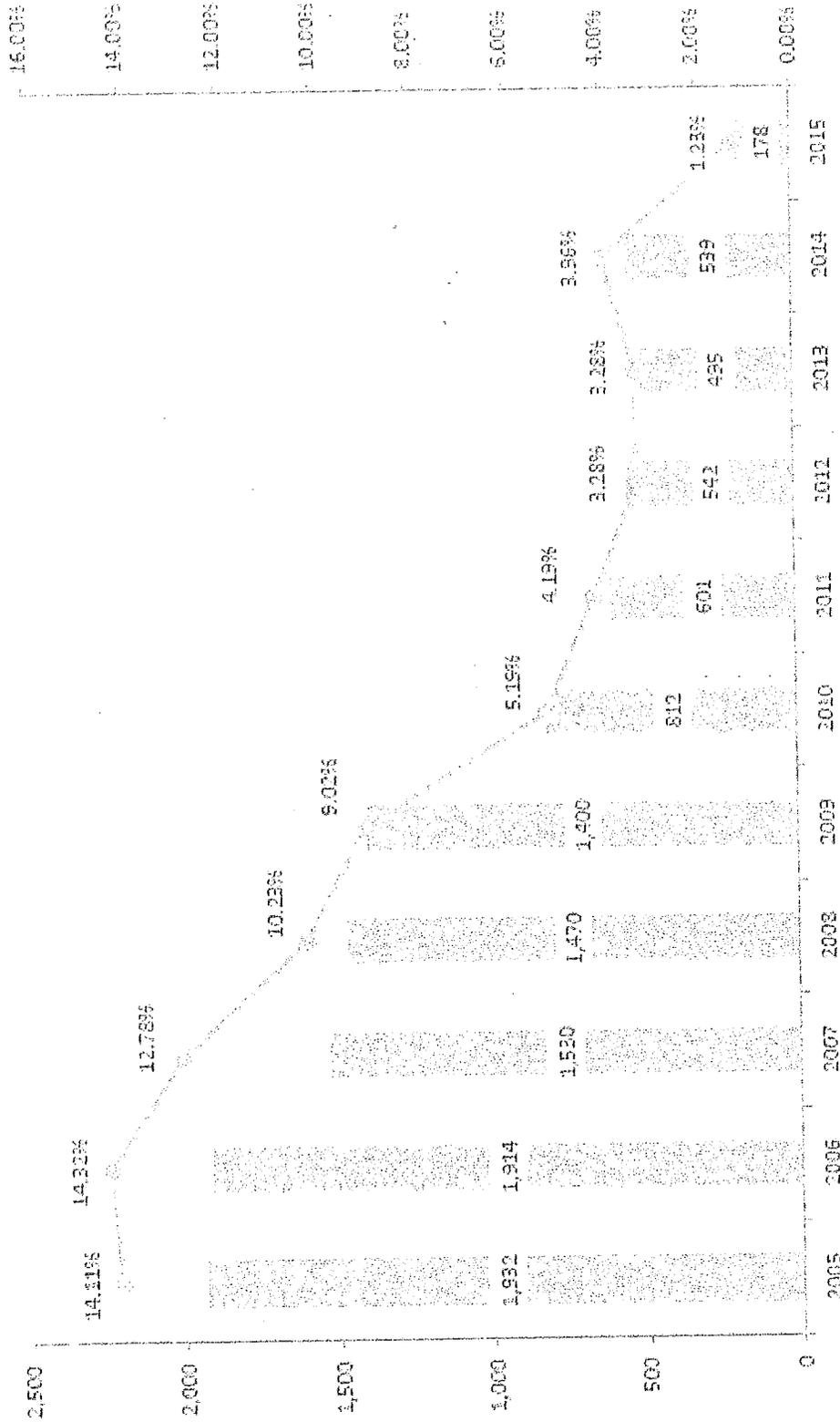
With Jon Stewart

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/videos/Intv3q/the-homeless-homed>

Daily Show Clip

- What is your take away from this clip?
- How was the resident (Russell) portrayed?
- How do you view/feel about homeless families and individuals?
- How does your feelings about homeless citizens:
 - Affect what actions you take?
 - How those actions are undertaken?

Utah Chronic Homeless Count



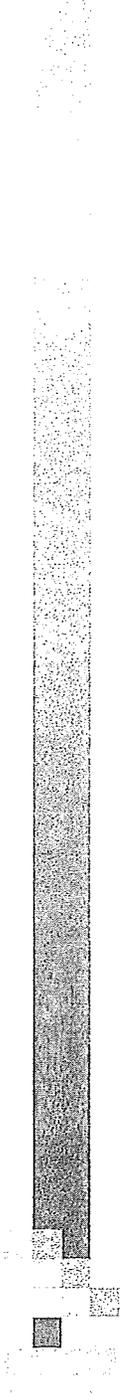
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Source: 2015 Annualized Utah Homeless Point-In-Time Count and 2015 Point-In-Time Count

Why the Success in Utah?

- Champions for homeless citizens
- Collaboration among homeless service providers, funders, political leaders in cities, counties, and state
- Compassion for providing viable housing opportunities and services for our homeless citizens

Champions



Characteristics of a Champion

- **Energy** – Begins and finishes projects
 - Stamina & staying power
 - Enthusiasm & optimism
 - Sense of humor
- **Bias to Act** – Solve problems not decried them
 - Focus on solutions
 - Sense of urgency
 - Opportunity driven



Champions -- Continued

- **Results Oriented** – Outcome, not process matters most. Networking & capacity building are the means, not the end
 - Need for achievement
 - Clear & compelling vision for success
 - Chart & use milestones

Champions -- Continued

- **Personal Responsibility** -- Take responsibility for their own their behavior
- **Belief in Common Good** -- Look beyond what is good for their families & friends
 - See & feel impacts on others
 - Builds on diversity
 - Activate shared values

Champions -- Continued

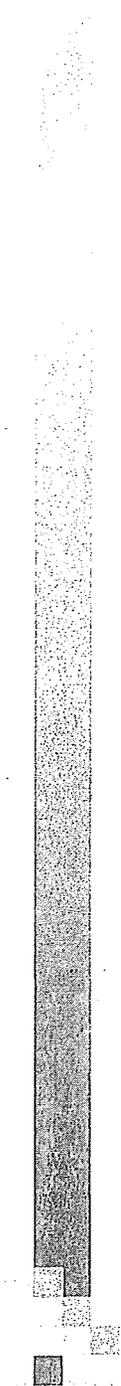
- Inclined to Teams – Provide the juice, but know they need an engine
 - Form teams from different, not like-mined
 - Share credit as well as information
 - Seek creation, not agreement

Collaboration



State of Utah Vision

Everyone has access to safe, decent, affordable housing with the needed resources and supports for self-sufficiency and well being.



“Men build too many
walls and not enough
bridges.”

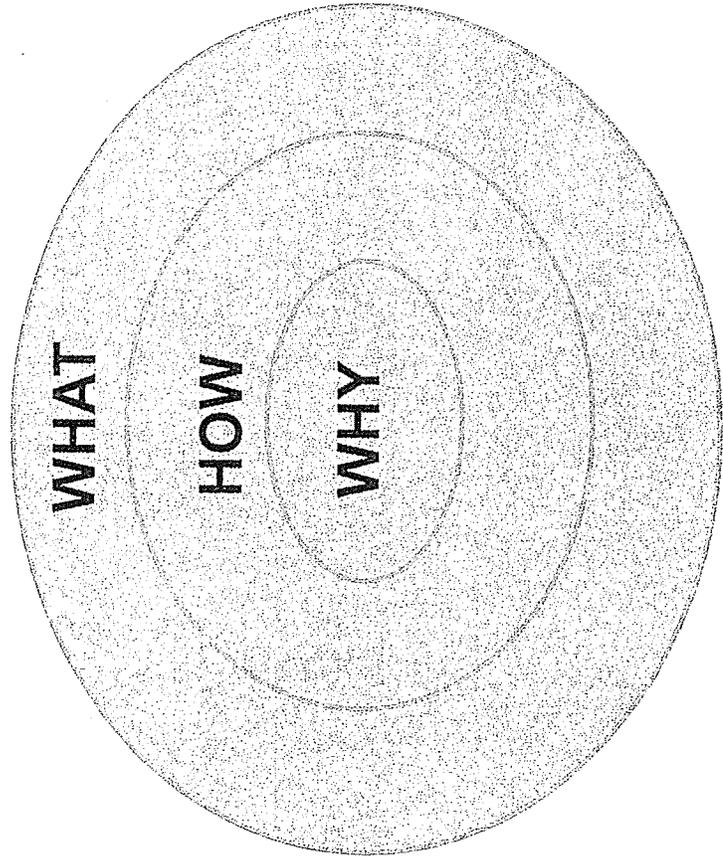
Sir Isaac Newton

Stakeholders

- Who needs to be at the table?
 - Champions,
 - Political leaders,
 - Funders,
 - Housing Authorities,
 - Business leaders,
 - Faith based leaders
 - Homeless service providers
 - others

Compassion

The Golden Circle



Questions to Consider

- What needs to be done?
- How will it be done?
- Why will it be done?
 - King's Dream Speech
- Vision – Homeless Citizens achieve maximum integration into society
 - Housing a major step
 - Keeping housing key



Who Are the Homeless?

- Citizens of our communities
- People suffering and in need of hope
- Bigger picture – brothers & sisters

How We Serve

- Most desire to “help” others
- Helping, fixing, serving
 - Three different ways of seeing life. When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego and service the work of the soul. Rachel Remen, Kitchen Table Wisdom
- Mrs. Henry



I chose the road less

traveled and now I

don't know where the

hell I am.

National Effort

National Effort on Chronic and Veteran Homelessness

- 10% homeless population chronic
- **Chronic Definition** -- Unaccompanied adult with a disabling condition homeless a year or more or four times in three years
- 10-14% homeless population veterans
- End veterans homelessness by 2015
- End chronic homelessness by 2015 (Initial date)

Cost of Homelessness

- Chronic homeless individuals have emergency services costs such as:
 - Emergency room visits to hospitals
 - Transportation to hospitals
 - Jail time
- \$48,792 per person (JAMA 4/1/09)
- \$40,449 per person (Culhane NY, NY study)
- \$35,949 per person (San Diego Serial Inebriate study)

Utah – Chronic Homelessness Housing Opportunities End of 2015

- One Salt Lake person's 2010 ER costs were **\$563,000**
- One over 3 years was **\$937,744**

Continuum of Care

- HUD organization, local service providers
 - Apply for HUD funding
 - California has 39, Utah three
 - Plan/coordinate homeless housing & services
 - California receives \$307.6, Orange County \$19.5, & Utah \$8.0 million annually
 - California Per Capita \$7.93
 - Orange County \$6.27
 - Utah Per Capita \$2.88

California Overview

2014 Homeless Population

Category	California	Utah	National
Homeless Population	113,952 (19.7%)	3,081	578,424
Unsheltered	71,437 (62.7%)	313 (10.2%)	177,373 (30.7%)
Chronic Homeless Individuals	28,200 (35.5%) (84.3% Unshelt.)	386 (10.4% Unshelt.)	84,291 (63.0% Unshelt.)
Veterans	12,096 (10.6%)	317 (10.3%)	49,933 (8.6%)
Persons in Families	23,187 (20.4%)	1,342 (43.6%)	216,261 (37.4%)
Annualized % of Pop. (Chronic X 2, Non Chronic X 5)	485,160 (1.3%)	14,454 (0.5%)	2.6 M (0.8%)
Population	38,800,000 (12.3%)	2,901,000	316,100,000

2014 Homeless Population

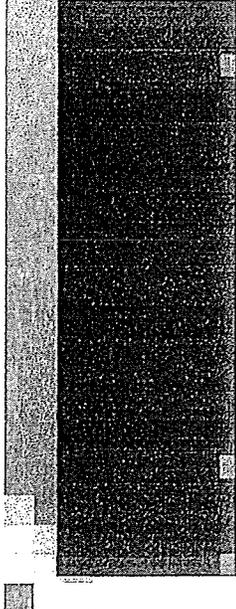
Category	Orange Co.	Utah	National
Homeless Population	3,833 (0.7%)	3,081	578,424
Unsheltered	1,678 (43.8%)	313 (10.2%)	177,373 (30.7%)
Chronic Homeless Individuals	798 (0.9%) (83.7% Unshelt.)	386 (10.4% Unshelt.)	84,291 (63.0% Unshelt.)
Veterans	398 (10.3%)	317 (10.3%)	49,933 (8.6%)
Persons in Families	1,272 (33.2%)	1,342 (43.6%)	216,261 (37.4%)
Annualized % of Pop. (Chronic X 2, Non- Chronic X 5)	16,771 (0.5%)	14,454 (0.5%)	2.6 M (0.8%)
Population	3,114,000	2,901,000	316,100,000

Utah's Approach



State of Utah Vision

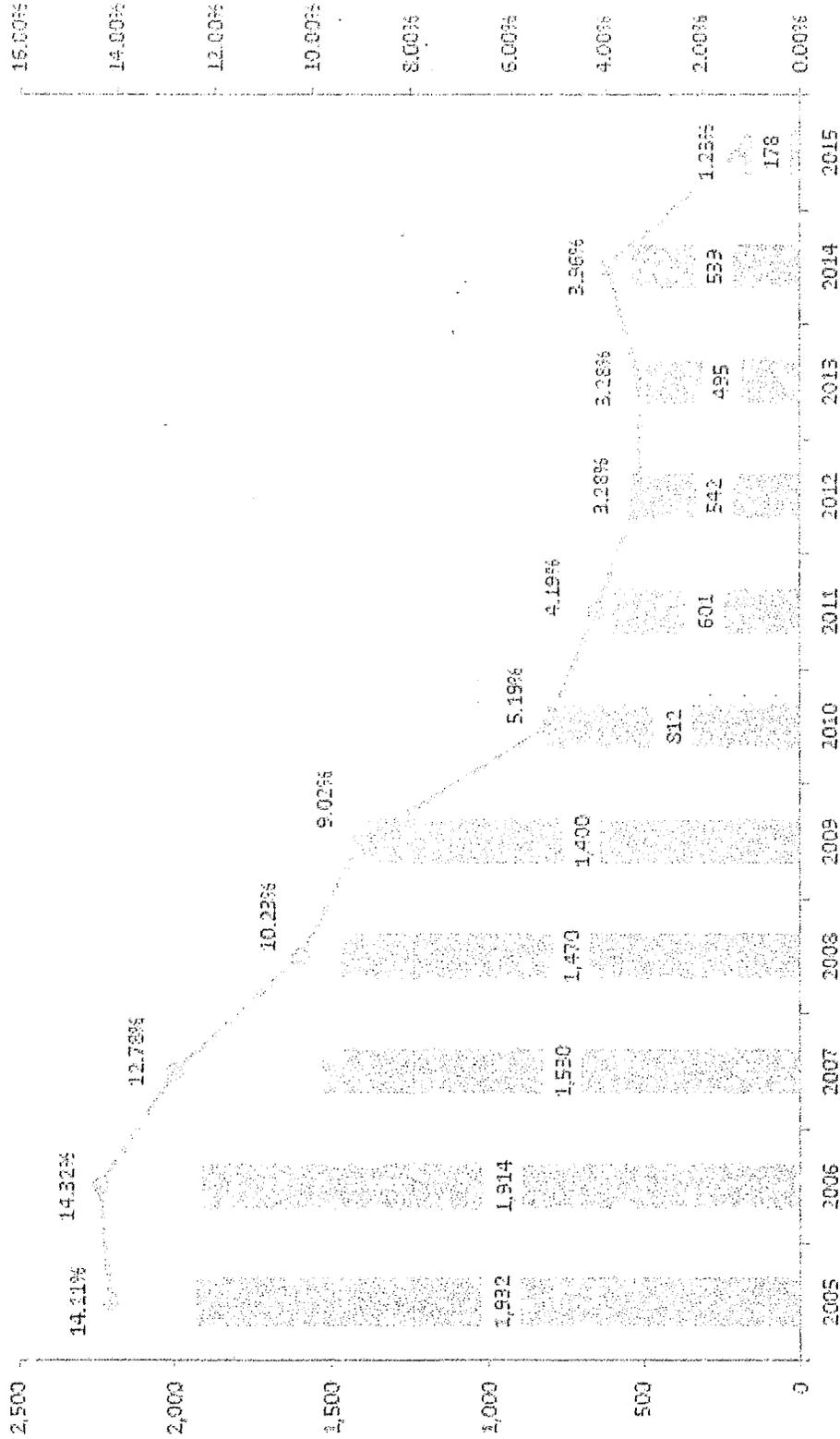
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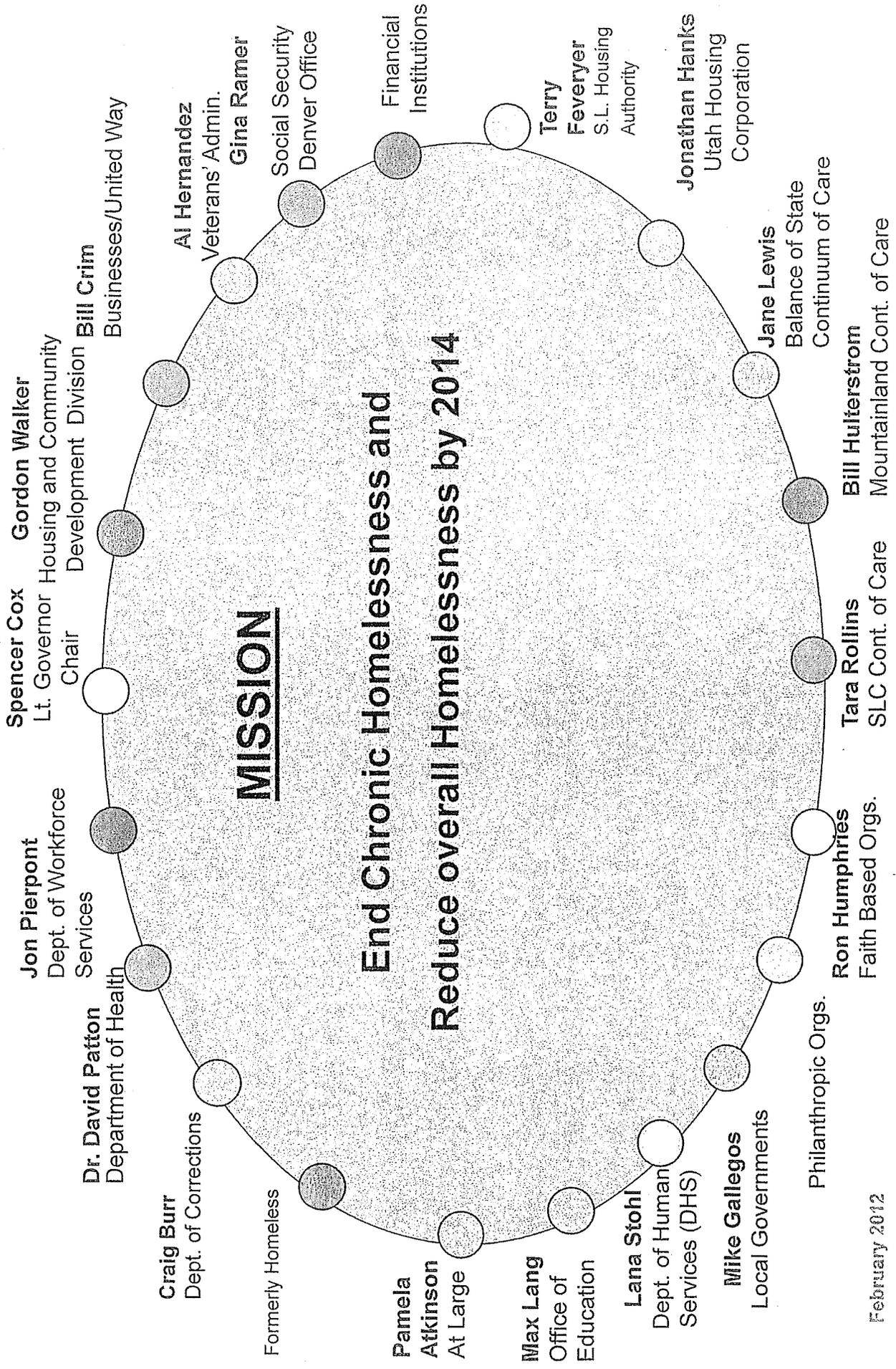
Chronically Homeless Persons

