

# WHAT'S BEING DONE ABOUT HOMELESSNESS?

October 25th, 2023 5:30PM - 7:00PM

at the Lompoc Veteran's Memorial Building - 100 F Locust Ave



Join us for a conversation with local service providers about how homelessness is being addressed in the Lompoc community and get your questions answered!



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### AGENDA

- What's Being Done?
- Who's Who... and Who to Call?
- Discussion:
  - What are your concerns related to homelessness in Lompoc?
  - What are specific areas/neighborhoods of concern?

# LANGUAGE MATTERS!

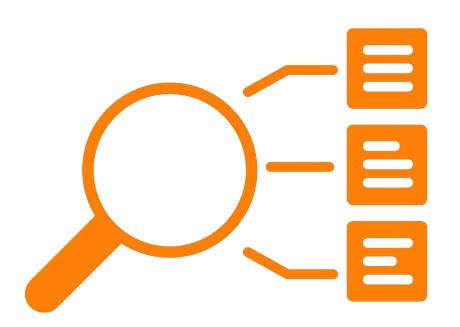
- People-first language: person experiencing homelessness
- Homeless vs. houseless
- Mental health & substance abuse
- Not a monolith





## WHAT IS HOMELESSNESS?

- Risk of Homelessness
- Imminent Risk of Homelessness
- Literally Homeless
- Homeless Under Other Federal Statute
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence
- Chronically Homeless



# WHO IS HOMELESS IN SB COUNTY?



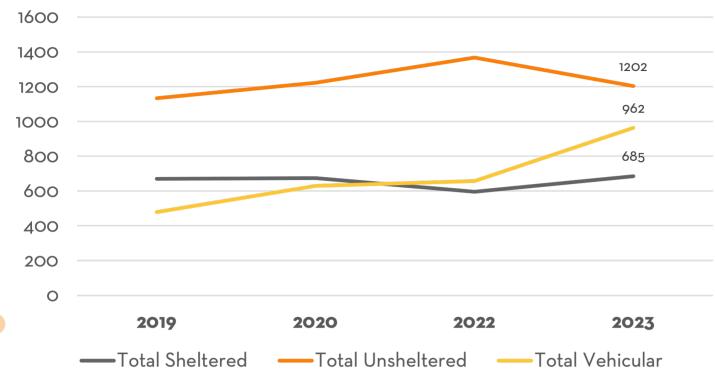


Source: County of Santa Barbara (Point In Time Count)



# WHO IS HOMELESS IN SB COUNTY?

### Countywide Homelessness by Shelter Status



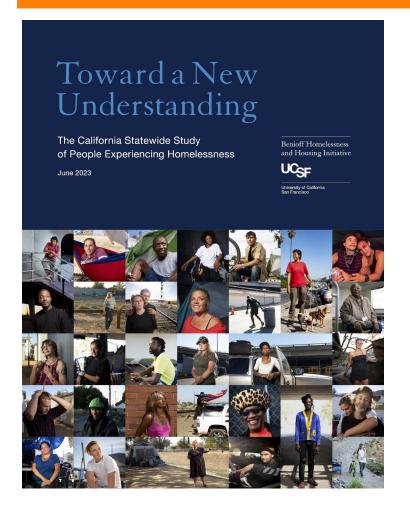


# KEY FACTORS



https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=oembed&v=GrSjrVMmbRg

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- Access to Housing
- Lack of case management
- Wait times & hopelessness
- Physical & behavioral health

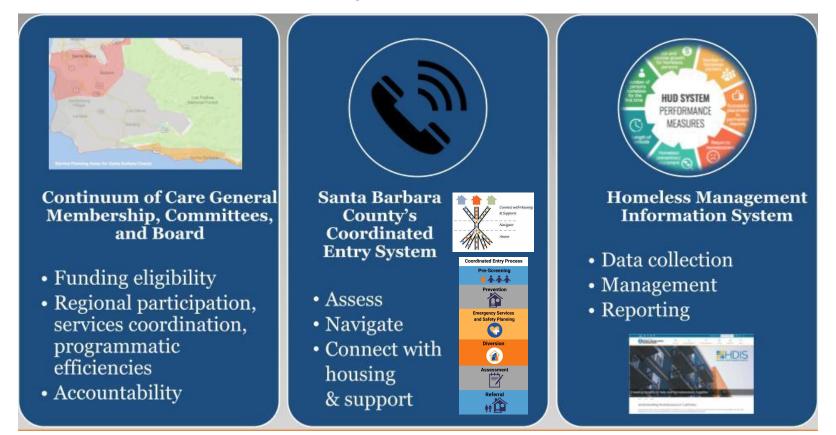
# HOW CAN HOMELESSNESS BE SOLVED?

- Units + Subsidies + Services
- Government funding dedicated to homelessness is necessary but not sufficient to achieve permanent solutions to homelessness.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SB COUNTY?

