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HOMELESSNESS: A GROWING CRISIS

- Over 600,000 unhoused people nationwide
- Conservative estimates say over 160,000 in CA
- CA has the largest unsheltered population in the US
- Homelessness growing in most West Coast Cities



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HOMELESSNESS AFFECTS EVERYONE.



The Community, City Hall
And Public Services



Police and CJS



Public Health
and Hospitals



Environment



Taxpayer, Tourism
And Small Business

520 MILLION / YEAR

SANTA CLARA

COUNTY

-ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE, HOME NOT FOUND: THE
COST OF HOMELESSNESS IN SILICON VALLEY, 2015

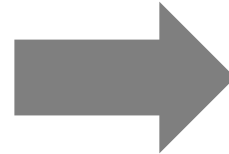
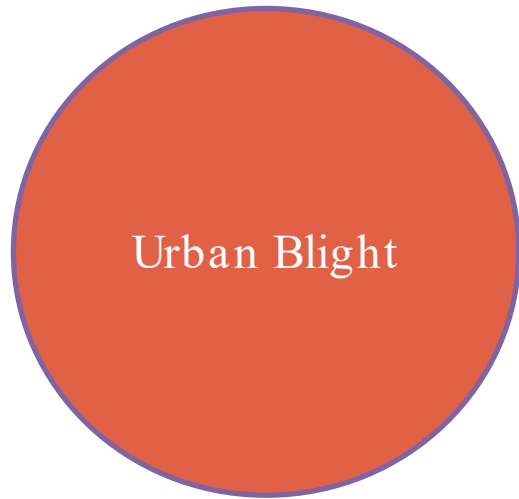
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WORST PART ABOUT BEING HOMELESS?

- The cold
- Not feeling safe at night/lack of sleep
- Services are lacking
- Don't know where I'll get my next meal
- Not sure if I'll have shelter tonight or don't like shelters
- Can't shower, have clean clothes or practice good hygiene
- Have to stand in a lot of lines
- Can't keep my things safe and have to carry them around
- No privacy
- Can't always use the bathroom when I need to
- Other (please explain) The way people look down at me

HOMELESSNESS IS AN
EXPERIENCE
NOT AN
IDENTITY

PALO ALTO: 2005





**DST IS
ENDING
HOMELESSNESS
THROUGH THE
DIGNITY OF WORK
AND THE POWER
OF COMMUNITY**

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DST MODEL

- Unhoused and people at-risk of homelessness (Team Members) volunteer to beautify their community
- In return, they earn a non-cash basic needs stipend, case management, employment services and a support network
- **LOW BARRIER**



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BUILDING COMMUNITY

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SUCCESS TEAM MEETING



I left that first meeting thinking less about the elimination of litter, and more about the elimination of judgment: what society would look like if everyone's contributions were acknowledged and valued regardless of status, and if all people had a community such as this looking after them. **The Downtown Streets Team weaves a loving web with its members that addresses the crux of homelessness – having a support network for all that life throws at you.** Its work is not just about making this town cleaner. It's about actively making our community kinder.

– RACHEL KIPPEN
Santa Cruz Sentinel

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STREETS TEAM ENTERPRISES



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- Sacramento ★
- West Sacramento ★
- Davis ★
- Santa Rosa ★
- Napa ★
- Fairfield ★
- Petaluma ★
- Vallejo ★
- Marin ★
- Berkeley ★
- San Francisco ★
- Oakland ★
- Redwood City ★
- Hayward ★
- Palo Alto ★
- Sunnyvale ★
- San Jose ★
- Modesto ★
- Santa Cruz ★
- Salinas ★

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Homelessness

Homelessness Task Force Report

Tools and Resources for Cities and Counties



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WATER WAYS

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THE JUNGLE: 2011



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JUNGLE SOLUTION

- ❑ COYOTE CREEK TRASH REDUCTION PROJECT
 - ❑ CITY OF SAN JOSE ESD
 - ❑ EPA
 - ❑ VALLEY WATER
 - ❑ DST
 - ❑ MOWGLI



JUNGLE SOLUTION



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CREEK ENCAMPMENT CLEANUPS

- ❑ THE JUNGLE, SAN JOSE: 2011 – 2015
- ❑ AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY, SACRAMENTO – 2018
- ❑ SAN LORENZO RIVER, SANTA CRUZ: 2018 -
CURRENT

WHY DO UNHOUSED PEOPLE ENCAMP NEAR WATERWAYS?