- Each chronically homeless person placed in housing freed up a shelter bed for 10.7 homeless persons at Utah's largest shelter
- As a result, 200 plus shelter beds have been converted to family beds
- 1,970 persons per year in those beds

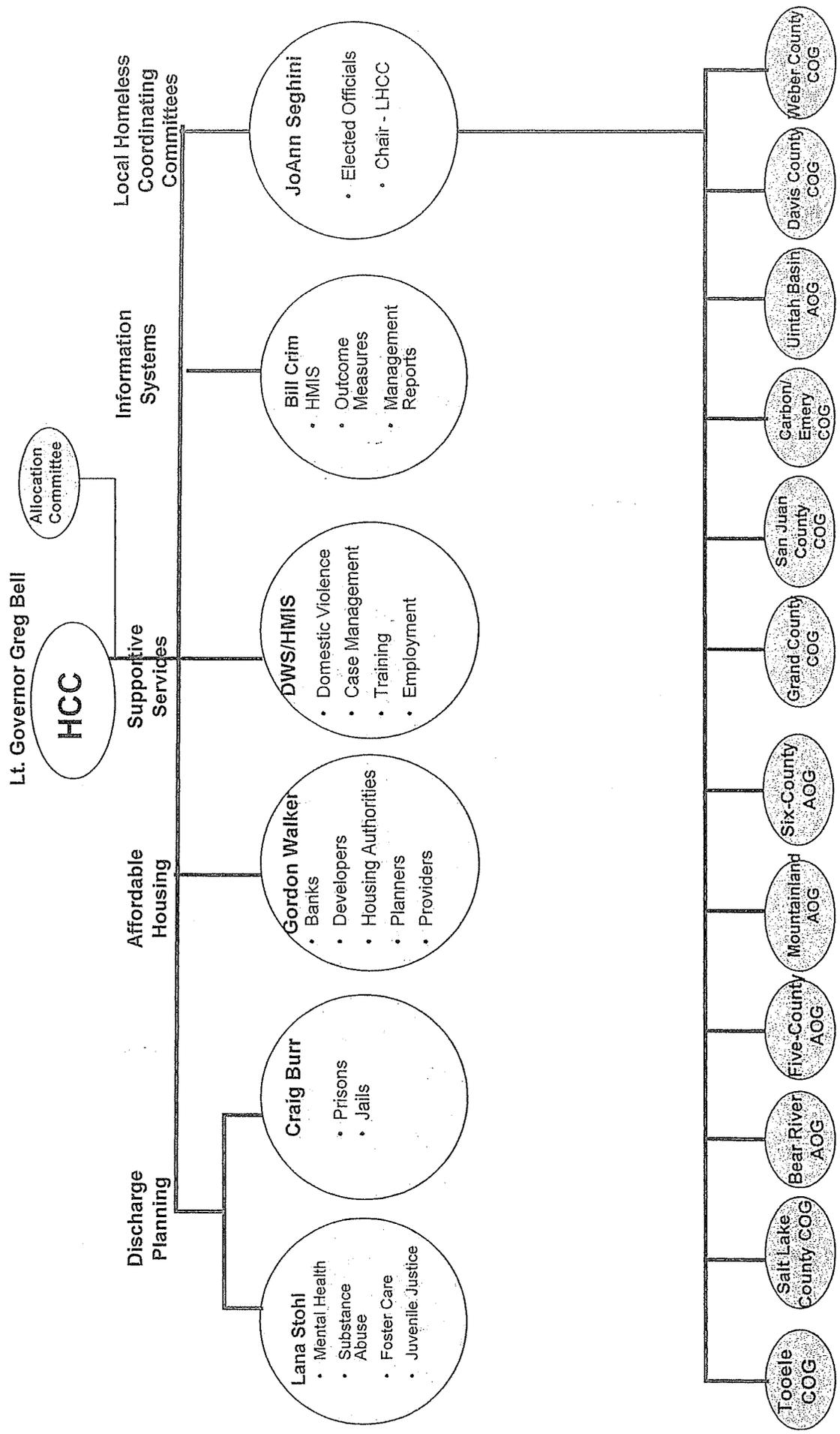
Utah's Homeless Population

<u>Categories</u>	<u>2005</u> <u>Count</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Count</u>
Sheltered	11,275	13,556
Unsheltered	<u>2,415</u>	<u>1,091</u>
Total	13,690	14,646
% state pop.	0.55%	0.50%
Chronic	1,932	178 (91%)

Homeless Coordinating Committee

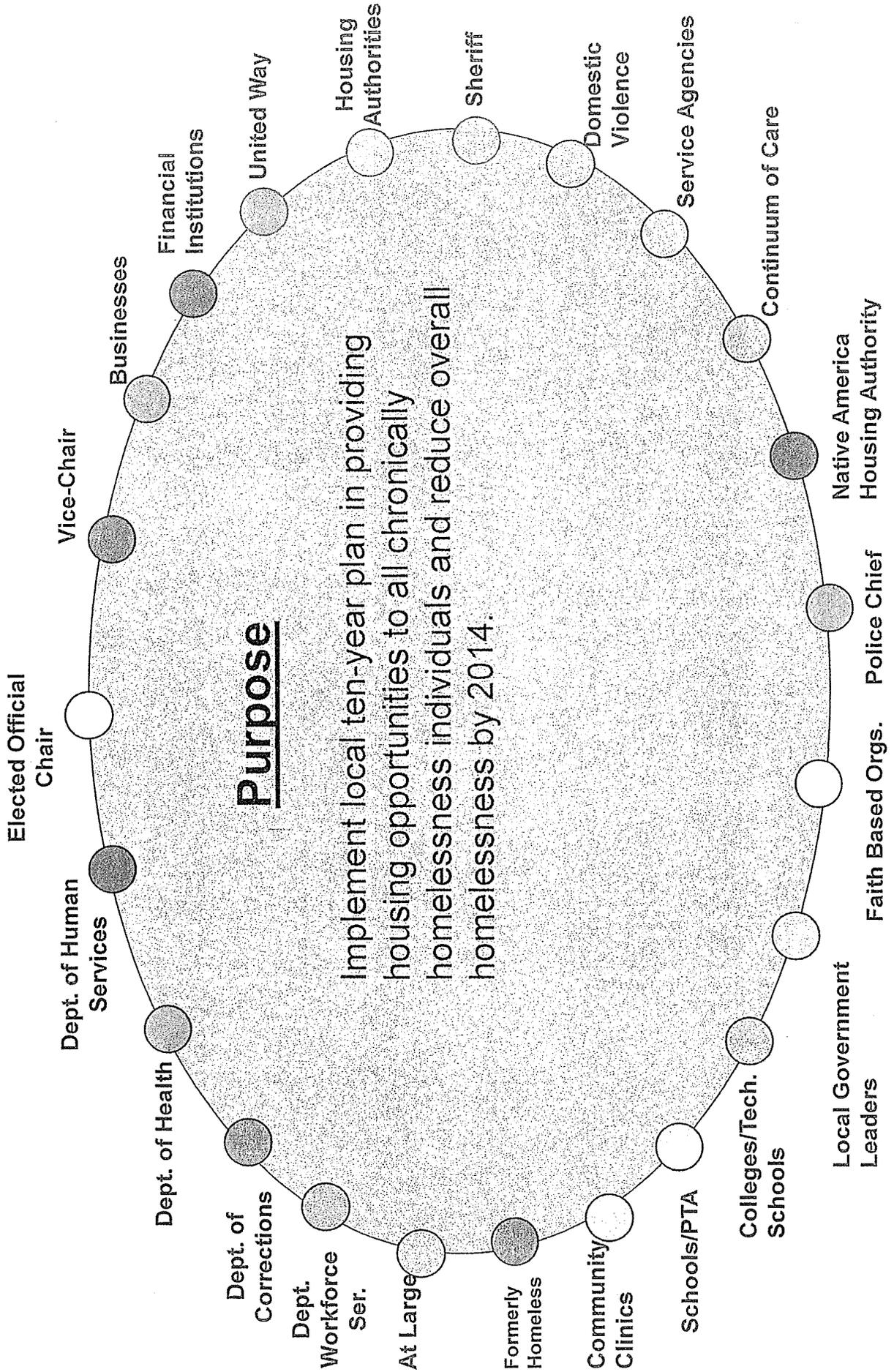


Homeless Coordinating Committee Organization

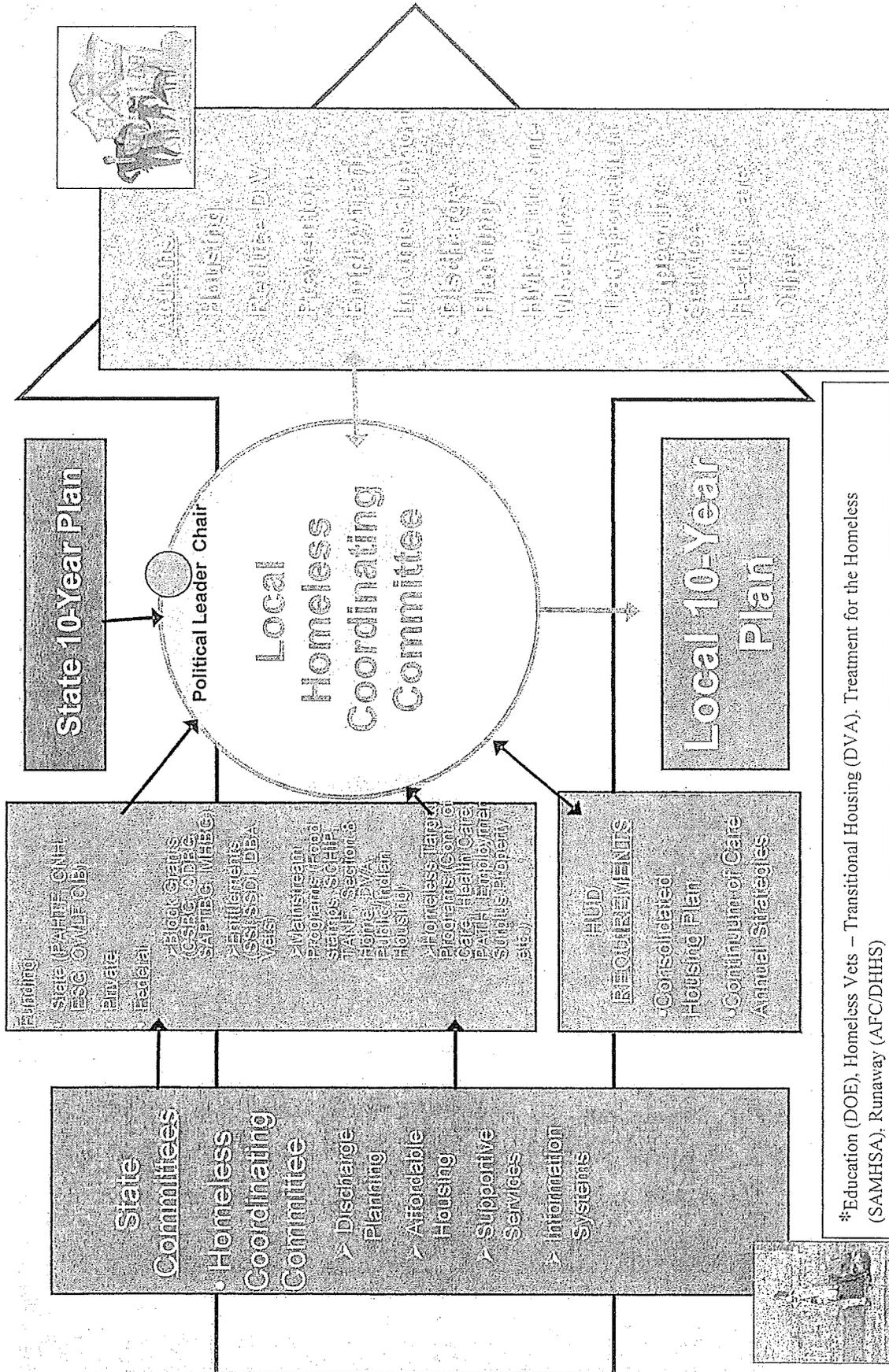


COG – Council of Governments
 AOG – Association of Governments

AOG/COG Homeless Coordinating Committee (Model)

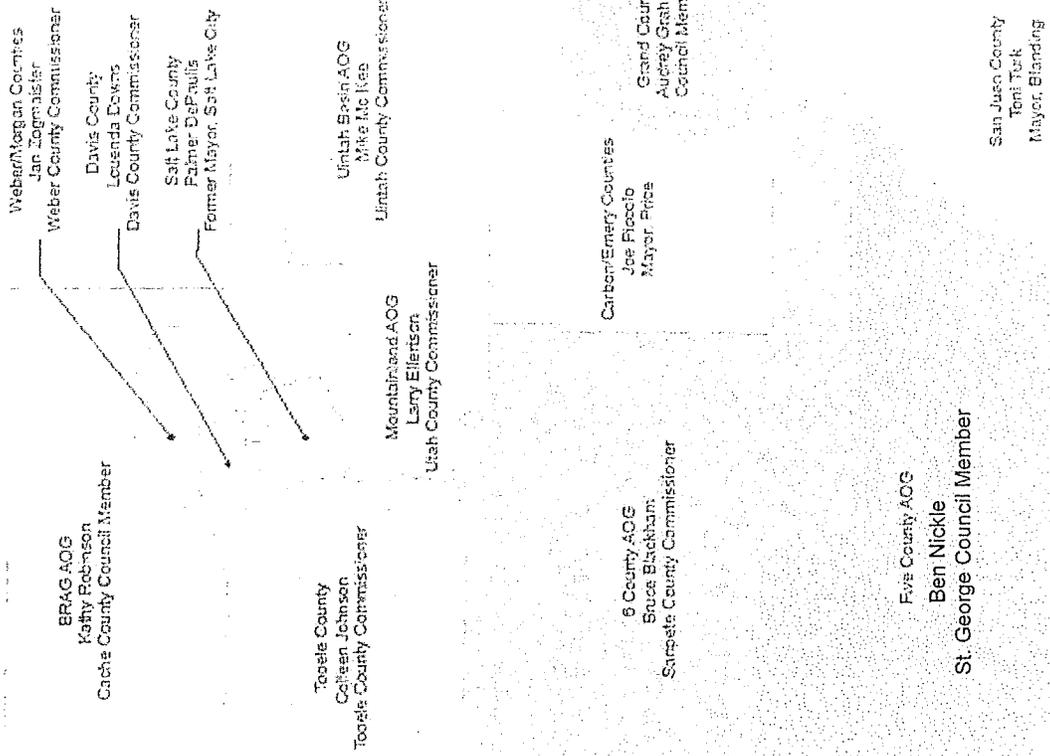


Local Homeless Implementation Plan



*Education (DOE), Homeless Vets – Transitional Housing (DVA), Treatment for the Homeless (SAMHSA), Runaway (AFC/DHHS)

TEN-YEAR HOMELESS PLAN ORGANIZATION LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEES



How is
homelessness
ended?



“No problem can be
solved from the same
consciousness that
created it”

Albert Einstein

Housing First

Housing First -- Permanent Supportive Housing -- Chronic Homeless

- Two core convictions:
 - Once the chaos of homelessness is eliminated from a person's life, clinical and social stabilization occur faster and are more enduring
 - Housing is basic and not a reward for clinical success

Housing First Principles – Cont.

- Embraces a harm reduction approach to addictions rather than mandating abstinence. The provider must also be prepared to support resident commitments to recovery
- Residents have leases and tenant protections under the law
- Can be implemented in either a project-based or scattered site model
- Residents pay 30% or \$50 which is greater

Housing First Principles

- Move people into housing directly from streets and shelters without preconditions of treatment acceptance or compliance
- Provider is obligated to bring robust non-coercive support services to the housing
- Continued tenancy is not dependent on participation in services
- Units are targeted to the most vulnerable homeless members of the community

Housing First – Utah Pilot

- We had heard about the Housing First concept developed in New York City
- Would it work in Utah?
- 2005 pilot of the most difficult (17) to test it while a 100 unit facility was constructed
- We became believers, especially case managers
- Now operate with belief “all can be housed”

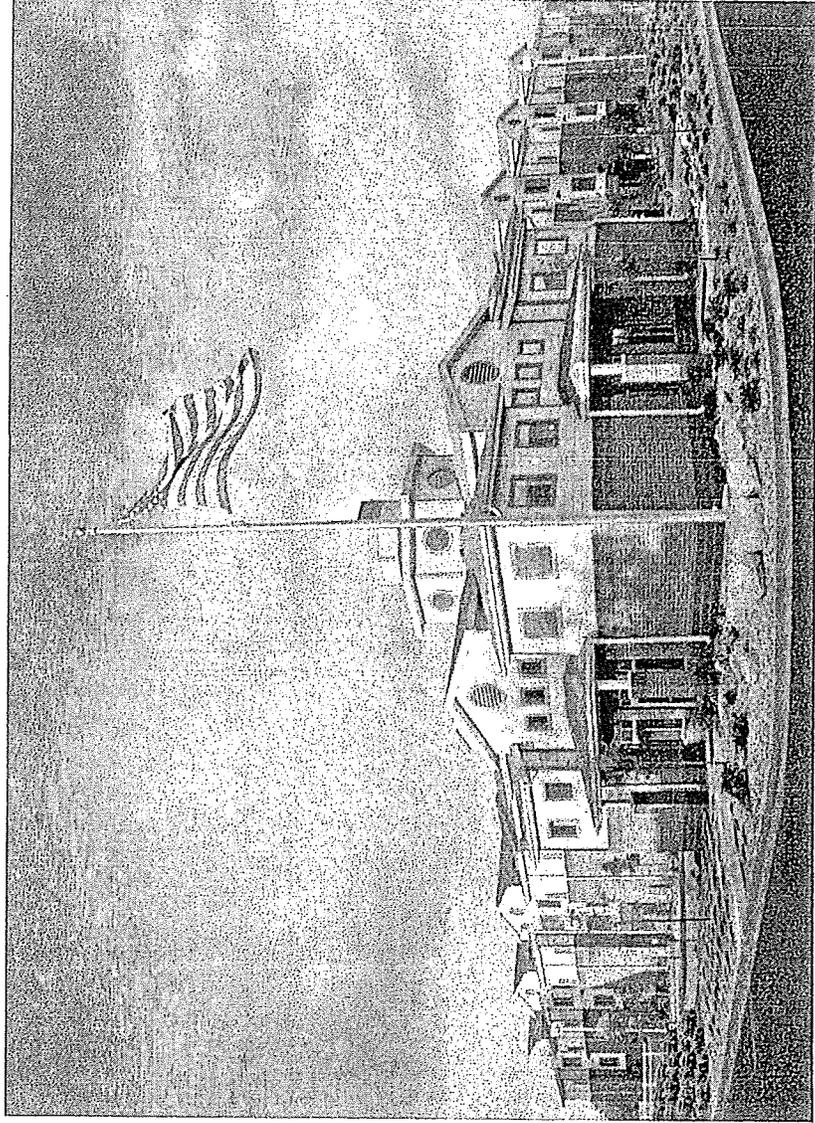
Sunrise Metro (100 units) – April 2007

Project Partners

- Utah Division of Housing and Community Development
- Salt Lake City
- Salt Lake County
- Crusade for the Homeless (Private Foundation)
- George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Utah Housing Corporation
- American Express