Santa Maria-Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care



Source: County of Santa Barbara

### COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS







Santa Barbara County Phase II Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness





# **Community Action Plan Progress**

(February 23, 2021 – June 30, 2023)

HOUSING SECURED 924 permanent housing units are



PERMANENT 112 UNITS

still needed (this includes both new units and long-term rental subsidies paired with supportive services)

(total need: 1,366)

INTERIM HOUSING **BEDS ADDED** 

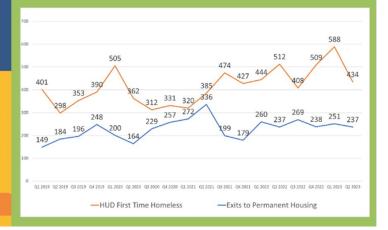
405 beds in emergency shelter, low-barrier navigation centers, transitional housing, and/or bridge housing are still

needed

(total need: 563 beds)

TRANSITIONS OUT OF HOMELESSNESS (EXITS TO PERMANENT HOUSING)

& UNHOUSED FOR THE FIRST TIME (FIRST TIME HOMELESS)



# Primary Countywide Outreach Efforts

# American Rescue Plan Act

- Countywide Street Outreach (Good Samaritan Shelter)
- County Multi-Disciplinary Team (Behavioral Wellness, Public Health, Public Defender)

### CA Encampment Resolution Fund

- Transit Corridor Street Outreach Housing Navigators (City Net)
- NEW: Waterways (Good Samaritan Shelter)

# Outreach to Targeted Populations

- ·Veterans
- ·Youth
- Street Medicine
- Vehicular
- Domestic Violence



RVs/vehicles) in the Lompoc area

# **Encampment Resolution in Lompoc**

In the past year, encampment outreach teams:

- enrolled 133 people in services/ programs
- moved 85
   people from
   encampments
   into shelter/
   housing



# Mid-County Interim & Permanent Housing Inventory

- City of Lompoc: 143 beds per 2023 Housing Inventory Chart (for example: Homebase on G and Homekey Studios)
- Interim Housing: Bridge House (92 total beds, including 20 Rainbow Village cabins)
- Permanent Affordable Housing under development:
   Santa Ynez Valley

### Bridge House statistics:

- 76% of Bridge House residents were residing in Lompoc for at least a year before entering shelter
- 74% of Bridge House residents report they had a rental unit in the Lompoc area before loss of housing



### WHO TO CALL

Visit <u>www.sbact.org/homelessnessresponse</u> for a Lompoc homelessness

Contact: County of SB Encampment

Resolution: Iboss@countyofsb.org

waterway (if any), fire risk (if any)

response varies depending on situation.

response directory



#### City of Lompoc Homelessness Response Directory

#### Crisis Situations

#### Illicit activity, immediate threats to life or safety, or medical emergencies

Contact: 911
Key Words: Name the illicit activit(ies) observed; threat to self or others; express a sense of urgency

Hours of Operation: 24/7: calls triaged based on other calls for service

#### Individual in an urgent mental health crisis, may pose a danger to self or others

Key Words: Threat to self or others, individual in need of immediate response for a mental health crisis; ask for the Co-Response team so that a mental health clinician is dispatched as well. Hours of Operation: 24/7; calls triaged based on other calls for service

#### ? Disruptive Behavior

#### Agitated individual (screaming, general disturbance without presenting a threat to themself or others) Contact: County Department of Behavioral Wellness Access Line (888-868-1649)

Key Words: Describe the individual and behaviors exhibited

Hours of Operation: Mon-Thur 8am-6pm; immediate onsite response may not be possible, but the information you share will help outreach to improve treatment for individuals reported

Note: If incident occurs after hours, call Lompoc PD Non-Emergency Number (805-736-2341) Other disruptive behaviors (e.g., blocking pedestrian walkway, aggressive panhandling, public smoking,

theft, indecent exposure, illegal lodging, public urination/defecation)

Contact: Lompoc PD Non-Emergency Number (805-736-2341) OR make a request via the "Lompoc Police Department" App in the "Tips" section

Key Words: Describe the individual and the situation

Hours of Operation: 24/7; calls triaged based on other calls for service

#### Encampments

#### Encampment on public property (abandoned or inhabited)

Contact: City of Lompoc Code Compliance www.cityoflompoc.com/government/departments/economic community-development/code-enforcement/citizen-concern-form Key Words: Encampment, describe size Key Words: Encampment, describe size, hazardous materials (if hazardous materials (if any), threat to

any), threat to waterway (if any), fire risk (if any) Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; response varies depending Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

#### Encampment or individual on private property

Contact: Lompoc PD Non-Emergency Number (805-736-2341) OR make a request via the "Lompoc Police Department" App in the "Tips" section

Key Words: Trespassing, private property Hours of Operation: 24/7; calls triaged based on other calls for service

Note: You must be willing to press charges. If you are not willing, there is nothing PD can do on private property. If you have a recurring issue with trespassing, please complete the "LPD Trespass Form" found at

https://www.cityoflompoc.com/government/departments/police/programs/department-jail/manuals and mail/deliver to the Lompoc Police Department so that Lompoc PD will be authorized to enter your property.