SOLUTIONS

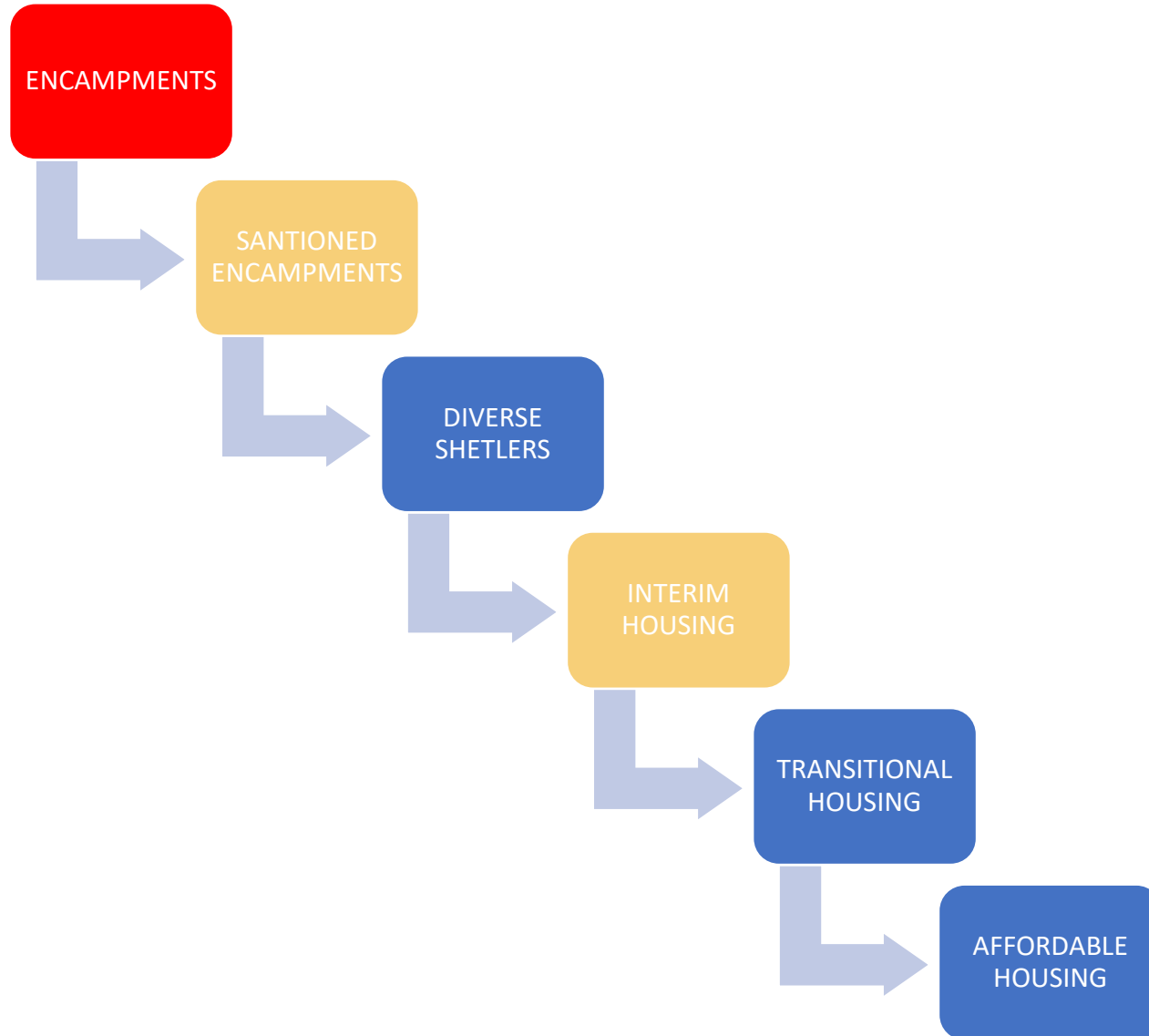
NET ZERO HOMELESSNESS

PERMANENT CAMPING BANS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING = NEED

FIX BROKEN SYSTEMS

HOUSING AS A SOLUTION



SOLUTIONS NOW

SANCTIONED ENCAMPMENTS

INTERIM HOUSING

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

INVOLVING THE POPULATION IN THE SOLUTION

CROSS SECTOR COLLABORATION

IMPACT IS POSSIBLE

232 PEOPLE HOUSED – JUNGLE, 2013 – 2014

LAST YEAR:

OVER 9,700 SELF-SUFFICIENCY BARRIERS REMOVED

OVER 3M GALLONS OF DEBRIS REMOVED

OVER 400K CIGARETTE BUTTS REMOVED

OVER 10K NEEDLES COLLECTED



GET INVOLVED

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