Grace Mary Manor (84 units) – April 2008

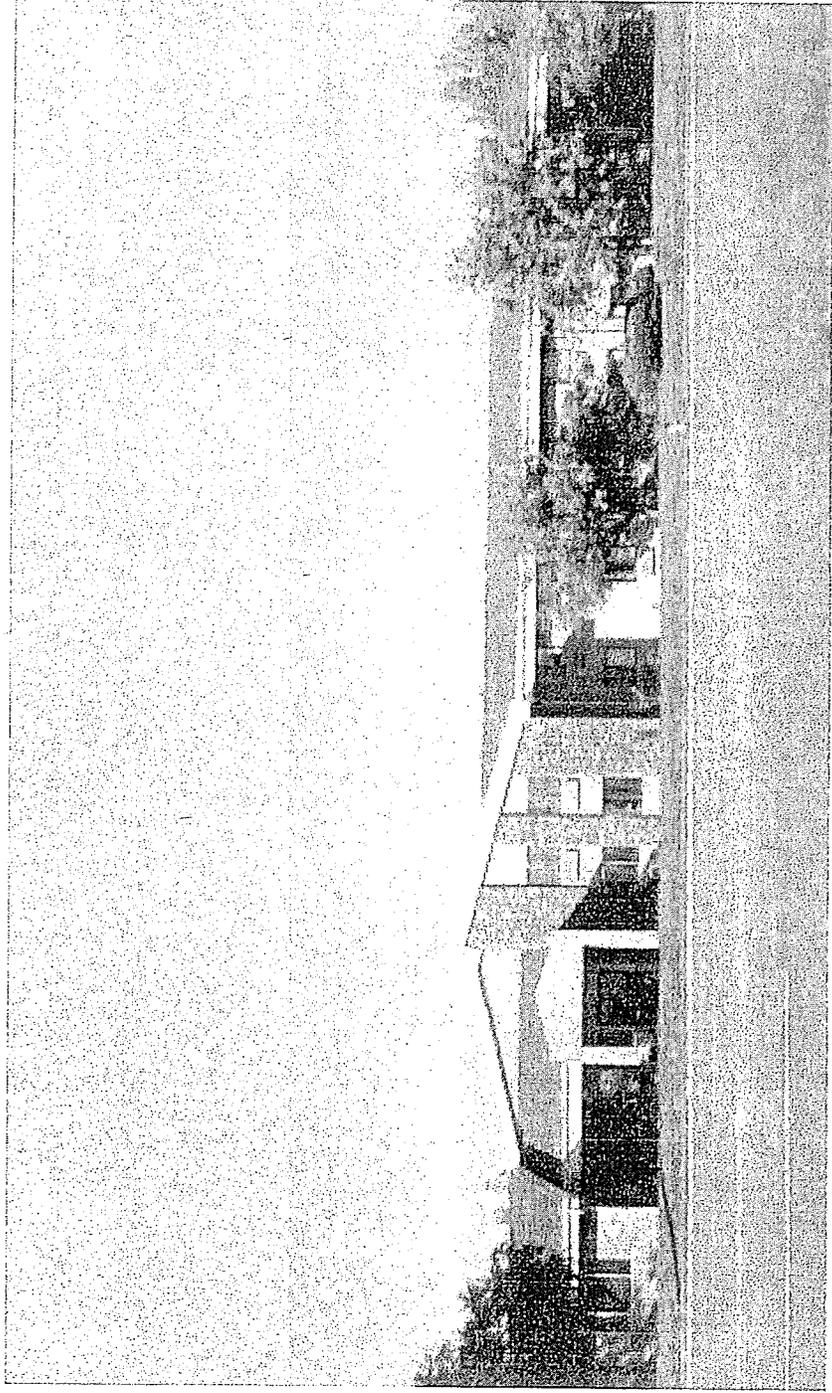


Palmer Court (201 Units) – May 2009

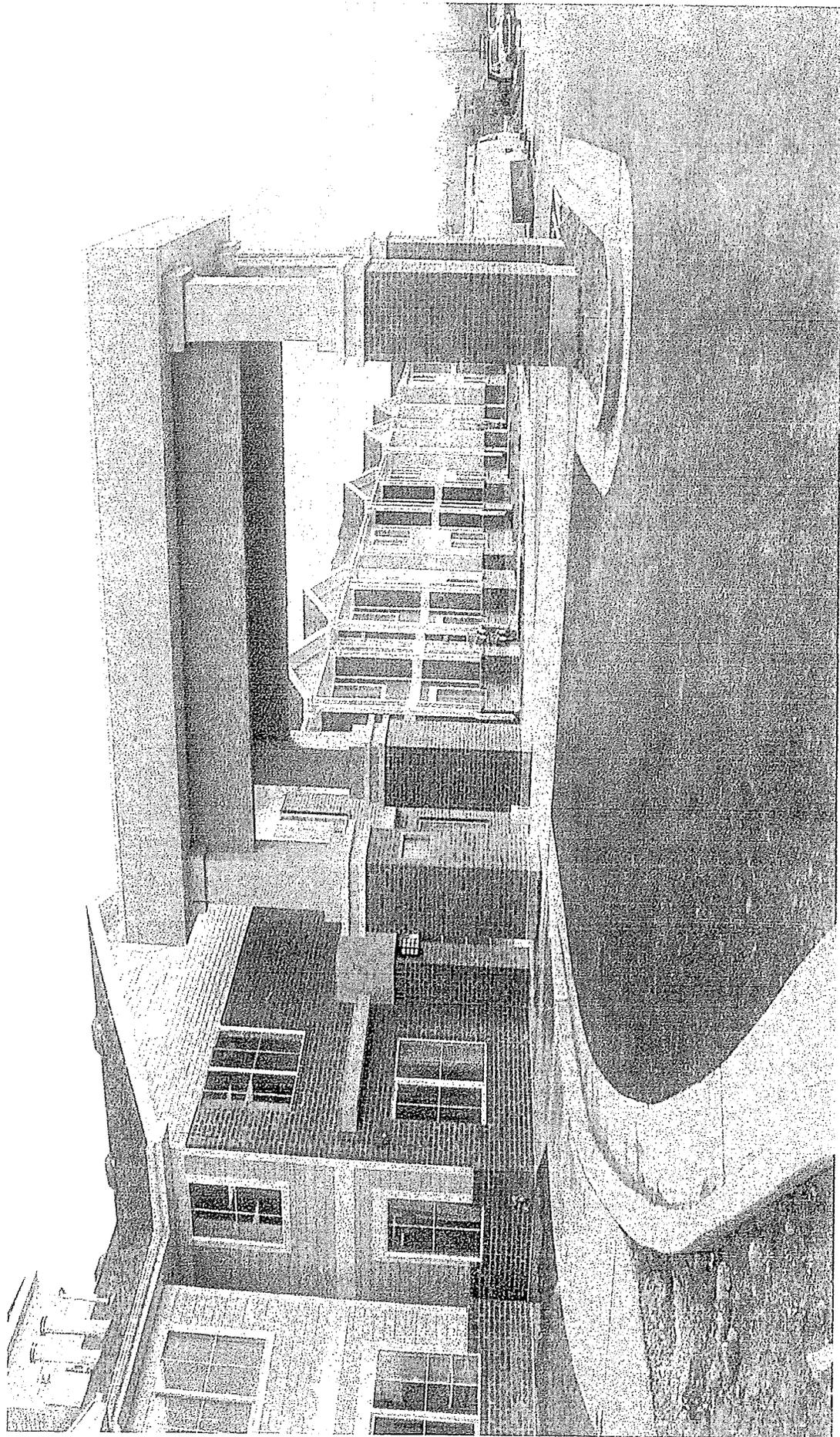


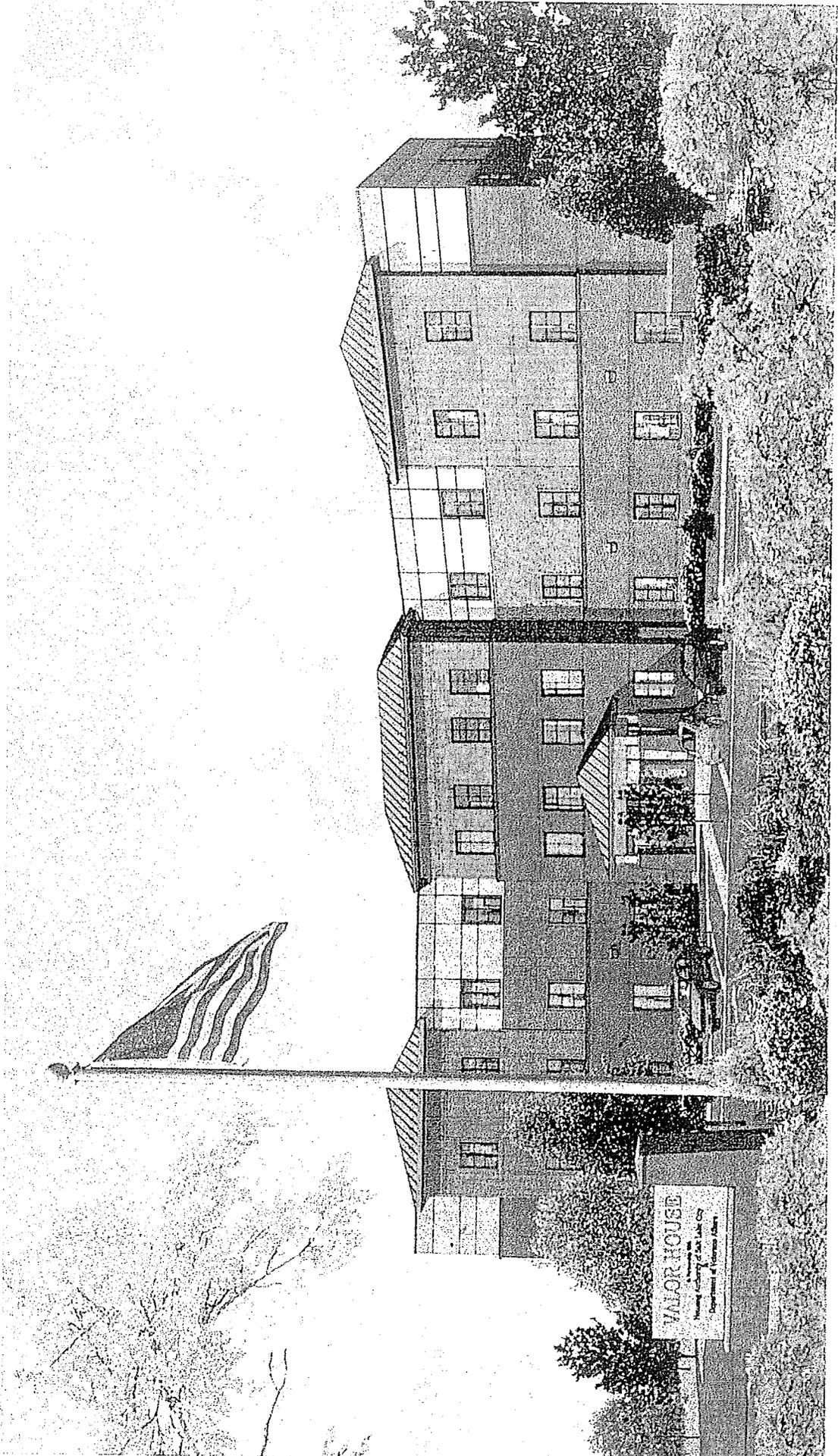
Freedom Landing

Homeless Veterans (110 Units) -- Jan. 2010



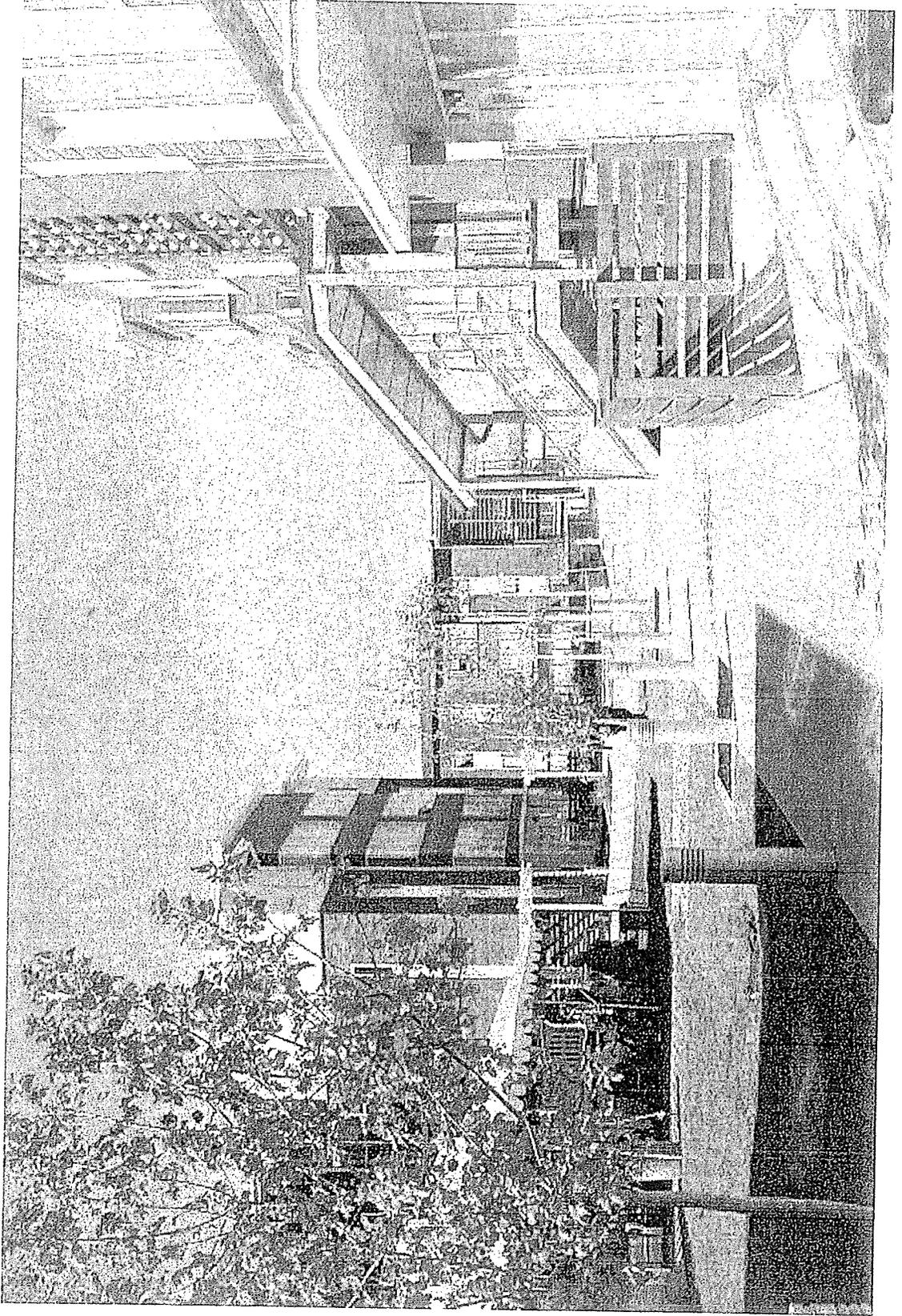
Kelly Benson 55 and Older Homeless - June 2010
(59 Units, 70 Beds)





VALOR HOUSE
A Division of the
Housing Authority of Salt Lake City
Department of Veterans Affairs

Bud Bailey Apartments – 134 Units

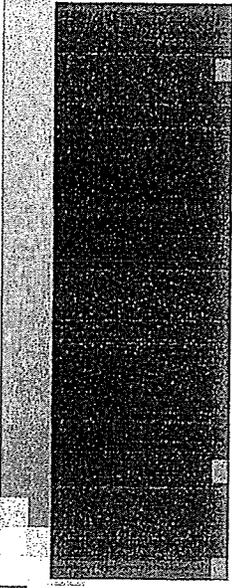


Homeless Housing

■ PSH Single Site	751
■ Scattered Site	<u>150</u>
□ Total	901
■ Retention Rate	80%
■ On to other stable settings	10%
■ Eviction Rate	6%
■ Died	2%
■ Unknown	2%

Summary

- Champions are key in accomplishing a desired outcome
- Collaboration of stakeholders very important
- Look long and deep at the *why* of what you undertake – Start with the **WHY**



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What Can we Learn from Costa Mesa?

- 1. Must balance needs of residents, businesses, homeless
- 2. Services targeted to Costa Mesa Homeless Residents included those offered by city funded non profits
- 3. Centralized homeless coordination and partnership of street outreach, public safety, faith and non profit organizations critical to a city's success
 - Data driven metrics must be included
 - Transportation to services and targeted street outreach is key to successful outcomes

What Can we Learn from Costa Mesa?

- 4. In house working groups create better coordination of City and multi-jurisdiction resources for reducing impact of factors contributing to chronic homeless, reduction in criminal activity and quality of life
- 5. You can start small and be effective – Costa Mesa has placed 105 people in housing and linked hundreds of other to services since 2012 with small part time staff
- 6. Housing is key to ending homelessness – However it can be tailored to local residents and include both public and private resources

QUESTIONS?

Times Community News / Daily Pilot / News

Costa Mesa program guides students on how to help homeless



Bill Nelson with Fresh Beginnings Ministries gives a Life Support Mentor certificate to Judy Haskell on Monday, November 9 at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Center. The graduation ceremony was held for people who completed 30 hours of educational training in the area of mentorship for the homeless. (Scott Smeltzer / Daily Pilot)



By Alex Chan • Contact Reporter

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When Bill Nelson was a college student in Long Beach during the late '70s, he decided to help his mother work with those experiencing homelessness one weekend in the Arbor Villa area nearby.

Nelson spent a lot of time "just listening" to his new acquaintances, he said. After getting to know them, he and his mother were able to connect them to resources designed to assist them in finding housing jobs and even educational opportunities. But only if they wanted to accept the help.

"As I learned about who they were, I found that they once were engineers, mechanics, accountants and others with amazing degrees," Nelson said. "But one business mistake caused them to just hit hard times. And I noticed something else — there were not enough people there to help that weekend."

Forty years later, Nelson is a pastor at Fresh Beginnings Ministry in Costa Mesa and leads classes to teach others how to help those experiencing homelessness. He has taught more than 80 people how to become mentors.

His program "Life Support Mentor Training" is supported by Fresh Beginnings Ministries and is open to the community.

Since that first weekend he helped his mother in Arbor Villa, Nelson has devoted his time to working in rescue missions and churches. He kept handwritten notes of the techniques that he found the most effective.

The notes were for the thesis he was writing while earning his master's degree in pastoral care and strategic leadership at Hope International University in Fullerton. He later assembled that thesis into a book on understanding homelessness and how to offer the appropriate help and had it published.

Today, students use that book for their curriculum during his mentor training program.

After his first class took off in Huntington Beach last year, one of his students, a consultant from Costa Mesa, suggested a class to run in Costa Mesa. Nelson liked the idea.

"I gave my booklet to the city's higher-ups, then they looked through the material and checked our status as a nonprofit," Nelson said. "Once they understood the concept and that it was all about people trying to understand the homeless individually, they were all in."

In February, he began to teach two classes that met once a month in the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Center.

In nine months, his students graduated from the program.

"We've learned so many things the past nine months," said Costa Mesa resident Syndy Resler, one of Nelson's graduating students. "I learned how to listen with my eyes. Sometimes, people will tell you one thing to get what they want, but you can see a different story."

While rollerblading in Newport Beach three years ago, Resler met a homeless man.

