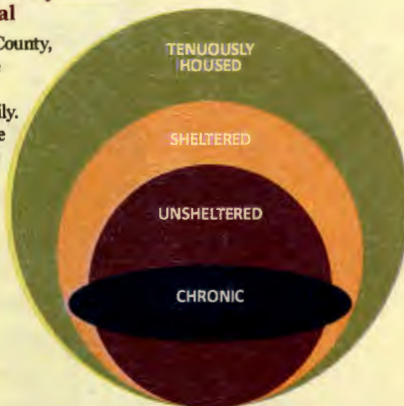


Homelessness is Complex

Homelessness is Dynamic and Situational

Throughout the County, individuals move in and out of homelessness daily. It's not always the same people who are homeless day after day. The faces fluctuate even with those who are chronically homeless and most likely to be unsheltered.



Causes of Homelessness

There are four important dimensions that are both causes and consequences of homelessness.

For instance, an individual may be experiencing health issues that directly lead to homelessness, or health issues leading to inadequate income, which then leads to homelessness.

Housing is out of reach—supply and affordability

Inadequate income—chronic and crisis

Health issues—chronic and crisis

Domestic violence and trauma—recent and lifetime

Community Driven Response is Needed

Creating flow through the system to housing



Prioritize Unsheltered People With Housing Crisis Seeking Shelter

From National Alliance to End Homelessness, Emergency Shelter Learning Series

Why it matters...

- + Homelessness is a community issue and must be addressed by multi-sector efforts involving the whole community
- + Diversions assists at-risk individuals to resolve issues on their own—avoiding homelessness
- + Low barrier crisis housing with support is needed to further engage those on the street
- + Current housing options are at capacity; new ones must be made available

How Can You and Your Organization Help?

Engage.

It will take the work of everyone to end homelessness in our community.

If you're not already engaged, please contact one of the organizations listed at the right to get involved with the Street2Home Fresno County initiative.



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Office of the Mayor
(559) 621-CITY



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County Administrative Office
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Shawn Jenkins, Chair
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c/o Fresno First Steps Home
(559) 320-1120 Catalano Penske & Associates
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*Comprehensively
Addressing Homelessness
in Our Community*



No one should have to live or die on the streets of our Fresno County communities.

SAL QUINTERO, CHAIRMAN
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A great community is able to maintain quality of life while affirming the dignity of every individual.

LEE BRAND, MAYOR
CITY OF FRESNO

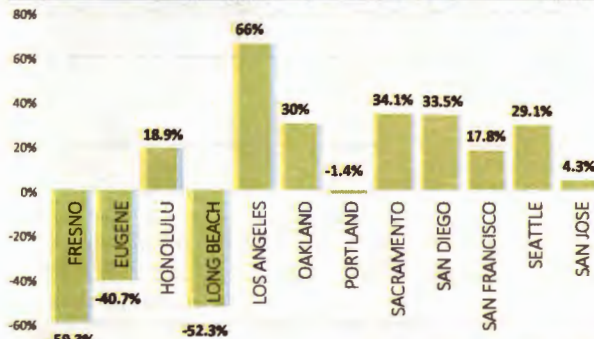


Timeline Background



PROGRESS

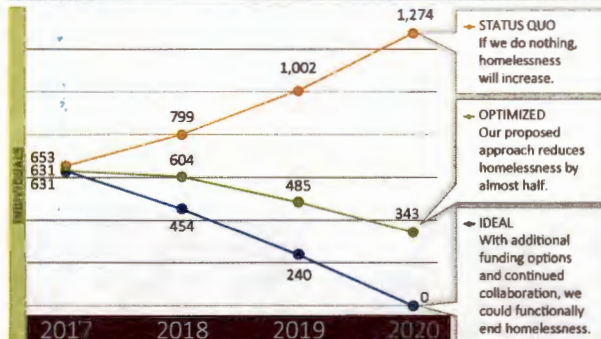
Percent Change: Total Homelessness Compared to West Coast Cities



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CHALLENGE

Chronic homelessness: projecting rising gap



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Focusing on Four Pillars



Shared Leadership, Alignment and Community Engagement

STRATEGY
Adopt a Collective Impact Initiative approach: Establish a public, private, and non-profit leadership team to ensure collaboration, align resources and efforts to strengthen data collection and usage, define homelessness as a community issue to garner added resources and supportive services for jointed solutions.



Reduce Inflow to Homelessness

STRATEGY
Increase access to diversion and crisis assistance; transition, community-based diversion, service interventions, resolve housing stability issues, and divert from entering homelessness. Collect data through diversion to inform policy.



Improve Crisis Response

STRATEGY
Revise the statement as follows: Create low-barrier crisis housing options: Better engage individuals at-risk of homelessness and those already unsheltered. Employ robust permanent housing placement solutions with case management and supportive services, as needed.



Increase Exits to Permanent Housing and Services

STRATEGY
Launch "Ignite" Initiative: Establish a partnership to connect unsheltered, chronically homeless individuals to permanent supportive or other housing. New resources include additional Bridge Housing leading to 600 Fresno Housing Authority Housing Choice Vouchers accompanied with case management services provided by the County.

Four Pillars: 13 Recommendations



1. Adopt Collective Impact Initiative and engage cross-sector community leaders
2. Educate and engage the entire community in solutions
3. Strengthen the data foundation—what gets measured, gets done



4. Scale up diversion and make consistent across community—and enhance points of access for housing and services
5. Preserve affordable housing options
6. Build and implement collaborative community solutions to reduce homelessness among domestic violence survivors



7. Align community programs to create a comprehensive crisis response network that provides person-centered and housing-focused service
8. Create new, low-barrier crisis housing options



9. Partner and recruit landlords to enhance and expand all types of housing placement options and supports
10. Scale up rapid rehousing
11. Increase permanent supportive housing
12. Aggressively expand non-traditional permanent housing options
13. Design a cross-sector demonstration for people who experience street homelessness and are frequent users of public services.