#### Secondary Contact: City of Lompoc Code Compliance

Complete form at: www.cityoflompoc.com/government/departments/economic-community-

development/code-enforcement/citizen-concern-form

Key Words: Encampment, describe size, hazardous materials (if any), trespassing, private property, describe

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; response varies depending on situation.

#### Illegal Dumping and Cleanup

#### Illegal Dumping on Public Property (Abandoned)

Contact: Lompoc Solid Waste Department at (805) 875-8033 or e solis@ci.lompoc.ca.u:

General help hotline

Emergency shelter

Bridge House (805-735-4390)

Hours of Operation: 24/7: 211 will refer out

Oak Street (805-735-4390) - Women only Call weekdays between 9am - 5pm

Contact: Good Samaritan homeless outread

bhalterman@goodsamaritanshelter.org OR adiaz@goodsamaritanshelter.org

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Veterans Experiencing Homelessness Contact: New Beginnings Veterans Program (805-450-

Contact- 211

8636, x1) OR

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; response varies depending on situation

#### Illegal Dumping on Public Property (In Progress)

Contact: Lompoc PD Non-Emergency Number (805-736-2341) OR make a request via the "Lompoc Police

Department" App in the "Tips" section
Key Words: Describe the individual and the situation

Hours of Operation: 24/7: calls triaged based on other calls for service

#### Connecting Individuals to Information or Services

#### Coordinated Entry (Connect to Housing &

Mondays 1pm-3pm: Bridge House

Fridays 9am-11am: Good Samaritan Diversion Office

Thursdays 12/30pm-2/30pm: New Beginnings Office

Vandenberg Village 3979 Constellation Road, Suite B

#### Person living in their vehicle

(805-450-8636, x2) or safeparking@sbnbcc.org Key Words: Identify location & describe individual(s) Lompoc Veterans' Services Office (805-237-7900) Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

#### Individual(s) in Need in Southeast Lompoc (I St to Individual(s) in Need in ALL OTHER regions Home Depot below College Ave)

Contact: City Net homeless outreach: Key Words: Identify location, describe individual(s) Key Words: Identify the location, describe individual(s)

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm

#### Family shelter and/or services

Bridge House (805-735-4300) for emergency shelter, transitional housing

Mark's House (805-735-9980) for transitional housing

Family Service Agency (825) 735-4376 for mental health support, family education, food stamps, other services

Healthcare for Uninsured and Underinsured Individuals

Inm-apm (call ahead) (call ahead)

#### Meals (+ Additional Resources)

View dates & locations at foodbanksbc.org/prepared-meals www.micahmission.com/projects www.foodbanksbc.org/get-help

Prepared Meals (Weekends): Mobile Food Pantry: View dates & locations at

Community Health Center (805) 737-1169 (805) 743-4776 III E Ocean Ave Suite 2

## LOMPOC HOMELESS OUTREACH AGENCIES











Outreach, case management, & shelter

Outreach (southeast Lompoc) & case management

Outreach & case management

Vehicle outreach & Safe Parking Program

Behavioral health outreach

(888) 868-1649

Shelter: <u>bhalterman@goodsamaritanshelter.org</u>

Outreach: adiaz@goodsamaritanshelter.org

outreach-sb@citynet.org

lboss@countyofsb.org

safeparking@sbnbcc.org

Plus: Americorps, SB County Public Health Outreach, ...and more!

### NON-EMERGENCY HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE CONTACTS



Encampments on public property, illegal dumping

Citizen Concern Form:
<a href="https://www.cityoflompoc.com/government/">www.cityoflompoc.com/government/</a>
<a href="https://departments/economic-community-development/code-enforcement">departments/economic-community-development/code-enforcement</a>



Non-emergency disruptive behavior & encampments on private property Non-Emergency Line: 805-736-2341 OR "Lompoc Police Department" App (make a report in the "Tips" section)

# DISCUSSION

- What are your concerns related to homelessness in Lompoc?
- What are specific areas/neighborhoods of concern?



# ACTION STEPS SUGGESTED BY LOMPOC COMMUNITY MEMBERS

## What do YOU want to see happen?

Modify private property areas to be less susceptible to encampments

Utilize Lompoc Homelessness Response Directory when responding to impacts of homelessness

Rather than simply offering relief (e.g., free meals and/or clothes), churches/volunteer groups can partner with housing/case management service providers

Advocate for shopping cart ordinance (require permission in order to have shopping cart away from grocery store, charge store for cart recovery)

Support high-density housing developments as they arise – esp. for vulnerable populations like veterans

Advocate to increase number of Safe Parking Lots (and identify more lots)

Advocate for more Behavioral Wellness presence to increase behavioral health services

Advocate for funding for more City code enforcement officers

Advocate for funding for a Multi-Disciplinary Team in Lompoc (Police + Behavioral Health Clinicians)

### **QUESTIONS?**

- Email <u>info@sbact.org</u>
- Email jhartmann@countyofsb.org
- Visit <u>www.sbact.org/homelessnessresponse</u> for the Lompoc homelessness response directory