"I thought maybe he'd like some help," she said. "I brought him clothes, took him to church and also a sober home. But he dropped out of [the home] after four days. I had to realize he just didn't want help."

With those Resler encounters now, she asks whether or not they are hungry, do they have any addictions, do they have a source of income and are they willing to work for an income?

"There are people who want help and are willing to get help," Nelson said. "Our job is to find them. We never rescue them, but instead, we seek to empower them."

In the nine months students spend in the program, they can seek to help someone and, when he or she is ready, talk to the client about possibly finding the services most appropriate for their needs. Female mentors may only connect with female clients and vice versa.

During the program, students learn to never give money to those they encounter and how to set other boundaries.

"There are times when you have to say, 'No,'" Nelson said. "Maybe you have a meeting set up for them with social services and they don't show up or they keep asking you for money. Then you just have to say 'No' permanently."

While the students mainly seek a better understanding of homelessness, some also learn how to better help struggling families and senior citizens in need of assistance.

In February 2016, Nelson will have one class in Huntington Beach and two classes in Costa Mesa that will meet twice a month for the next mentor training program.

For more information on the Life Support Mentor Training Program, visit www.freshbeginningsministries.com.

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Welcome to Fresh Beginnings Ministries!



Welcome to our faith-based organization. Simply put, we are seeking to strengthen the family values that God has set for us in His Word.

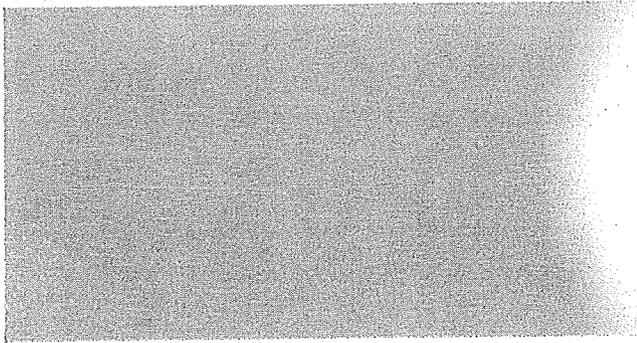
- We know God's grace is for everyone.

- We are hope-focused in our Marriage Enrichment Education.

- We have seen his power of forgiveness relived in the lives of people.

- We are Inter-Denominational and believe God's grace is open to all people of every culture and creed, regardless of race or skin color.

- We are a 501(c)(3) association.



About Us

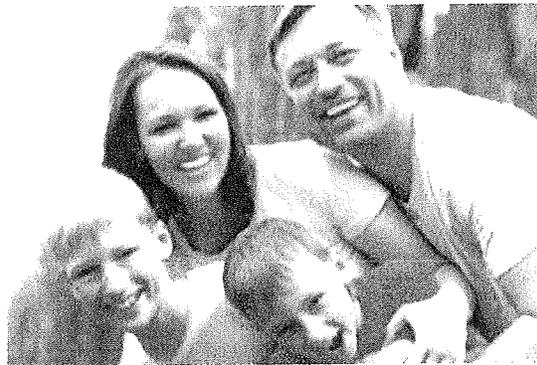
We believe in our abilities to change lives for the better through faith in God and His Almighty power. We're an all-inclusive organization. This is to say, we don't turn away anyone who may need our help or those who just want to take part in all we offer. We are not a licensed therapy facility. We offer Pastoral Care and for those who need counseling, we are partners with licensed MFT facilities in Orange County, CA.

We are a multi-denominational faith based organization with access to various resources for assistance to people in need.

The desire of Fresh Beginnings Ministries is to strengthen families and each other with a desire to create personal caring relationships marked by unwavering faith and unconditional love.



Reaching out to people in need by offering hope and grace!



At Fresh Beginnings Ministries we see to strengthen families!



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Fresh Beginnings Ministries?

Fresh Beginnings Ministries, in Orange County, CA, is a 501(c)(3) faith-based, multi-denominational organization that provides assistance to individuals and families in need. Under the direction of its founder, Bill Nelson, FBM has a strong foundation in the area of faith and forgiveness. In the course of its mission to bring God's love to those experiencing the pressures of today's world in personal relationships and experiences of daily life, FBM has grown immensely since its birth.

Because you are a faith-based organization, does that mean you only serve those affiliated with your faith? Not at all. Although we serve churches of every denomination, we also whole-heartedly serve others who are not.

What, exactly, does FBM do with the donations it receives?

With the financial donations we receive we do the following: Purchase non-perishable food items (baby food, diapers, toiletries, etc.), provide paper goods to the soup kitchens we partner with, provide clothing to the homeless (i.e. purchasing cold weather clothing and gear)

How can I make an item(s) donation to the warehouse? (food, clothing, basic needs, etc.)

You can drop off any items to our warehouse Monday-Friday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Someone will be there to assist you.

Can I volunteer with FBM?

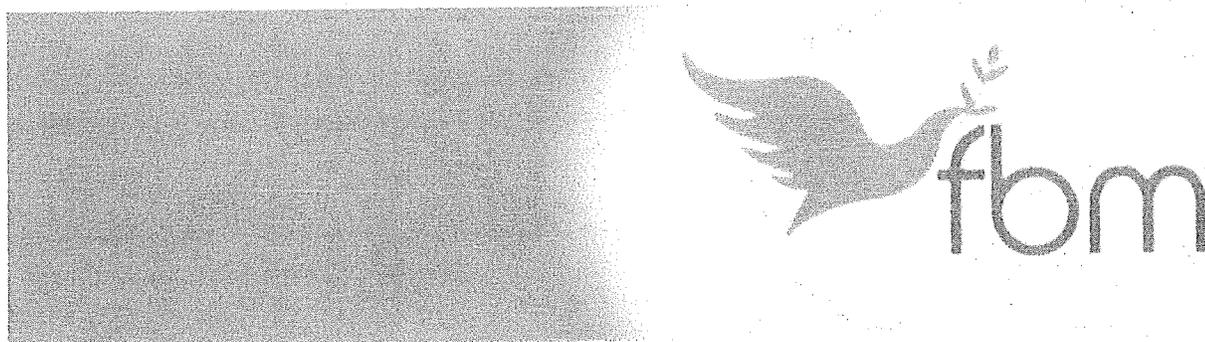
Yes. We welcome volunteers, however, the schedule varies. If you are interested in volunteering, please email freshbeginningsministries@gmail.com to connect with one of our team leaders, and if our schedule works for you, we will provide a list of partnering organizations who always need volunteers.

How often does distribution take place?

Distribution is done on a need-basis. It is also determined by the organizations who contact us with requests. Distribution can occur any day, once per week, or once per month.

What are Piknik Packs?

Piknik Packs are a one-meal provision for those with no home. It comes with a nutritious meal and a "sanitary pak", which contains hand sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrush, and a washcloth. We pack each pack in a ziplock bag.



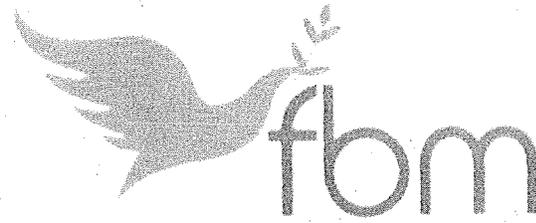
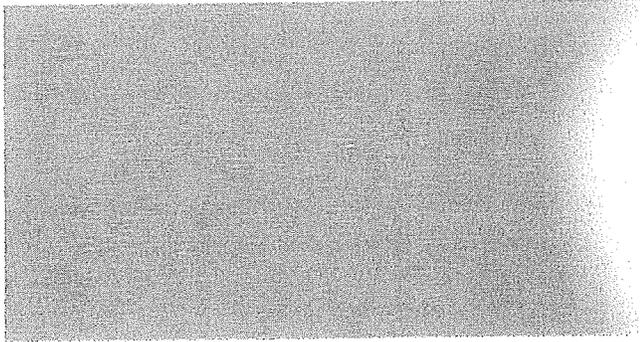
Community Partnerships

Fresh Beginnings Ministries is the common denominator of people helping people. Every month we support different church groups and benevolence organizations with food, clothing and basic needs of life. Each of the organizations that we support may not know each other, but each one knows of us. As we receive donations for food, clothing, prescriptions and other necessities, we share with the different organizations.

In 2014 FBM assisted in feeding over 16,000 people as well as providing holiday dinners for 160 families and housing for 35 homeless families.

Regardless of church denomination or affiliation of the business or organization supplying the needs of people; no matter the method of helping those who need some direction to help themselves, because of God's grace and resources we will support and give assistance. This is our pledge.

The people who directly receive our food, clothing and other services through our partner organizations may not know who we are; but our mission is to point people to their local churches and organizations who can help them. This is why we are; "The Common Denominator of People Helping People."



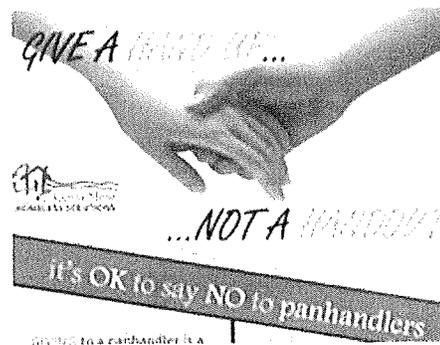
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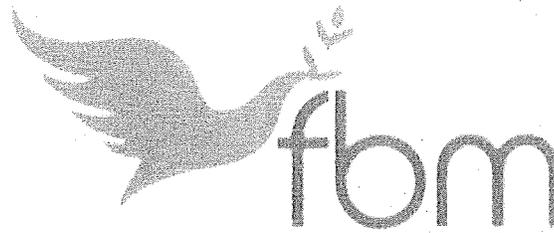
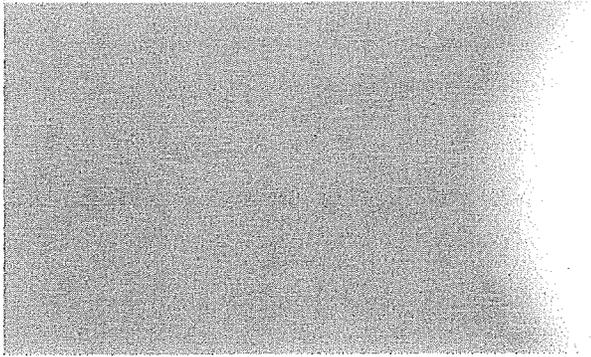


In 2014 we were asked to join a group of people in Costa Mesa trying to make a difference in the lives of people experiencing homelessness. This group of amazing people are called:

The Network for Homeless Solutions.

This "Network" of people includes CM City officials as well as Pastors from local churches, such as; CM Church of Christ, The Lighthouse Nazarene Church and organizations such as Trellis in Costa Mesa. FBM is honored to be a part of a group of people who have one goal: To find a way to address the issues that surround people experiencing homelessness. We may not have all of the answers, but it does not stop us from working to addressing the hard questions.





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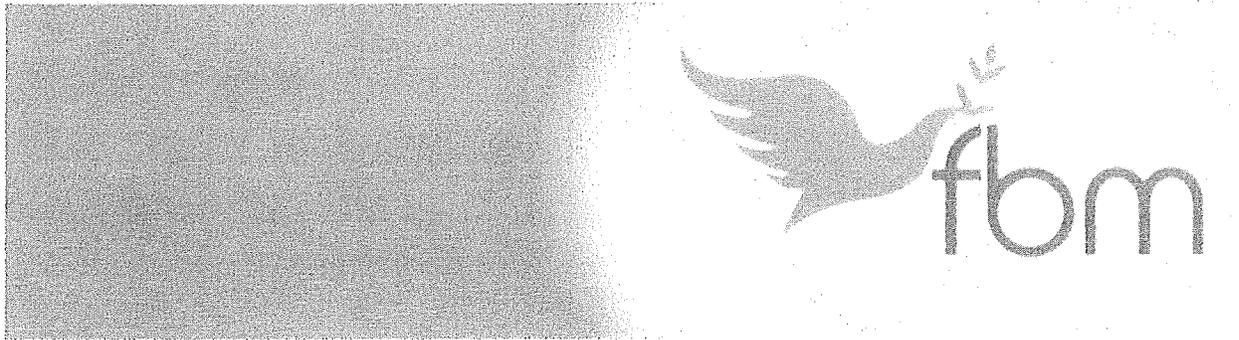
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Welcome to Fresh Beginnings Ministries!



Welcome to our faith-based organization. Simply put, we are seeking to strengthen the family values that God has set for us in His Word.

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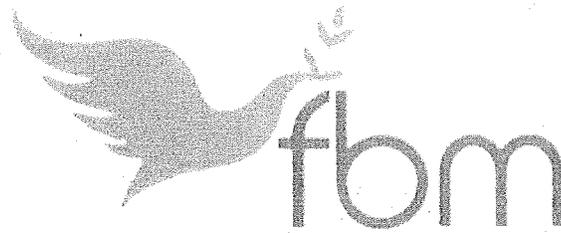
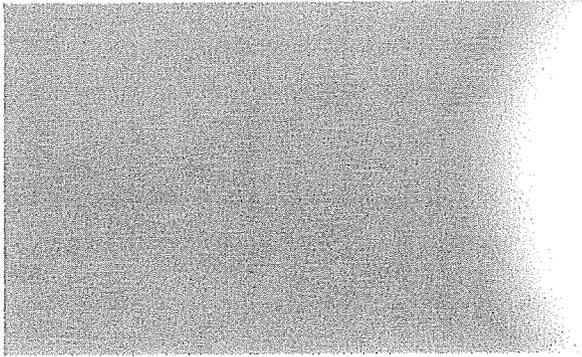
- ☒ We are Inter-Denominational and believe God's grace is open to all people of every culture and creed, regardless of race or skin color.

- ☒ We are a 501(c)(3) association.

Whether you are a couple looking to begin a life of marriage together or a couple who is married and looking for a refreshing new beginning to your marriage, "Fresh Beginnings" is for you! We are a Christian faith-based organization looking to help people grow closer together and grow closer to God.

We are not a licensed therapy facility.

If you are seeking a hope-focused foundation for your relationship, call us



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Outreach

We don't require that you belong to any particular religious affiliation or financially support our church. We simply return one good deed with another and perform an act of kindness to another. In this way, the cycle continues indefinitely.



We offer premarital and marriage education for both Men and women. We also offer a training program for "experienced" couples who can help make marriages stronger.

We offer a 9-session 30 hour Life Support Mentor training course. We train volunteers who have a heart of compassion for helping people struggling emotionally, mentally and physically day after day. This is a program that offers tools necessary to become a companion, friend and mentor to someone experiencing hard times in life and who may need the support and care of a friend.

Looking for a place to volunteer? Our volunteers are used in many different ways: from packing



Community Partnerships

Fresh Beginnings Ministries is the common denominator of people helping people. Every month we support different church groups and benevolence organizations with food, clothing and basic needs of life. Each of the organizations that we support may not know each other, but each one knows of us. As we receive donations for food, clothing, prescriptions and other necessities, we share with the different organizations.

In 2014 FBM assisted in feeding over 16,000 people as well as providing holiday dinners for 160 families and housing for 35 homeless families.

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Leadership

Bill Nelson – President

Bill was first called to the ministry in 1981, along with his wife Cathy and their three daughters Cheri, Julie and Kalie. They have served in churches in California and Nevada. Bill holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Ministry Leadership and Biblical Studies, along with a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Care and Strategic Leadership.

Robert "Bob" Venn – Sports Coordinator

As a former College Professor and business administrator, Bob brings organization and a passion to give people an opportunity to "relax and refresh" through his sports ministry. As a former college coach for 26 years Bob is a great asset in coordination of all sports, his specialty is Golf and by looking at our Golf Ministry opportunities you can see his passion for the game. He is also a great golf coach!

Virginia "Ginnie" Rhoden – Fund Raising Liaison

Ginnie brings many years of award winning marketing experience. The 20+ years of designing marketing campaigns for various multi-million dollar organizations that are a great asset to the FBM team, it is Ginnies' passion for helping people that makes her such a vital part of FBM!

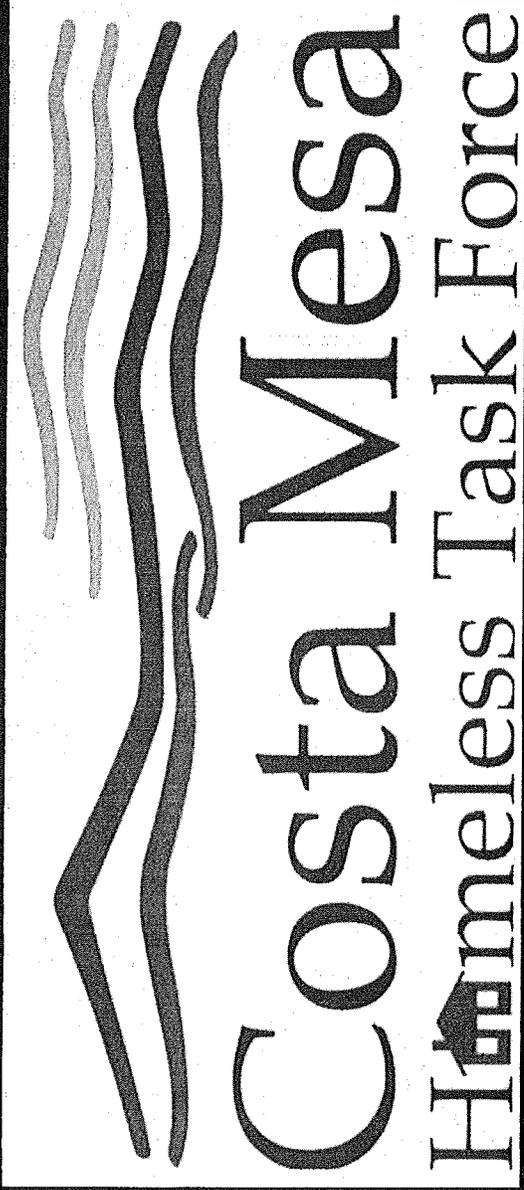
Betty Schroeder – Events Coordinator

As an experienced corporate executive, Betty has experience in multiple event coordination. With FBM growing and branching out in diverse ministries, Betty's passion for people and organizational skills help keep all areas of FBM working together.

Richard "Dick" Garman CPA – Secretary/Treasurer

President of Richard D. Garman & Associates, a CPA firm specializing in non-profit companies; Mr. Garman taught all California CPE, Inc. non-profit accounting and auditing continuing education courses. Dick has a passion for helping people in need and serving his community.

Ron & Ardith Maurel – Life Support Mentor Coordinators



Best Practices

Costa Mesa Homeless Task Force

- The Homeless Task Force was formed by the City Council in January 2011 in response to a series of incidents in the Lions Park vicinity
- Response to problems @ Lions Park
 - Vagrancy (sleeping in the park)
 - Storage of items in public areas, abandoned property citywide
 - Complaints from library & community center patrons
 - Business owners
 - Homeless sleeping on their property at night
 - Loitering
- Many of the people encountered were mentally ill and/or suffering from substance abuse

Costa Mesa Homeless Task Force Mission Statement

**“Establish Realistic Strategies and Make
Recommendations that Address the Needs of
the Costa Mesa Community, Residents,
Businesses and the Homeless”**

Focus of HTF Meetings

- Civility law (ordinance) review
- Law enforcement, municipal code prosecution & mental health outreach
- Homeless mental health & medical issues
- Financing strategies/funds available for supportive housing
- Definition of a “Costa Mesa Homeless Resident”
- Vanguard University Homeless Needs Assessment

Goal/Action Item Recommendations

- **Nine Goals/Action Items:**
 1. Define who is a Costa Mesa Homeless Individual
 2. Protect the health & safety of CM residents via enforcement of “civility” laws & provide of alternate storage facilities
 3. Institute proactive resolution for high crime/vice motels that cater to transients & enforce local codes & ordinances at problem halfway/sober-living homes
 4. Centralize homeless service coordination
 5. Coordinated law enforcement, mental health & legal strategy to approach homelessness
 6. Explore financing strategies for permanent supportive housing & possible access center
 7. Interim housing options
 8. Develop metrics system to monitor reduction in homelessness
 9. Promotion of Lions Park as a local venue for special events

Main Findings of HTF

- Mental illness and substance abuse play major role in homelessness as does difficulty navigation services
- No “team work” between governmental entities, mental health organizations and faith and non profit communities
 - Chronic offenders receive multiple citations yet continually return to the City
 - No coordination with other governmental agencies or non profits
 - Several motels harbor repeat offenders
 - Faith organizations assist chronic offenders without establishing clear expectations for service recipients
- There is opportunity to improve relationship with faith community in order to partner with them on creating solutions

Goal 1

Define Who is a Costa Mesa Homeless Individual

- A Costa Mesa resident is defined as:
- A person has lived in Costa Mesa for the preceding 36 months at the time they are assessed for residency by city staff or affiliated volunteer organizations, or has been a member of Costa Mesa's workforce for the same duration. Any exceptions to this definition that surface as result of extraordinary circumstances shall be considered on a case by case basis by the Chair of the Network for Homeless Solutions in consultation with Network members.
- There are two (2) ways to provide proof of Costa Mesa Residency:
 1. Examples of acceptable documentation to confirm recent residency includes:
 - Copy of a previous lease
 - Confirmation of previous utility service
 - Confirmation of residency from a previous landlord, or proof of residency in transitional living facility
 - School records

Goal 1

Define Who is a Costa Mesa Homeless Individual

2. Proof of strong ties to the community:
 - Proof that the individual and/or their dependent(s) attended K-12 school in Costa Mesa within the past 10 years and have been re-established in the community for at least one year.
 - Knowledge—either first hand or recorded—by the Costa Mesa Police, Fire Department, City Community Outreach Workers and Trellis Volunteers and/or the Costa Mesa Code Enforcement Department that the individual has been living on Costa Mesa's streets for the prior 36 months.

Goal 1

Define Who is a Costa Mesa Homeless Individual

■ EXCEPTIONS

- Vulnerable homeless individuals, including those identified by the VI-SPDAT whose well-being will be severely compromised by living on the street. Efforts to assist these individuals will be limited to stabilization and placement in housing or return to their community of origin.
- Homeless individuals identified by City Staff (i.e. CMPD, Fire and Community Outreach Workers) as high users of City resources and services are not Costa Mesa Homeless Residents unless they meet the aforementioned thresholds and conditions. The NHS will determine on a case by case basis the extent of service efforts afforded these individuals, with the final determination by the Chair of the Network for Homeless Solutions in consultation with Network members. In most cases, NHS efforts will be limited to reconnecting these individuals to their communities of origin.

GOAL 2

Protect the Health & Safety of CM Residents Through Enforcement of “Civility” Laws & Provision of Alternate Storage Facilities

- Reduce homelessness in CM via coordinated actions to create processes & policies that will lead to a reduction in homelessness & an increase in the City’s quality of life
- Establish ordinances that create the means by which the City can enforce desired outcomes

Goal 2

Parking Ordinances (New)

- Parking issues result as vehicles park for long periods of time in City parks which results in vehicle owner/occupant using the space for lodging purposes & possibly preventing residents from parking in order to recreate in City parks

- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - No overnight parking in parks except by permit

Goal 2

Camping Ordinance (Existing)

- Anti-camping/lodging ordinances are not necessarily unlawful, but Best Practices suggest to avoid allegations of civil rights violations an alternate location should be provided so that an individual's ability to sleep is unabridged

- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Enforce anti-camping ordinances as part of a legal strategy connected to actions that link homeless to housing
 - Ensure park is closed at night
 - Update – Enforced with discretion. Code Enforcement now enforcing camping on private property

Goal 2

Storage Ordinance & Alternative Storage Site

- Enforcement of personal property storage ordinances are best defended from litigation when alternate storage sites are provided
- HCD staff & Church Consortium met regarding the utilization of church property for this purpose
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Update & enforce existing personal property storage ordinances & if possible, partner with faith-based/nonprofit organizations to provide accessible & secure locations for homeless to store & retrieve personal property

■ Updated – Adopted 2013

Goal 2

Food Sharing Ordinances (New)

- Restricting individuals from feeding the homeless is an action that has been subject to
- Effective enforcement of food sharing ordinances may depend on other “positive” actions by City
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Research ordinances limiting food sharing programs in City parks & other public locations
 - Update – Legal Counsel states most limitation on food sharing challenged in court
 - Focus on centralizing food distribution in City and encouraging faith based organizations to do the same

Goal 2

Prohibition on Smoking Ordinances

- CM Parks & Recreation Commission recommended expanding proposed smoking ban to include:
 - All City-owned buildings, facilities & motor vehicles
 - Areas within fenced areas (including parking lots if not within the fenced areas) of City owned sports fields
 - City owned community gardens
 - Within 50 ft. of any City park (parking lots included in park boundaries)

- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - HTF recommended supporting ordinance
 - Update: Ordinance approved by City Council in Fall 2011

Goal 2

Ban Sex Offenders in Park Ordinance

- The City Attorney is researching the feasibility of an ordinance to exclude registered sex offenders from city parks & youth sports fields owned/operated by the City
 - Potentially constitutional rights issues
 - The City Attorney is preparing a legal analysis for Council to evaluate whether to adopt such a restriction
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- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - That the City Council adopt an ordinance banning registered sex offenders from City owned parks & recreation facilities
 - Update – Adopted, overturned in State and Federal Court

Goal 2

Bike Rack Ordinance (New)

- New ordinance not previously discussed by Task Force
- Purpose of the Ordinance was ensure that bike racks were used for their intended purpose and to curb the number of abandoned bikes in the City
- To be discussed with Council to obtain additional direction
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - None at this time, although there is general support
 - Update – Bike Rack Ordinance adopted

Goal 3

Institute Proactive Problem Resolution with regard to High Crime/Vice Motels Catering to Transient Population & Enforcement of Local Codes & Ordinances at Problem Halfway/Sober-Living Homes

- One cause for influx of homeless to CM is a proliferation of motels & sober living homes
- Law enforcement agencies from other jurisdictions (Probation & Parole) utilize these motels & sober living homes for clients
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - That staff explore changes to current building codes that could reduce or mitigate impact of half way/sober living homes on residential & business neighborhoods
 - Update: This action incorporated into 2 interdepartmental efforts consisting of problem motels & sober living enforcement and network for homeless solutions

Goal 3

Partner with Parole & Probation

- A combined State Parole, County Probation & City Code Enforcement team could inspect motels & recovery homes to ensure they operate in accordance with CUPs & that individuals residing in units are not violating terms of parole or probation

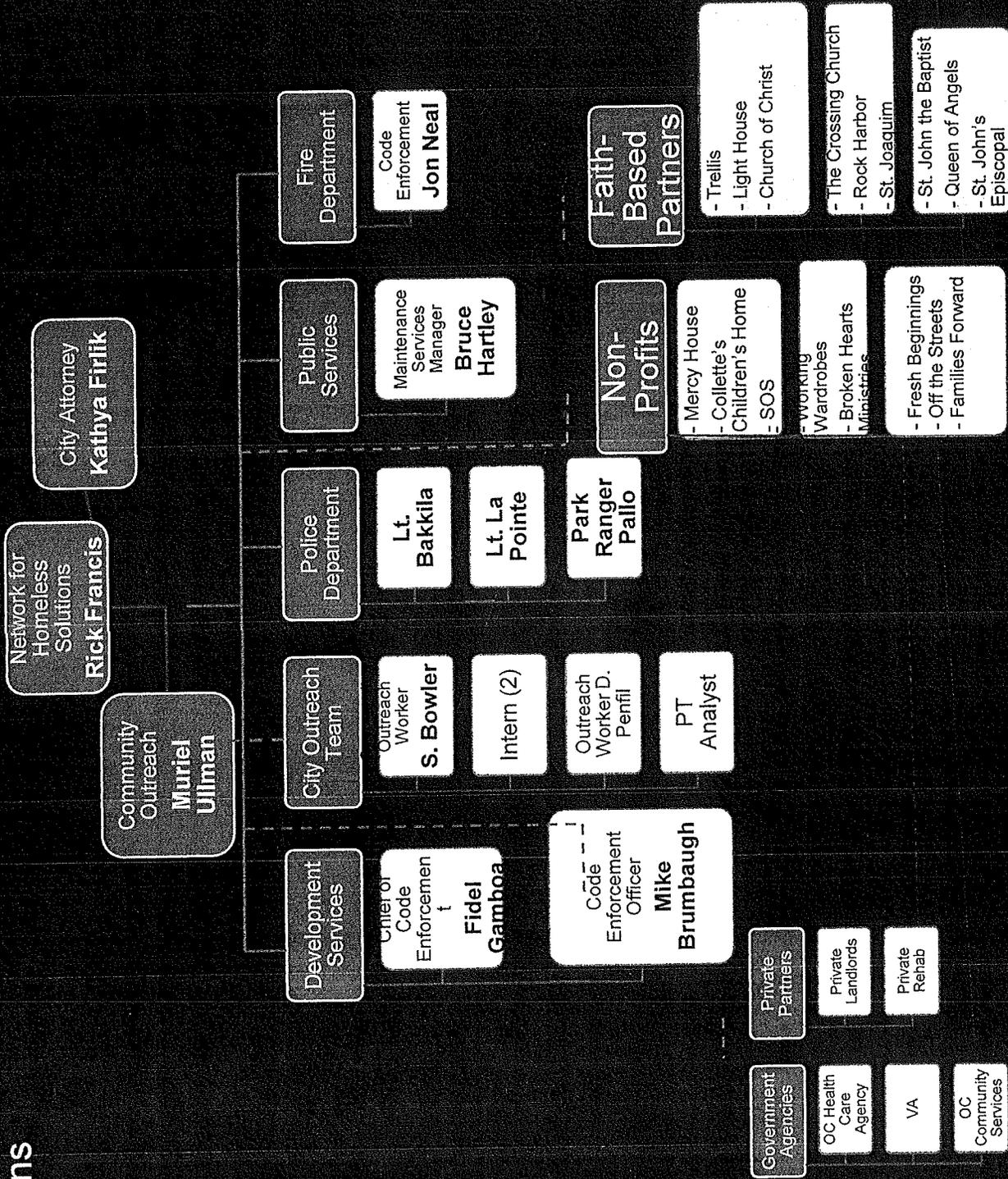
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - That staff pursue a partnership with Probation & Parole personnel to proactively inspect recovery/halfway homes to ensure code compliance
 - Update: This action has been incorporated into motel, sober living and network for homeless solutions task forces

Goal 4

Centralized Homeless Services Coordination

- Homeless issues impact outside jurisdictions & entities
- Best practices suggests one department be responsible for coordination of homeless services & complaints
- This department should be responsible for:
 - Coordinating in-house & outside efforts
 - Addressing homeless complaints by coordinating responses with CMPD, City Attorney, other City departments & outside agencies
 - Evaluating new techniques for addressing homeless issues
 - Homeless Task Force strategies/recommendations
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Continue centralized homeless services coordination

Network for Homeless Solutions



Goal 5

Integrate Law Enforcement, Mental Health & Legal Strategy as a Collaborative Approach to Homelessness

- Best practices suggests that the enforcement of codes & policies may require a new approach that includes a “homeless-specific” policy/legal strategy
- The City should consider adopting a collaborative approach to law enforcement that includes arresting chronic offenders & criminals while working with the City Attorney, CMPD & mental health outreach workers to help move the homeless off the streets

Goal 5

Create Homeless Enforcement Team

- Cities that have success with homeless issues usually have officers trained in homeless specific solutions
- As the 1st responders to homeless calls for service a homeless officer can free up officers to return to patrol duty
- Homeless outreach officers build rapport with homeless which helps assess long-term needs of the chronic homeless

HTF RECOMMENDATION:

That the City explore the deployment of a “Homeless Outreach Officer”

- Update: On hold due to resource constraints. Program to be implemented in 2016

Goal 5

Coordinate Mental Health/Street Outreach

- Presently service providers visit CM libraries & parks weekly
 - E.g., OC Mental Health, Veterans 1st, VA
- CMPD calls these agencies for assistance as needed
- Service providers often need multiple encounters to build trust & assess needs of homeless to remove from streets
- The City may be able to expedite trust-building process and access to services by funding a PT street outreach team/worker
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Recommend that staff explore contract opportunities with qualified providers to coordinate mental health & street outreach services for Costa Mesa homeless residents
 - Update: Community Outreach Team established with County Collaboration

Goal 5

Provide Emergency Motel Vouchers for CMPD

- CMPD occasionally encounter situations that require rapid, temporary placement of vulnerable individuals/families into safe/decent housing
- CMPD should have a supply of vouchers for emergency situations especially for families with children found sleeping in the street
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - That staff identify resources to provide CMPD with motel vouchers for emergency situations & help develop criteria for the use of vouchers
 - Update – Implemented and includes transportation vouchers

Goal 5

Formalize Legal Assistance to Prosecute Chronic Violators

- Develop a multi-faceted legal strategy that involves a stronger presence in court when transients appear before a judge
- City Attorney's Office will prosecute municipal code violations for repeat offenders & will communicate with DA's office regarding specific cases of interest
- This approach could result in the ability to remove people from the community who commit repeated offenses & who refuse assistance
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Formalize support for this current legal strategy
 - Update – In process

Goal 6

Research Permanent Supportive Housing & Possible Access Center for CM Homeless Residents

- Best practices suggest the availability of supportive housing & a daytime facility where homeless may congregate helps reduce impact of the homeless on neighborhoods & local businesses
- Facility location must ensure impacts to surrounding neighborhoods are mitigated
- These facilities would only be accessed by CM homeless based on the definition conceived by the HTF
- **HTF RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Have staff explore the possibility of financing strategies for the development of supportive housing/access
 - Update: Project on hold based on neighborhood opposition to proposed site

Goal 8

Develop a Metrics System to Monitor Reduction in Homelessness

- Best practices suggests a homeless strategy should measure impact of actions on the homeless
- CM should develop appropriate metrics system to measure success or failures of its homeless strategy including a reduction in homelessness
- **RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Develop analytical tool to measure homeless reduction resulting from implementation of the City's homeless strategy
 - Update – City has implemented information management system which tracks all clients assisted including services received, case management hours and notes

Goal 5 - Community Outreach Workers

- The City employs 2 part-time community outreach workers Monday-Saturday.
- Primary responsibilities:
 - Forming relationships with homeless individuals on the vulnerability list
 - Helping them find them services.
- Concentration on individuals on the list or those individuals who are defined as “Costa Mesa Homeless Residents” by City staff and CMPD.
- To avoid becoming an attractant for individuals outside of Costa Mesa, the outreach workers work primarily with individuals who meet this definition.

Community Outreach Workers

- **Outreach workers collaborate with social service providers to attempt to get homeless individuals:**
 - services or housing
 - obtaining I.D., birth certificates, etc.
 - reunite them with family members
 - transportation to take them to homeless court & medical appts
 - continually follow up on their progress.
- **If a client requires hospitalization, the mental health worker coordinates their care with hospital social workers so that client is not released directly to the streets**

How Can Outreach Workers Help Public Safety/Policy Makers?

- Collaborate on cases involving homeless people who have to means to move off the street or chronic offenders resistant to change
- Outreach workers can locate substance abuse program, housing, family members for reunification and other social service programs
- De-escalation of aggression
- Quickly approach new arrivals to the city and convince them to return to their location of origin

**BEFORE HOMELESS TASK
FORCE OUTREACH/COORD**

<p>COSTS</p>	<p>Citizen complaints 140 homeless on streets No coordination amongst faith based groups & homeless providers \$40,000 in homeless grants given out haphazardly Estimate \$20,000 in police transient calls not including time spent in hospitals doing medical clearance</p>
<p>BENEFITS</p>	<p>None</p>

**AFTER HOMELESS TASK
FORCE OUTREACH/COORD**

<p>COSTS</p>	<p>\$245,000 in City Resources Citizen complaint process Ongoing political support Education and re-education of residents, businesses and political officials</p>
<p>BENEFITS</p>	<p>105 housed over past 3 years 637 linked to services \$60,000 in grants to targeted CM homeless residents 52 Chronic homeless residents assessed for Coordinated Entry Program</p>

Economic Self-sufficiency Committee

Summary of Recommendations

1. Set up an employment bureau to be housed in a trailer adjacent to BCIS facility on Gothard St.
2. Retain trained volunteers or contract employees to operate the Center
3. Personnel at the Center would conduct interviews with the homeless covering the following issues:

Determine if the homeless person is willing to be united with family or friends who will provide housing and financial support. If so find financial resources to provide transportation as necessary

Determine if homeless person is receiving government support like Social Security, Medicare, Veteran Benefits, Food Stamps and the like. If not, help homeless person qualify

Determine if homeless person is ready to work, if not identify resources necessary to accomplish work readiness by referring the homeless to the appropriate resource.

Identify a profile and skills of the homeless person and use this information in formal job applications

4. Personnel at the Center should establish the following relationship to enhance the employment process

Contact Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce and request their help to employ the homeless

Request their help in identifying Chamber members who will employ the homeless. Supply the Chamber with a profile of the job seekers and request Chamber members to post job openings. Do the same thing with non-Chamber members.

Form a partnership with Orange County's One Stop System and work with them to employ the homeless

Determine if a High School Diploma is a prerequisite for employment. If so contact Huntington Beach Union High School District for help in obtaining a GED

Determine if the homeless person would be willing to matriculate at Goldenwest College in one of its many certificate programs. Work with Goldenwest to provide scholarships

5. Establish relationships with the following organizations to determine their techniques and resources to find employment

Beach Cities Interfaith Services

Build Futures

Off the streets

Project Self –Sufficiency

Interval House

Collette’s Children

Illumination Foundation’

Project S.H.I.P.

S.P.I.N.

If the above agree, refer the homeless to these organizations for help in finding employment

6. Consider the use of the Employment Center to provide unskilled day labor as has been done in the past to aid in maintaining the work ethic in the homeless person

7. Consider remediating this Transfer Station site so that homeless resources can become permanent at one location. This could also provide a site for low cost housing

8. Whatever strategy is used, the Council should receive regular reports on how many homeless have been helped and how much the homeless population has been reduced

9. Reach out to other Cities and invite them to participate as a partner to obtain jobs for the homeless

Economic Self Sufficiency Committee Report

February 9, 2016

We believe that the issue of eliminating homelessness for the individual is ultimately solved when the homeless individual reaches some level of economic self-sufficiency. This can occur in a number of ways, including reuniting with friends or family who can provide economic support, through governmental resources like Social Security, Medicare, Veterans' benefits, etc. or getting a job.

Attaining one or more of these results requires a series of steps each overseen by a person who has expertise with the issue being addressed.

Unless these prior steps are taken economic self-sufficiency will not occur. Thus this report concerns itself with identification, intake, housing, mentoring, counseling, health issues including substance abuse and mental health. Each one of these steps must take place in some form before economic self-sufficiency is reached. For example: housing can't take place unless some source of economic help is identified.

Each step requires an area of expertise and resource of knowledge.. No one person or department will necessarily have the resources or techniques to do all steps at a high level of effectiveness. Changing the homeless behavior in many cases requires behavior modification. This can be difficult and complex, however if the resources for doing so are not available the homeless problem will never be solved. There is the mistaken belief that punishment or withdrawal of benefits will cause the homeless person to change. This has been tried and found not to work. In fact, the lack of financial resources probably is the major cause of homelessness. If that issue is not addressed, solving the homeless problem will fail and may even get worse.

In cities the step like process can often be started with resources already at their disposal. Additional resources may be added.

For example, the identification and intake process is well handled by the police department. The next step of counseling, mentoring and identification of resources can be handled by social workers or trained volunteers using a case management approach. A social worker hired on a contract is far less expensive than the cost of a policeman. The steps dealing with health problems and housing are also best handled by personnel trained in these areas. Finally, identification of economic resources especially jobs must again be addressed by people schooled in the effort in an employment center type of environment. Interestingly the City within its existing structure has some of these socially oriented resources and techniques available. This includes Project Self –Sufficiency whose efforts include finding housing, education and economic support. The Youth Shelter has at least two social workers to deal with

issues facing young people. Community Services deals with Senior Citizens issues with at least one social worker. These are all resources which should be reviewed for techniques which may be applicable to the homeless. Further there are resources whose membership is directly involved in dealing with economic self-sufficiency, namely the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, and the Visit Huntington Beach Organization both of whom are interested in reducing homelessness for economic reasons. The County of Orange also offers the "One Step Program" which is a type of employment bureau and does identify jobs. Resources for education and training are also available. The Huntington Beach Union High School District can offer help obtaining a high school diploma. The Coast Community College District offers specialized certificates which qualifies people for employment on completing the course work. Of course the many nearby four year colleges and universities also will provide employment resources. Finally it should be noted that a significant number of the non-governmental organizations operate in Huntington Beach a part of whose activity is to find jobs for the homeless. These include but is not limited to the following: Beach Cities Interfaith Services, Build Futures, Off The Streets, Collette's Children, The Illumination Foundation, SPIN(Serving People in Need), SHIP(Self Help Interfaith Program) and Interval House.

These organizations can be contacted directly to determine what resources are available to the City and to learn the techniques for finding jobs which could be adopted by the City.

In order to formulate a successful job seeking strategy for the homeless in Huntington Beach it is strongly recommended that the City convene a conference of all the organizations mentioned in this summary.

A number of Orange County Cities have had some success dealing with the homeless including Costa Mesa (including Save Our Selves and Fresh Beginnings Ministry), Anaheim, Laguna Beach and Fullerton. There may be others. It is suggested that the Huntington Beach City Administration make contact with other Cities to determine the nature of these successes. The most successful program in the U.S. for dealing with the homeless is in Salt Lake City, Utah. The leader of the program, Lloyd Pendleton, is available as a consultant and has been a consultant to the Federal Government, Los Angeles, Phoenix and New Orleans. A printed presentation of his slide program is available from the staff of the Task Force. A member of this committee has met Mr. Pendleton and made him aware of Huntington Beach needs.

The Faith Community offers support for dealing with the homeless issue. A number of churches currently are addressing the homeless issue with some success. A list of Faith groups can be found in a report to the City by Brad Fieldhouse of CityNet or from the Homeless Task Force. The Faith groups are also a good source of volunteers. Coordination of City activities with the efforts of the Faith groups would be very helpful.

Reports and information of items previously presented to the Homeless Task Force have been included in this report. This was done to provide useful information to the City Council.

The County of Orange has stepped up its efforts in dealing with the homeless. It has appointed a Homeless Commission. It has an approved Ten Year Plan.- It has approved building a 200 hundred bed temporary homeless shelter. The 211 OC program offers immediate help on homelessness. The Health Care Agency has become very responsive to health care needs. A close relationship with the County would be extremely beneficial. To answer the complaint that an attractive program by one city will attract more homeless to that city, homeless efforts must be regional. However a lack of regional program should never be an excuse for doing nothing.

The Need for Office Space

The activities recommended in this report will require office space for them to be carried out. It is suggested that temporary trailers with office space be placed on the five acre site near the BCIS activity. This site was formerly a trash transfer station and is owned by the County. The site is to some extent contaminated and thus may need remediation to make it more user friendly. Interestingly, if this property is remediated it could also be used for low cost housing. Its location in the industrial area would minimize public objection.

Financial Incentive for Reducing the Homeless Population

Some believe that assigning more police to the homeless issue will solve the problem We believe police support is extremely important,. however, alleviating the homeless problem also requires other specialized skills. In the absence of those skills on the current staff, people with those skills must be hired or trained volunteers must be sought.

An estimate of the amount of money which may be required in Huntington Beach to deal with the homeless can be derived from what Los Angeles County believes their costs will be. According to the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles County will need \$150,000,000 annually to deal with the estimated 44,000 homeless in the County. This amounts to \$3,409 per homeless person. Thus, for the estimated 200 homeless in Huntington Beach the total cost to the City would be about \$681,818. The actual amount for Huntington Beach may be more because of lack of economies of scale . This is illustrated by figures for the City of Los Angeles whose estimate d cost \$100,000,000 for serving 12,536 homeless results in a cost of \$7977 per homeless person

These numbers do not include costs of building housing. For housing Los Angeles ^{City} County costs are estimated to be \$1.85 billion over the next 10 years or 185 million per year for 12,536 homeless The costs in Huntington Beach may be less however, these numbers give one a

feeling for potential obligation. This summary of costs gives a very powerful argument for reducing homelessness and returning them to the work force.

In closing, we should comment that whatever strategies are adopted by the City Council, regular reports should include the following: the contacts made, numbers of homeless in the case management system, successes in moving people out of the homeless category. The number calls for service to the police, and a periodic homeless count. Such information will help determine the success or failure of strategies being employed

Hector Valdez

Ralph Bauer

Charlene Bauer

From: H E K <hektattoo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 2:08 PM
To: Charlene Bauer
Subject: addition to economic self sufficiency

Hey Ralph
I just had once small addition to ESS -

Reach out to local businesses to devise a network of possible employers dedicated to employing people in need. Whether that be homeless individuals currently in the homeless shelters or individuals at risk of becoming homeless. This network of local businesses would offer employment to those in need. These jobs would be entry level positions designed to help give these individuals a platform to build a better life from. Different ways we can motivate local businesses to participate include; promotion of those businesses through advertising, tax breaks and incentives, as well as helping to make their own community a better place.

Let me know what you think.
Thank You,

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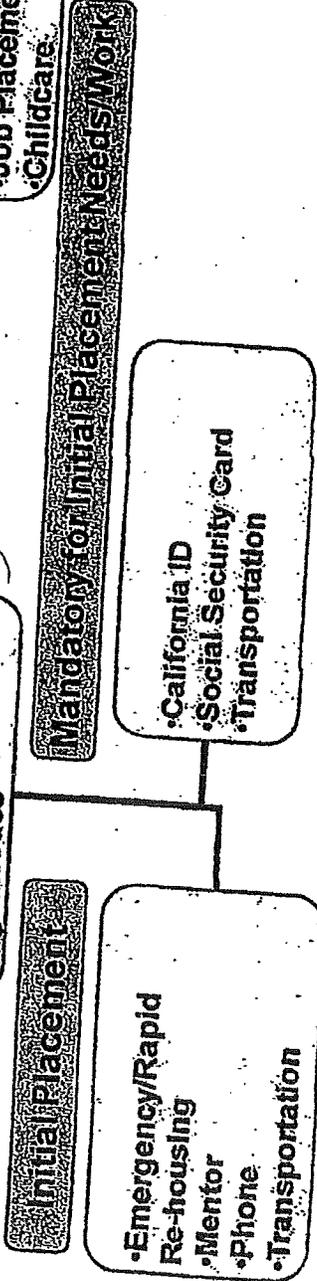
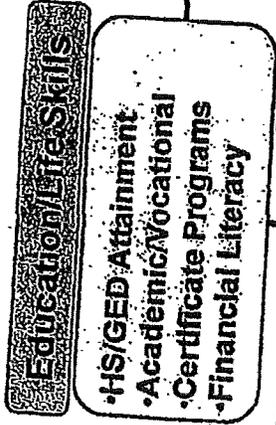
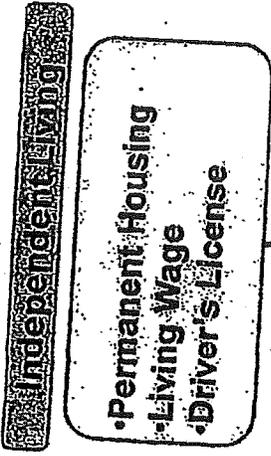
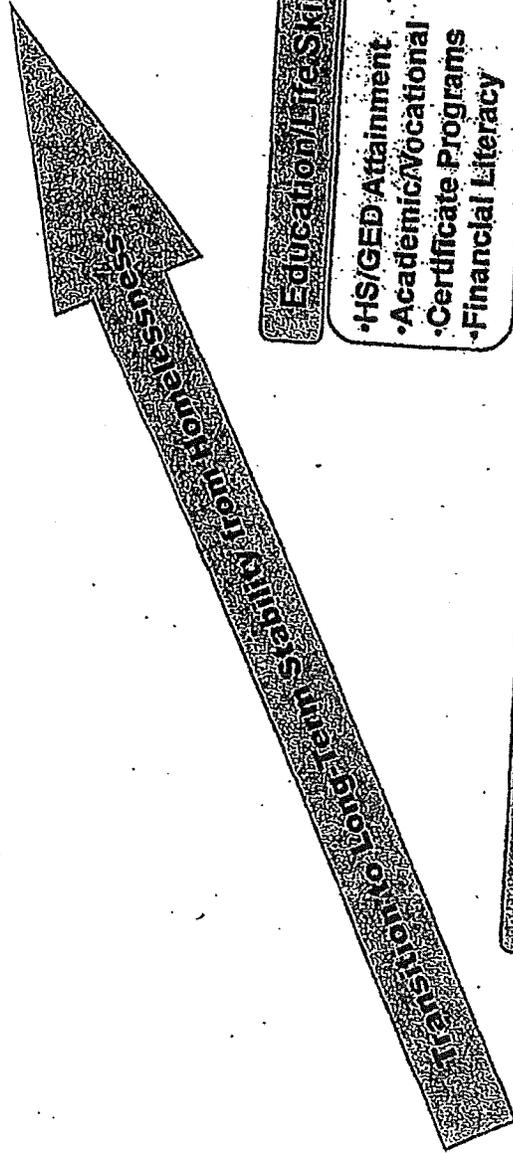
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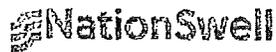
WOULD YOU ADD THIS TO THE
ECONOMIC SELF SUFFICIENCY REPORT?
THANK YOU

Ralph



"Steps to Success"





Lloyd Pendleton, the Director of The State of Utah's Homeless Task Force, in the courtyard of the Palmer Court Apartments, Jan. 16, 2015, in Salt Lake City. The complex provides housing for people who are chronically homeless.

Kim Raff for NationSwell

Meet the Courageous Man Who Has Housed 1,393 Chronically Homeless Individuals in Utah

In part three of NationSwell's series examining Utah's campaign to end homelessness, read about the man behind the pivotal program.

by [Chris Peak](#) on January 29, 2015

Lloyd Pendleton is the most efficient man in Utah. By the hour, he ticks off small achievements in a pocket planner, marking progress toward long-term goals. His mind routinely calculates volumes and outputs; he thinks in returns on investments. When Pendleton speaks, you begin to suspect he's just sifted through a file cabinet's worth of data. But then, he tosses in one of his signature colorful aphorisms, and you realize, nope, that's just Lloyd.

After retiring from high-ranking positions at Ford Motors and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Pendleton began a second career in Utah's Department of Workforce Services, a seemingly unglamorous government job in Salt Lake City. "I retired on a Friday and went to work with the state on Monday," he says. As a pet project of sorts, Pendleton set an ambitious goal: To functionally eliminate chronic homelessness across Utah within 10 years. Nine years later, as Utah's homelessness czar, he's on track to reach that milestone by year's end.

"He gets things done" is how his colleague Liz Buehler, Salt Lake City's homelessness coordinator, describes her state counterpart.

Raised on a ranch at the far western edge of Utah, Pendleton's early experience working the land gave him a dogged work ethic and a quiet-the-bells directness. He admits he once thought street people panhandled because they were lazy. "I used to tell the homeless to get a job, because that's all I thought they needed," he recalls.

But later, through the Mormon Church, he was tasked with restructuring struggling food pantries, emergency shelters and other charities across the country. After working directly with the homeless, including a year on-site at Utah's largest shelter The Road Home (then known as the Travelers Aid Society), Pendleton had a "major paradigm shift." Viewing the homeless as his brothers and sisters, he realized that when they suffered, so did the entire community. "We're all connected," he now says.

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Lloyd Pendleton

Pendleton's years of bolstering charities earned him credibility from many nonprofit executive directors. When they knew he was considering retirement, several service providers and then-Gov. Jon Huntsman began lobbying the L.D.S. Church to "loan" Pendleton out to head up the state's nascent homelessness task force. The church agreed, and Pendleton did the job part-time for two years before committing to being its full-time director in 2006. "We got Lloyd involved before he realized," one executive director says.

Described by one Salt Lake City social worker as a "voracious reader and researcher," Pendleton started by signing up for conferences on the latest strategies. While at one in Chicago in 2003, he learned about the 10-year plans to end homelessness taking shape around the country, and he heard the buzz about an innovative idea called "Housing First." Two years later, after a conference in Las Vegas, Pendleton started chatting up a fellow passenger on the airport shuttle: Sam Tsemberis, considered the originator of the "Housing First" model.

Tsemberis explained how Pathways to Housing (the organization he founded in New York City in 1992) threw out drug tests and waiting lists — the old trappings of getting someone "housing ready." Instead, the homeless were moved into apartments in Manhattan and Westchester County, N.Y., within two weeks. "You're curing the housing problem first. You cure the person later," Tsemberis explained. After its first five years, 88 percent of tenants had stayed in the program's housing — double the rate for the city's step-by-step rehab programs. "Recovery starts when you have something you care about, a place where you can go," he added. Pendleton took an instant liking to Tsemberis and together, they convinced Utah lawmakers and foundations to take a chance on "Housing First."

Just because it worked in New York City, however, didn't mean the program would be a fit for Utah. During one tense early meeting, a contractor worried about his reputation almost backed out of building 100 units. As Pendleton listened, a thought came to him: why not test a small pilot program consisting of 25 of the toughest, most distressed people? The idea partially came from a truism he learned on the ranch while chopping kindling for their wood-burning stove: "Chop the big end of the log first." In other words, if you can house the most chronically homeless, you can house anybody.

The task force gathered the best case managers, convinced landlords across the city to participate and handed over keys to 17 people. "I felt the sweat on my forehead, and I know others did too," recalls Matt Minkevitch, the executive director of The Road Home, a Salt Lake City shelter. "You'd give each other a casual smile and say, 'We'll work through it, okay?' But they couldn't hear your stomach growling, hear you praying under your breath,... and just hoping, hoping that you don't hurt people and damage all these important programs."

He gets things done."

Liz Buehler, Salt Lake City's homelessness coordinator

The first night, Pendleton recounts, one man placed all his belongings on the bed and curled up on the floor to sleep. The following few nights, he dozed outside, near a dumpster. Finally, after several days, he moved in and slept on the bed. Housing isn't "rehabilitation," Pendleton noted, "because so many of them were never habilitated to begin with. You are

creating new lives for them.” With the exception of one person who died, all the tenants remained in housing 21 months later.

Pendleton isn’t striving for prestige or fame in solving an ill that blights much of urban America. He just likes ideas that work, and he wants to see them take root, regardless of who sows the first seed. “Housing First” isn’t unique to the Beehive State, but Pendleton’s precise methods are a primary reason why Utah’s rates of chronic homelessness are so low. The fingerprints of his orderly approach can be spotted all over the 10-year plan: its clear articulation of vision, its far-reaching collaboration and its experimental pilot projects.

According to Pendleton, every action must answer this question: Does this help the homeless into housing or not? “If you don’t have a crystal-clear vision about the homeless situation, then you just muddle along. You get poor results. You’re not getting people housed,” he says.

For Utah to solve such an intractable social problem, it also had to find support beyond the traditional partnerships. Pendleton’s résumé helped win the involvement of the business community and the L.D.S. Church, one of the most influential forces in the region. Their monetary contributions and participation in programs like job placement meant even “more and more people carrying the load with the county, city and state,” Pendleton tells the Deseret News. And once the strategy had been distilled, all those agencies focused their individual expertise on a specific aspect of the problem.

Despite playing different instruments, “We have been pretty much on the same sheet of music in the symphony,” Pendleton says of the collaboration.

To meet the goal Pendleton first dreamed of a decade ago, Utah still needs to house approximately 539 chronically homeless and 200 homeless veterans, according to the latest comprehensive report — far fewer than the 1,932 chronically homeless on the streets when he first started.

Pretty good for an “encore career,” don’t you think?

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Making House Calls, To People Without Homes



Julie Sokolow, Bryan Heller, Jacob Templin

The Hidden Cost of Homelessness

- Annual cost of homelessness in the USA is \$35,000 - \$150,000 annually per homeless person
 - includes programs, law enforcement, medical, food, psych holds, ambulances, etc.
- The cost to HOUSE someone is \$12,000 - \$25,000 annually per homeless person

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Giving housing to the homeless is three times cheaper than leaving them on the streets

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The new Central Union Mission shelter in Washington, DC

Jewel Samad/AFP

The final week of January saw an annual ritual in government statistical gathering that few people know about — the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Point-in-

Time survey of the homeless population, in which HUD recruits volunteers around the country to go out and try to count up all the homeless people living in America. This year, White House Chief of Staff Dennis McDonough even joined up, volunteering as part of the San Francisco PIT crew (<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Obama-s-right-hand-man-joins-S-F-homeless-count-6050710.php>).

Counting the homeless is, of course, a critical element to making appropriate homelessness policy. But good policy also requires greater awareness of a discovery that research continuously confirms — it's cheaper to fix homelessness by giving homeless people homes to live in than to let the homeless live on the streets and try to deal with the subsequent problems.

The most recent report along these lines was a May Central Florida Commission on Homelessness study indicating that the region spends \$31,000 a year per homeless person (http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2014-05-21/news/os-cost-of-homelessness-orlando-20140521_1_homeless-individuals-central-florida-commission-tulsa) on "the salaries of law-enforcement officers to arrest and transport homeless individuals — largely for nonviolent offenses such as trespassing, public intoxication or sleeping in parks — as well as the cost of jail stays, emergency-room visits and hospitalization for medical and psychiatric issues."

<http://www.vox.com/2014/5/30/5764096/its-three-times-cheaper-to-give-housing-to-the-ho...>

*BETWEEN 2005 AND 2012 THE RATE OF
HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICA
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By contrast, getting each homeless person a house and a caseworker to supervise their needs would cost about \$10,000 per person.

This particular study looked at the situations in Orange, Seminole, and Osceola Counties in Florida and of course conditions vary from place to place. But as Scott Keyes points out

(<http://thinkprogress.org/economy/2014/05/27/3441772/floric-homeless-financial-study/>), there are similar studies showing large financial savings in Charlotte (<http://thinkprogress.org/economy/2014/03/24/3418140/char-homeless-study/>) and Southeastern Colorado (<http://thinkprogress.org/economy/2013/09/05/2579451/colo-homeless-shelter/>) from focusing on simply housing the homeless.

The general line of thinking behind these programs is one of the happier legacies of the George W Bush administration. His homelessness czar Philip Mangano was a major proponent of a "housing first" approach (http://www.newyorker.com/archive/2006/02/13/060213fa_fi) to homelessness. And by and large it's worked. Between 2005 and 2012, the rate of homelessness in America declined 17 percent

(<http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2013/08/the-astonishing-decline-of-homelessness-in-america/279050/>).

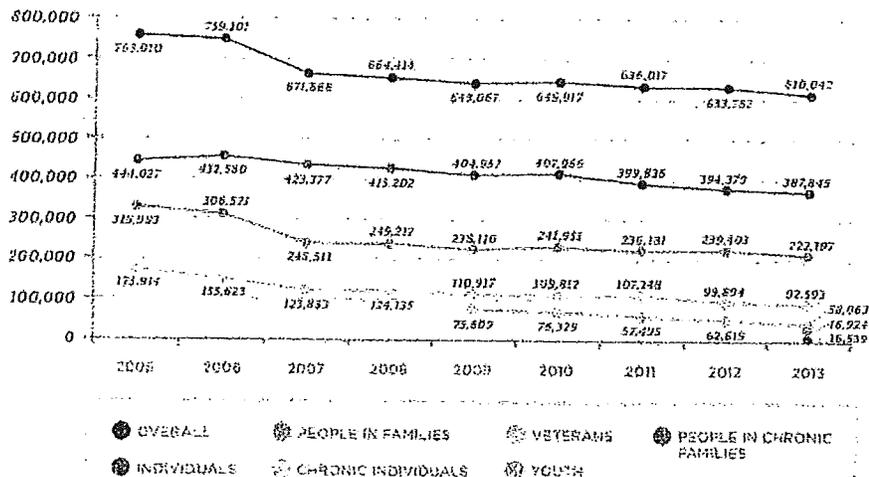
Figures released this month from the National Alliance to End Homeless showed another 3.7 percent decline

(http://b.3cdn.net/naeh/d1b106237807ab260f_qam6ydz02.pdf)

That's a remarkable amount of progress to make during a period when the overall economic situation has been generally dire.

Figure 1.3

SUBPOPULATION TRENDS, 2005-2013



Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness

But the statistical success of anti-homelessness efforts even in the face of a bad economy underscores the point of the Florida study.

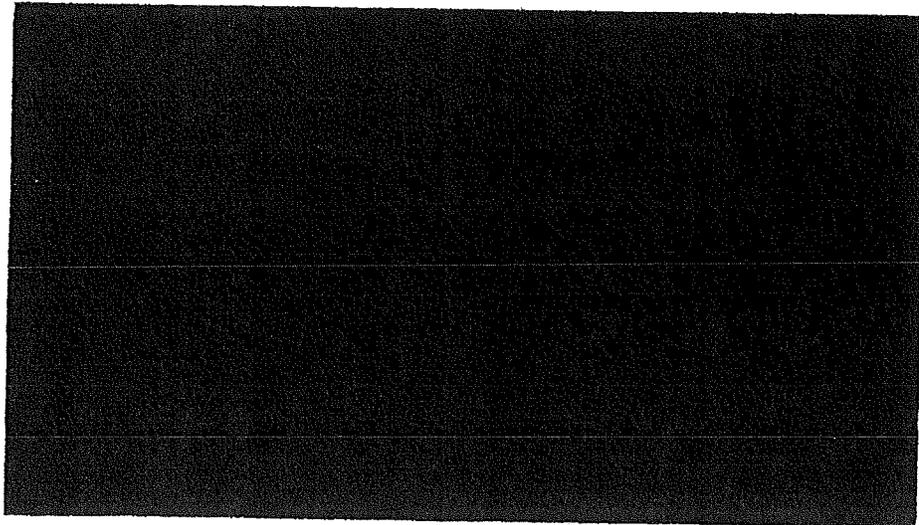
When it comes to the chronically homeless, you don't need to fix everything to improve their lives. You don't even really need new public money. What you need to do is target those resources at the core of the problem — a lack of housing — and deliver the housing, rather than spending twice as much

on sporadic legal and medical interventions. And the striking thing is that despite the success of housing first initiatives, there are still lots of jurisdictions that haven't yet switched to this approach. If Central Florida and other lagging regions get on board, we could take a big bite out of the remaining homelessness problem and free up lots of resources for other public services.

Further reading:

- 11 myths about homelessness in America
(<http://www.vox.com/2015/1/15/7552441/homeless-facts-myths>)

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A Proposal to the Homeless Task Force

Ralph Bauer

It is suggested that the following issues be forwarded to the City Council by the Homeless Task Force..

To the City Council with Regards to the Homelessness Issue in Huntington Beach

It is recognized that the homelessness is a deep seated complex problem. It is likely will remain a problem for years to come. The problem tends to occur for a variety of reasons including a downturn in the economy, high cost of rental housing, health issues, and substance abuse. Many of the homeless do not want to be homeless and thus respond well to remedial efforts. Some homeless have adopted homelessness as a life style or are plagued with substance abuse and mental health issues. In these cases conventional remedial efforts often fail and an effort toward behavior modification must be made. Behavior Modification of adults is of course extremely difficult and even threats of punitive measures do not work. In these cases comprehensive mentoring or counseling can be an effective tool.

Below we have made some suggestions on how the council can take action to address this issue. For each proposal a rationale is provided. It is also recognized that these problems may take time to implement, however the proposals have shown to be to a degree successful. The fundamental basis of the proposals has to do with the process of identifying the problem and then putting together an organization which has the structure, process (including strategies), measuring outcomes against a standard and then if necessary reiterate the process to improve the outcome. It is requested that the City Council consider the following:

1. Appoint a full time employee to oversee and help implement measures which address homelessness. **Rationale:** We recognize that a part time employee has been retained for this purpose. However we believe that the problem is sufficiently difficult so as to require so a full time person probably on a permanent basis.
2. The appropriate staff members should familiarize themselves with the in house activities of the Youth Shelter and Project Self-Sufficiency, the Police Department, Coast to Coast and Business Development. **Rationale:** Although these organizations do not have homelessness as their prime mission (except Coast to Coast) their activities address some of the issues which homelessness implies. Since these

organizations are operating under City perview their proximity makes them convenient partners in the homeless activity.

3. Develop a four pronged approach to the problem by formally addressing intake and mentoring, housing, health including substance abuse and mental health, and economic self-sufficiency **Rationale:** In reviewing the homelessness issue it has been found that addressing these four issues will likely solve the problem in most cases
4. Use trained volunteers or paid employees organize formal operational units to address each of the four key issues. Trained volunteers are available from Bill Nelson of Fresh Beginnings. The City must become expert in each of the four issues mentioned above. The aspect of intake and mentoring must be done using a case management approach and must be handled with confidentiality. **Rationale:** Addressing the four issues will go a long way towards dealing with the homeless. The County has volunteered some help in the form of social worker to help with case management process. The Huntington Beach Collaborative also identified a social worker from Los Angeles who lives in Huntington Beach and has volunteered her services.
5. .Provide office space and secure file space for each of the four areas of activity as mentioned above. Locate the space in an expanded area where B.C.I.S. is now located. **Rationale:** Some specific space office space is necessary somewhere and logically it could be a place near where homeless now visit for food and clothing and some informal counseling. It is understood that the area in and around B.C.I.S. may require some remediation. It is suggested that the City undertake the remediation at City expense
6. Extend the hours that B.C.I.S. is operating and provide an independent 24 hour intake process when B.C.I.S. is closed. **Rationale:** Homeless issues are 24 hour a day activity. Currently if a specific homeless person requires attention there is no facility other than B.C.I.S. which is only open 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. If the situation requires immediate attention by the police or others the intervening authority must shepherd the homeless person until a facility is open.
7. Establish a relationship with the County including the Health Care Agency , the Community Service Agency, OC211, the County Homeless Commission, and Michelle Steele , our County Supervisor. **Rationale:** In recent years the County has improved their homelessness activities in all regards. Central Cities close to the County offices seem to be receiving more resources, than the Cities which are farther away. To obtain our fair share establishing relationships with County Resources are essential. Former Huntington Beach Councilman Joe Carchio has indicated that he would be happy to facilitate this.

8. Contact cities adjacent to Huntington Beach to develop a joint effort to deal with homelessness. **Rationale:** Homelessness is a regional issue and must be addressed as such. In addition pooling resources could reduce costs of remedial activities.
9. Contact the City of Anaheim and city manager Paul Emery and review their current effort on homelessness. It is noted that Costa Mesa is also assisting Huntington Beach with the homelessness effort. **Rationale:** In discussions with Paul Emery, it was noted that they have perhaps made the best start in the vertical integration of the homeless effort. Paul Emery is a former Assistant Manager in Huntington Beach and seems interested in helping us. It is felt that contact with more advanced efforts will help the Huntington Beach effort to be more effective.
10. Review the slide presentation of Lloyd Pendleton-(from Utah), a leader of the effort on homelessness. Consider using him as a consultant. **Rationale:** The Utah effort in dealing with the homeless is considered to be the most successful in the U.S. Mr. Pendleton has consulted with the Cities of Los Angeles, Phoenix, New Orleans and possibly others. He has spent time in Washington D.C. to help the Federal Government address homelessness.
11. Utilize all the resources of Huntington Beach professional staff to obtain both transitional and permanent housing in Huntington Beach. Contact builders like ALCAM and Jamboree Housing who are builders of affordable housing. Contact the Federal Government for grants to purchase available housing like motels and apartment units. Investigate the conversion of industrial warehouse space for conversion to transitional housing. **Rationale:** Currently there are few housing resources in West Orange County similar to the recently approved housing project in Anaheim and the existing transitional housing resource in Laguna Beach.
12. Make contact and form partnerships with: Build Futures, Off the Streets, Illumination Foundation, Collette's Children, Self Help, Interfaith Program, and Serving People in Need, St Vincent De Paul, Mercy House, and Interval House, as well American Family Housing. All these organizations are active in the Huntington Beach area. **Rationale:** Although these organizations may serve only certain homeless populations, their techniques in solving the homeless problem are excellent and have been successful. Learning from them would be helpful. There are a number of faith groups and individuals which deal with the homeless however they don't always supply full service as do the groups mentioned above.
13. Contact all faith based groups and all others who provide at least some help to the homeless and develop a City sponsored resource list similar to that developed by Build Futures. **Rationale:** Many of these organizations are also a source of volunteers who can be trained by Bill Nelson of Fresh Beginnings.

14. Make contact with Alta Med and Save Our Selves in Costa Mesa to help with the health issues **Rationale:** These organizations will provide triage resources to help define the health needs of the homeless.
15. Make contact with the four local hospitals to determine if they could work together to better serve some of the health needs of the homeless in a coordinated effort. **Rationale:** Currently the homeless will use the emergency services of the hospitals. Their often times unexpected appearance causes some disruption of emergency room activity. A coordinated effort may improve this situation.
16. Make contact with the County "One Stop" system and Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce to help with employment of the homeless. If necessary the Huntington Beach High Union School District can give help with a GED for those without a high school diploma and GoldenWest College can help with specialty certificates. **Rationale:** All of these resources could make the homeless person more likely to be employed, thus financially able to find housing.
17. Using the County 10 Year Plan as a model, develop a Huntington Beach 10 Year Plan for dealing with the homeless. **Rationale:** A plan provides a road map not only for existing staff and elected officials, it also provides information for future individuals in these positions.
18. Publish a response often asked by the citizens "I encountered a homeless person what do I do now?" **Rationale:** The public at large is often resistant to problems of the homeless. If they understand what to do and show them that a City Plan will actually reduce costs, as many cities have found the citizens will be more positive toward the homeless programs.
19. Issue regular reports to the City Council about the progress of the homeless activities. **Rationale:** Elected officials not only hold the purse strings, they are responsible to the electorate. A comprehensive report is more likely to generate a positive response towards funding and justify the Council's efforts to the public.
20. Establish a policy about the Homeless who remain unhoused including those living in cars. As a minimum provide toilet and shower facilities as well as a safe place to store personal belongings. **Rationale:** There is insufficient housing currently available thus many homeless are still required to live on their own. For humanitarian considerations certain basic needs must be provided.
21. Establish a formal transportation policy possibly including use of the Senior Citizen busses or an arrangement with O.C.T.A. **Rationale:** Transportation is needed to access shelter outside the City especially during inclement weather. Transportation may also be needed to health care venues.

22. Make contact with the schools districts serving Huntington Beach,(OceanView School District, Huntington Beach City School District, Huntington beach Union High School District, and Goldenwest College). Rationale: The Mc Kinney-Vento Act requires school districts to seek housing for students. In addition Goldenwest College has programs for dealing the housing especially veterans. Rationale: These organizations have unique resources.

23. Establish a collaborative of organizations dealing with Homeless in Huntington Beach. The organization would meet monthly. The Collaborative could be made of but not limited to the following:

City Organizations:

Police department
Business Development
Youth Shelter
Project Self- Sufficiency

Non-Governmental Organizations

Assistance League
Colette's Children
Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce
Off The Streets
Alta Med
Build Futures
Illumination Foundation
Beach Cities Inter-Faith Services
Project Ship
SPIN
American Family Housing
St. Vincent De Paul
Interval House
Fresh Beginnings

Churches and Faith Groups

First Christian Church

Community United Methodist Church

St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church

Greater Huntington Beach Inter-Faith Council

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

Grace Lutheran Church

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Church

Ohana Christian Fellowship

St. Peter's By the Sea

Huntington Beach Baptist Church

Koinonia Membership

First Church of Christ Science

(and many others)

School Districts

Huntington Beach Union High School District

OceanView School District

Huntington Beach City School District

Goldenwest College (O.C.C.D.)

Rationale: These organizations all address homelessness in some way. Coordination of their efforts as well as cross fertilization of ideas would be helpful. They are also a source of volunteers.

24. Establish a grant writing team. Rationale: Federal, State, County, and Local organizations are a good source of funds. Private Foundations, such as Orange County

Community Foundation, are also a good source of funds. Rationale: Funding may be needed for housing. Grant will reduce funding be the City.

- 25. Make contact with governmental Veterans' support organizations. Rationale: There are special housing and other resources designated specifically for Veterans**

A Proposal to Deal with Homelessness in Huntington Beach and an Invitation to Comment by Interested Residents

Overall Outline

1. A successful program by Lloyd Pendleton
2. An opportunity for citizen input
3. Some observations
4. Rhetorical questions to be answered
5. The proposal

A Successful Program

The most successful program in the United States today was authored by Lloyd Pendleton in Utah and Salt Lake City. Cities like Phoenix, New Orleans and recently Los Angeles are adapting Mr. Pendleton's approach. A paper copy of a recent slide show presentation by Mr. Pendleton given in Orange County is available at 16511 Cotuit Cr. Huntington Beach 92649

An Opportunity for Citizen Input

It is intended that this current document will ultimately be presented to the City. Rather than having each citizen submit his or her ideas over a period of time citizens are invited to submit their comments on the internet to Rbauer1022@verizon.net. These comments, unedited, will be added to this proposal when it is submitted to the Homeless Task Force and the City Council.

Some Observations

1. Homelessness is an ongoing, permanent situation and has recently increased, thus a permanent City Office for the Homeless is necessary
2. There is much uncoordinated activity by a variety of faith based, nonfaith organizations, as well as governmental organizations, and even individuals. It is thus

- incumbent upon Cities with their resources and influences to take leadership by coordinating the resources for homeless activities.
3. Homelessness is caused by people without homes. Thus all other activities, though important, must be second to housing. Ironically once the homeless are housed all other activities become far more successful than when the homeless remain unhoused.
 4. A number of studies have shown that providing housing is cheaper in the long run than not doing so.
 5. Substantial public opposition to homeless housing is unjustified, since the homeless are not leaving a given area anyway and they will continue to do whatever they want. If criminal or anti-social behavior is an issue it is far more likely to continue if the homeless remain unhoused. Thus the homeless will continue occupy the parks, beaches, and other public venues. A domicile will make oversight and remediation simpler and more effective.
 6. In some, maybe many, cases homelessness has become a way of life, and thus behavior modification becomes very difficult. This suggests that early intervention and non-coercive mentoring must be in place. The mentoring system must be non-confrontational and gain the trust and respect of the homeless person so that the person will readily accept suggestions for a change in life style.
 7. Partial support such as food, money, clothing or other satisfaction of immediate needs without addressing housing, health, and economic issues, although humanitarian, is counterproductive since it serves to support the homeless life style.
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**Some Questions about the Homeless Program in Huntington Beach submitted
July 8, 2015**

What is the City policy in dealing with the homeless who remain unhoused?

What is the City policy for homeless sleeping in cars?

Given the change in homelessness may require behavior modification, what sort of mentoring program is the City using to modify this behavior?

How will the City measure the success of the homeless program that is currently in place or that may be instituted in the future?

What is the City's program both for temporary and permanent housing for the homeless?

Further Questions About the Homeless Program in Huntington Beach

Submitted October 14, 2015

1. According to a Police Department report, Huntington Beach has had a program dealing with the homeless since 2012. How many homeless have been taken off the streets since that time?
2. Huntington Beach has retained **Coast to Coast** to address the homeless issue. Has Coast to Coast issued any reports? How many homeless have been taken off the streets since **Coast to Coast** was hired?
3. What criteria is Huntington Beach using to measure the success of the Homeless program?
4. A number of studies show that providing housing for the homeless is a key issue for getting homeless off the streets. These studies have also shown that providing housing is less expensive than any other alternative. Will Huntington Beach engage in such a study?
5. Senate Bill 2 requires certain action on the part of the City to deal with homelessness. What is Huntington Beach doing to implement S.B.2?
6. A number of cities developed very successful homelessness programs. Salt Lake City is perhaps the best example. Would Huntington Beach consider hiring representatives of such cities to act as consultants to help Huntington Beach with its homeless program?
7. There appear to be seven different organizations who are expert at finding resources for the homeless. Four are in the City and three are outside the City. **Beach Cities Interfaith Services, Off the Streets, Collette's Children, and Build Futures** are all in the City. Whereas **Save Our Selves, the Illumination Foundation, and American Family Housing** are outside Huntington Beach. Since these organizations, all have special skills in finding resources for the homeless; we would ask if the City could form an informal partnership with one or more of these organizations. Further would the City support satellite offices within the City for those organizations currently outside the City?

8. Laguna Beach has been sued twice for issues dealing with the homeless. Will Huntington Beach investigate the causes of action in these cases and make sure they are being addressed in Huntington Beach to avoid legal action?

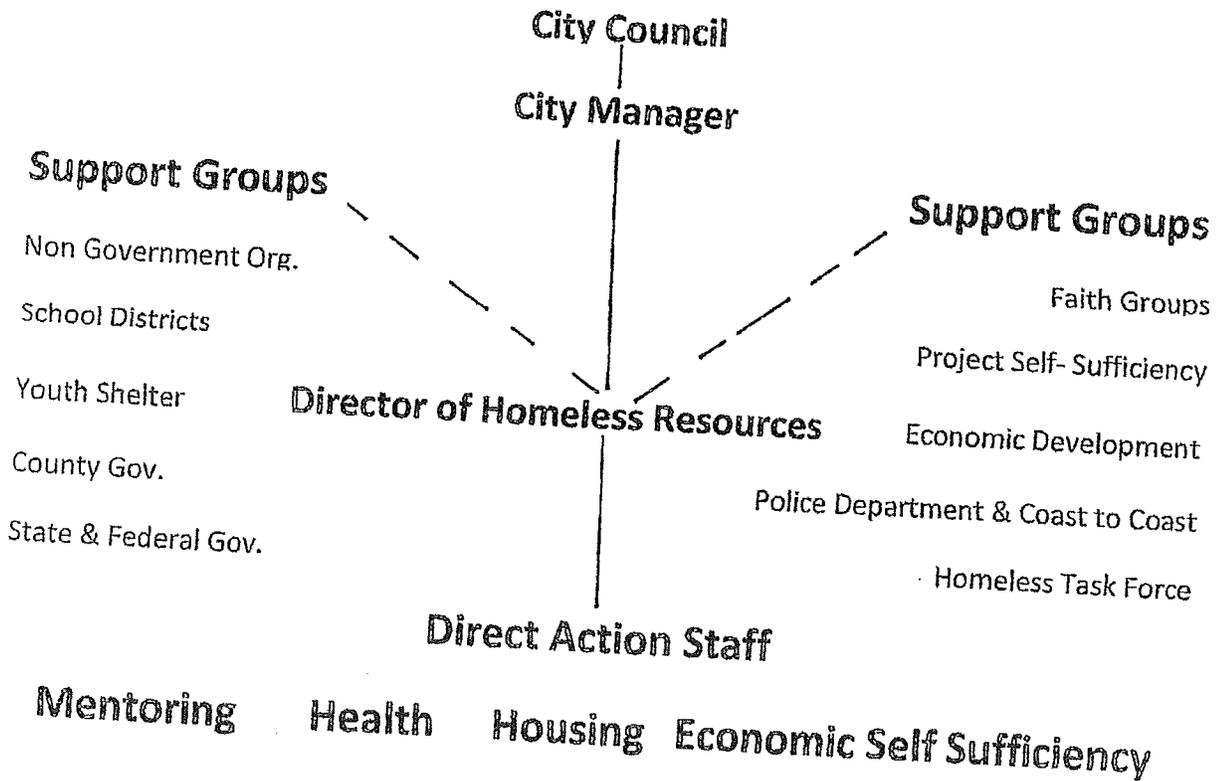
The Proposal

Building an organization to address an issue requires a structure, a process and an evaluation procedure. As time goes on vision, mission, and value statements need to be developed. Finally goals and objectives together with measureable criteria must also be developed. An iterative system to correct failed strategies is also important.

Below we have outlined a possible a possible structure together with some chores which will give rise to ongoing procedures.

It is proposed that the City appoint a permanent "Director of Homeless Resources" with the appropriate office space to deal the big four of Homelessness: Housing, Mentoring, Health and Economic Support. These four areas can be supported by trained volunteers or paid City employees schooled in the art. Having a private office for individual homeless mentoring is critically important.

As the chart shows support would be given by a variety of organizations



There is a solid line relationship between the City Council, the City Manager, Director and the Direct Action Staff. There is a dotted line relationship between the support groups and the Director.

Suggested Activities

Director

1. Intake could occur by the activities of the support organizations shown
2. Each client would be identified by name and social security number. A formal individual case management system would be set up. An evaluation would be made whether the client would continue with a City process or an outside organization who addresses the "Big Four" of Homelessness. Such organizations and others will be discussed below.
3. There are a variety of organizations that provide at least some services to the homeless. Identification, qualifications, a basic description of services and an index of all these organizations should take place. Lists of these organizations are available. Currently the most comprehensive list is from **Build Futures** and can be found on their web site. It is about 123 pages long, but as far as we can tell it is not indexed. Since it is well known that services are often limited, it is important that the Huntington Beach Program cultivate a positive relationship with all providers to maximize chances of receiving services in a timely fashion. Just a phone call to a service provider and nothing else will tend to meet with a negative response. There are a number of organizations within Huntington Beach and Orange County who have been found to be particularly helpful. They should be contacted not only to avail oneself of the services but to learn the successful techniques which deal with the homelessness. Some of the non-governmental organizations have criteria which not all homeless meet. However, if on intake it is discovered a client fits the criteria, then that client can be referred to an outside full service organization and relieve Huntington Beach from the responsibility of dealing with that particular client. Within Huntington Beach there are a number of organizations which to deal with all needs including housing. These include: Collette's Children, Off the Streets, Build Futures, Project Self Sufficiency, Beach Cities Interfaith Services, The Youth Shelter, Self Help Interfaith Program and Serving People in Need. The school districts also have resources which need further investigation. Outside Huntington Beach, important organizations include: Save Our Selves, Illumination Foundation, St. Vincent de Paul, Interval House, O.C.211, American Family Housing, and Orange County Health Care Agency. There are numerous other organizations which provide food and bathroom and shower facilities. These are mostly faith based and

- include individual citizens and small businesses. Coordination of the effort of all service providers through periodic meetings could be helpful.
4. The training of volunteers to deal with the four major issues is important, Bill Nelson of Fresh Beginnings can be very helpful in this regard.
 5. Review the Pendleton report for possible inclusion for some of its features in a Huntington Beach Plan.
 6. Establish a homeless hot line

Housing

Some have estimated that the number of homeless is about 250 in Huntington Beach. This suggests the order of magnitude of housing needed. Currently, we are not aware of any City sponsored housing for homeless in Huntington Beach. Although the City does receive some housing vouchers, they have not always been used.

Below are some concepts for housing which should be investigated:

1. Work with American Family Housing
2. Work with rental housing providers to make sure the vouchers are used
3. Contact various organizations like Save Our Selves, Illumination Foundation, Collette's Children, Off the Streets, Build Futures, 211 Orange County, St. Vincent de Paul and others for their help in finding housing.
4. Require all new development to adhere to State requirements for very low income rental housing including housing for Veterans.
5. Carry out the provisions of Senate Bill 2
6. Contact commercial builders like Jamboree Builders and AMCAL
7. Be aware of opportunities for City purchase of motels or multiple units for housing
8. Contact commercial realtors for industrial buildings
9. Contact Cities like Laguna Beach, Anaheim, and Fullerton for an allocation for Huntington Beach homeless
10. Provide transportation to housing outside the City possibly through the use of Senior Citizen vehicles or O.C.T.A. bus passes
11. Through The Faith Community start an "Adopt the Homeless" Campaign where they will underwrite the cost of housing for at least one month.
12. Review the opportunities for housing homeless in the City owned mobile home park in Central Park
13. Explore the possibility of providing reconfigured shipping containers for housing as is done in Honolulu

5. Discussions with the four major hospitals could take place to develop a cooperative health program which is more effective and minimizes unanticipated impacts on emergency rooms.
6. The Orange County Health Care Agency has a strong homeless health care program and should be used
7. Utilize the resources of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Economic Support

Frequently Homelessness occurs because of a loss of employment, thus evaluation of skills and helping homeless person to find a job could solve the problem. In some instances the homeless person could find financial support from family.

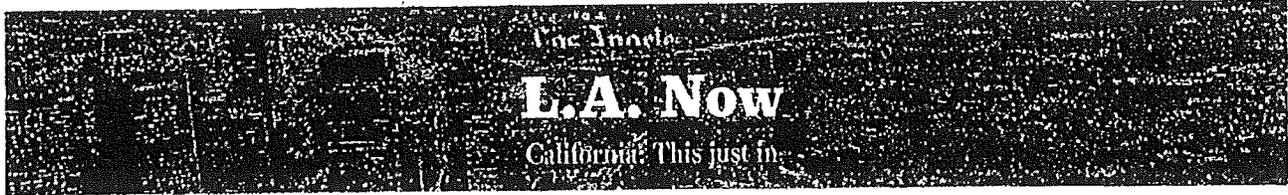
The opportunity to be reunited with family needs to be explored. If funds for bus, train or air fare are required, a travel fund could be established through a 501C3 organization so that donations are tax deductible. Some activities to enhance employment opportunities are shown below:

1. Establish skill resources of the homeless person and help write a resume which can be circulated
2. Contact the Chamber of Commerce and individual companies and ask for help. Set up an employment bureau
3. If a general education diploma is needed, contact the Huntington Beach High School District for help.
4. Contact the County One Stop System for help
5. Contact Golden West College to determine how " certification programs "could help

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ACLU again accuses Laguna Beach of targeting the homeless

By JOSEPH SERNA

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A lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California accuses Laguna Beach of trying to push homeless people, particularly those with disabilities, out of the city.

The suit, filed Thursday on behalf of five disabled homeless people, claims that city officials took the earliest opportunity available under a previous legal settlement to enact laws targeting the homeless and ramped up enforcement to force them out of the city.

Though Laguna Beach has a homeless shelter, it doesn't offer a full range of programs to assist the population and it has limited housing. Five to 15 people are turned away every night and have to find somewhere else to sleep, the ACLU says.

This isn't the first time the city has been sued over its treatment of the homeless -- a fact the ACLU says bolsters its argument in the current suit.

In 2008, the organization sued Laguna Beach, alleging that the city conducted "sweeps" targeting transients and criminalized homelessness. The city settled that lawsuit within three months and repealed laws that criminalized camping and sleeping in public places, according to the lawsuit filed Thursday.

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But once the life of that settlement expired, the ACLU suit says, Laguna Beach officials added a new law that had the same effect as the old one: criminalizing homelessness.

The city added a temporary homeless shelter, but it is loud and crowded -- making it difficult for people to sleep -- and it doesn't offer programs for the myriad mental and physical issues that the people who stay there have, the ACLU contends.

City Manager John Pietig defended Laguna Beach's track record on homelessness in a statement issued Thursday afternoon.

The city's temporary housing shelter is the only year-round shelter and it has air conditioning, laundry, showers, meals, storage and transportation to a bus depot downtown, Pietig said. The city just added a case worker to help homeless individuals find resources.

"It is well known that no single public entity can solve the issues associated with homelessness, especially at the local level," the statement said. "It is very disappointing to be a target of the ACLU given the city's proven track record of being a leader in providing services to the homeless community."

The ACLU is seeking to elevate the case to a class-action lawsuit and lists five initial plaintiffs: Kenneth Glover, 46, an unemployed fisherman diagnosed with alcoholism and depression; David Sestini, 53, who has bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, alcoholism and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; Douglas Frederes Jr., 35, an unemployed handyman with bipolar disorder; Jeffrey Aiken, 54, an Air Force veteran with a physical disability, depression and schizophrenia; and Katrina Aune, 35, a mother diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and obsessive compulsive disorder.

Aune's two children have permanent housing, the ACLU said.

The organization is asking for Laguna Beach to rescind the laws pertaining to homelessness and create a permanent homeless shelter with programs to help its residents.

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Judge orders police to stop citing homeless for sleeping in cars

Preliminary injunction prohibits San Luis Obispo from enforcing ordinance

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San Luis Obispo police must stop issuing citations to homeless people sleeping in their vehicles on city streets, a Superior Court judge ruled Tuesday.

The preliminary injunction issued by Superior Court Judge Charles Crandall is the result of a lawsuit filed by attorneys Stewart Jenkins and Saro Rizzo alleging that the law prohibiting people from sleeping in their vehicles is unconstitutional, vague and results in arbitrary enforcement.

The ruling also questioned the enforcement methods used by police who issued the citations, saying the homeless appear to have been unfairly targeted.

"The city's overall enforcement choices and methods cause this court grave disquietude," Crandall wrote in the ruling. He added that police appeared to be singling out the poor and homeless for "harsher treatment."

Jenkins said he was "ecstatic" at the ruling. "This is perfect for Independence Day, and it is the Constitution at its best," Jenkins said. "All of these people are going to be freed from being hunted."

In a separate court case, Jenkins is trying to retroactively rescind fines imposed based on dozens of tickets already issued to homeless people sleeping in their cars.

San Luis Obispo police Chief Steve Gesell backed his officers' enforcement strategies. "The judge used some very strong words that aren't indicative of the professionalism and patience our officers have demonstrated throughout the last six months," Gesell said. "I don't see it as fair, and it is certainly not accurate."

City Attorney Christine Dietrick said she finds the ruling to be unfounded. In a written statement, she called the ruling "extraordinary and unprecedented" by inferring that the City Council "did not mean what it said," when adopting the ordinance that prohibits people from sleeping in vehicles. The city, she said, disagrees with the legal conclusions and factual assertions used in the ruling. The City Council will be asked in closed session Tuesday how to legally proceed, which may mean asking the court to reconsider or vacate the ruling.

Crandall's preliminary injunction states that the law being used by the city does not apply to public streets, and it orders police to stop issuing citations until a full court hearing can be held.

"The city does not believe it should be legally compelled to allow unsafe and unsanitary residential occupancies anywhere in the city, including on the public streets," said Dietrick in a statement. "So, while the city is currently prohibited from enforcing its illegal occupancy provision on the streets, all laws governing related illegal behaviors often associated with that activity will continue to be enforced in the best interests of community health and safety."

The ordinance overturned Tuesday was the only method police had for dealing with a rising number of people sleeping in vehicles on public streets — particularly on Prado Road.

Police stepped up enforcement of that ordinance in February after business owners complained about nuisances such as trash, assaults, trespassing and the stench of urine and feces.

Officers began knocking on vehicle doors and windows during the night, rousing people from slumber and issuing tickets when they answered the door.

Crandall, in the ruling, was critical of those enforcement methods.

"These methods include, but are not limited to, the use of late-night police forays needlessly utilizing flashing lights, blaring horns, intimidation, threats and other scare tactics," Crandall wrote. "These methods are apparently designed not only to force legal compliance, but also to intimidate plaintiffs into leaving the city altogether."

Gesell said he found the judge's commentary to be a one-sided reflection of the plaintiffs' perspective.

He said that since 2002, citations issued for violating the ordinance have ranged from eight to 25 per year. So far this year, more than 50 have been issued.

Those numbers spiked, Gesell said, because of the growing number of people sleeping in their vehicles on public streets. "It got to a point of critical mass on Prado Road," he said.

Robert Watts, who had his trailer impounded while parked on Prado Road, said the ruling was "finally justice for the people out there on the streets."

A case management conference is set for July 24 to discuss the case.

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Los Angeles court strikes down ban on sleeping in cars

Judges rule 1983 law is 'unconstitutionally vague' after homeless plaintiffs sue Venice police over inconsistent enforcement

Jessica Glenza

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A Los Angeles law that sought to bar people from living in vehicles on the street has been struck down by a federal appeals court after four homeless people sued the city.

The three-judge panel of the ninth circuit court on Thursday ruled unanimously that the ordinance was vague and opened the door to discriminatory enforcement.

In 2010, the the city council received a spate of complaints about human waste and trash on Venice streets, a three-sq-mile, affluent and colorful beachside neighborhood of about 40,000 in Los Angeles.

In response, the city formed a 21-officer task force and enforced a 1983 law that barred residents from living in their vehicles. Police officers held varying interpretations of what the ordinance outlawed, resulting in selective enforcement against the homeless.

"Despite plaintiffs' repeated attempts to comply with [the law], there appears to be nothing they can do to avoid violating the statute short of discarding all of their possessions or their vehicles, or leaving Los Angeles entirely," Judge Harry Pregerson wrote in the opinion.

The four plaintiffs appealed a decision from a lower district court that ruled in favor of the city. Los Angeles' law is unique compared to other local laws that bar sleeping in vehicles or overnight parking, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Officers cited and arrested homeless residents after finding personal belongings in their vehicles, while driving and parked, on public streets and despite sleeping in private parking lots.

All four plaintiffs were arrested or cited for different behavior which violated the law against using a vehicle, "as living quarters either overnight, day-by-day, or otherwise".

In one instance, a homeless artist was driving her RV through Venice, bringing her art to a festival. Police pulled her over after she neglected to turn off her left turn signal, but she wasn't cited for that.

Instead, she was cited for living in her vehicle. The artist legally parked in a church parking lot each night to sleep.

How police supervisors told officers to enforce the law also varied. One internal memo said officers should look for people who had slept or were sleeping in their vehicles. But supervisors also instructed officers "to look for vehicles containing possessions normally found in a home, such as food, bedding, clothing, medicine and basic necessities", according to the decision.

Judges said the ordinance, "paved the way for law enforcement to target the homeless and is therefore unconstitutionally vague".

"As noted, [the ordinance] is broad enough to cover any driver in Los Angeles who eats food or transports personal belongings in his or her vehicle. Yet it appears to be applied only to the homeless," Pregerson wrote.

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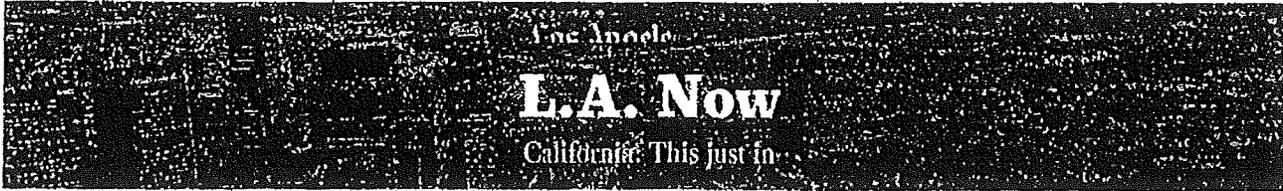
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L.A.'s voided law against sleeping in cars costs it \$1.1 million in legal fees

By GALE HOLLAND

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The city of Los Angeles agreed Wednesday to pay \$1.1 million to lawyers who successfully challenged a municipal ordinance prohibiting homeless people from sleeping in their vehicles.

The payout comes as the city continues to press new enforcement laws against homeless encampments that have spread into residential neighborhoods over the last two years.

Lawyers have warned that the new laws, which make it easier to dismantle camps and dispose of homeless people's property, are unconstitutional.

Attorney Carol Sobel said the fee payout is one of a half-dozen agreements the city has reached with lawyers who brought civil rights challenges to police crackdowns on homeless people.

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"They never learn," said Sobel, who will share the newly awarded fees with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and two other lawyers. "Instead of having money to spend on addressing the real problem of homelessness they are constantly feeding money into the bottomless pit of police suppression."

A spokesman for City Atty. Mike Feuer said he declined comment.

The vehicle-dwelling case was filed on behalf of a group of homeless people, including several disabled individuals, over a 2010 police crackdown on 250 people who began sleeping in their cars and motor homes on Venice streets at the height of the recession, Sobel said.

A federal appeals court last year struck down the ban, ruling it was unconstitutionally vague and an invitation to discriminate against the poor. The court said the ordinance could have

been enforced against people for napping or keeping food in their car, including road trippers or tourists.

"The city of Los Angeles has many options at its disposal to alleviate the plight and suffering of its homeless citizens," 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Harry Pregerson wrote in the decision. "Selectively preventing the homeless and the poor from using their vehicles for activities many other citizens also conduct in their cars should not be one of those options."

In March, Feuer proposed a new vehicle-dwelling ordinance with a tighter focus that he said could pass court muster. Feuer also suggested that the city institute a limited permit process to allow car camping on nonresidential streets.

The city still faces an attorney fee claim in the case of an activist arrested during a noisy skid row protest, Sobel said. The federal appeals court ruled that the arrest by the LAPD was improper.

A fee claim also is outstanding in an appellate case concerning homeless people's belongings. The court ruled in that case that police violated homeless people's constitutional rights by seizing and destroying their property, also on skid row.

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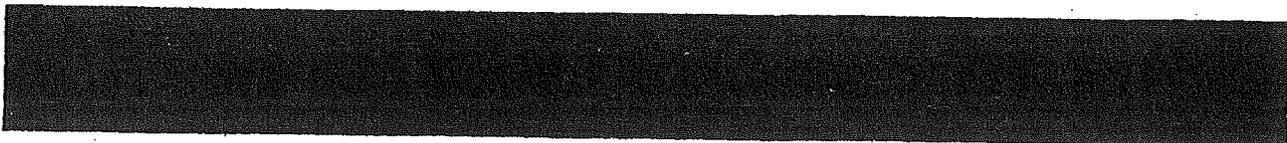
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By Emily Badger August 13

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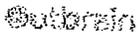
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The DOJ's argument is based on the logic in an earlier Ninth Circuit decision, striking down a vagrancy law in Los Angeles, that was ultimately vacated in a settlement. That logic specifically says it's unconstitutional to punish people for sleeping outside if there aren't enough beds for them to sleep indoors. If there are, the constitutional question would be different, although the moral and policy implications may remain the same.

"Homelessness never left town because somebody gave it a ticket," Tars says. "The only way to end homelessness is to make sure everybody has access to affordable, decent housing."

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The DOJ's argument is based on the logic in an earlier Ninth Circuit decision, striking down a vagrancy law in Los Angeles, that was ultimately vacated in a settlement. That logic specifically says it's unconstitutional to punish people for sleeping outside if there aren't enough beds for them to sleep indoors. If there are, the constitutional question would be different, although the moral and policy implications may remain the same.

"Homelessness never left town because somebody gave it a ticket," Tars says. "The only way to end homelessness is to make sure everybody has access to affordable, decent housing."