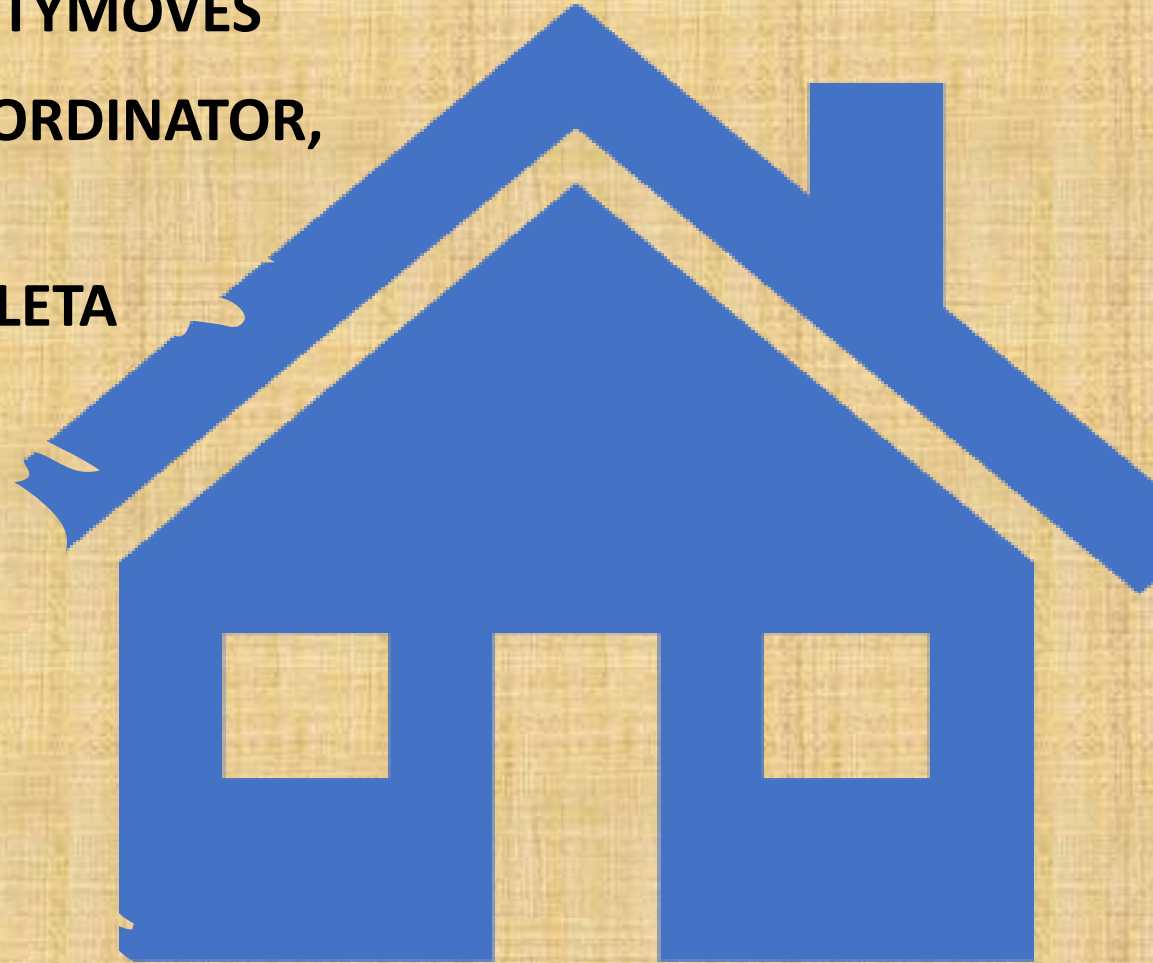


Interim Housing Solutions

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League of California Cities, 2024



The Need for Housing and Shelter

- As cities are well familiar, it serves neither the neighborhoods, the businesses affected, nor the unhoused themselves to remain sleeping outside. No one benefits from this neglect.
- The impacts of homelessness are felt by the whole community, from those sleeping on sidewalks and encampments, to the nearby businesses and residential neighborhoods.



The Need for Housing and Shelter



- Individuals suffering the trauma of unsheltered homelessness are far more likely to fall into chronic homelessness and develop substance abuse and psychiatric disorders,
- At that point the cost of their homelessness to the public nearly doubles from increased use of emergency medical and criminal justice systems.
- For example, unsheltered homelessness has been linked to drastically increased rates of chronic and infectious diseases like diabetes, coronary artery disease, typhus, and hepatitis, and five times more likely to die from suicide than their housed counterparts.

The Importance of Interim Housing

- California provides just four shelter beds for every 10 homeless residents, compared with eight beds for every 10 homeless residents in the rest of the U.S.
- Interim housing as an anchor component of the system, an important step in the process.
- If we provide dignified places that are compelling enough for people to accept placement, they can receive the critical supportive services they need. Services are more effective when the person is out of “survival mode” and in a calm, positive mental and emotional state.



Defining homelessness, shelter, and housing



Permanent Housing

- Rapid re-housing (short-term financial assistance and case management)
- Long-term subsidy (voucher)
- Private rental market or dedicated unit/building



Interim Housing

- Congregate shelter (large room with beds)
- Non-congregate shelter (cabins, hotels, RVs)



Place not meant for human habitation

- Outside (benches, parks, sidewalks)
- Vehicles

Permanent vs. Interim: A false choice

- We desperately need more permanent housing to end our housing crisis. Yet at \$800k+ per unit it will take enormous resources and many years to build sufficient supply.
- In the meantime, 72% of our homeless are literally unsheltered languishing on waiting lists-- often for many years. The trauma of surviving on the streets dramatically reduces the chances of returning to self-sufficiency.
- The choice is not permanent or interim housing. The choice is whether to leave people sleeping unsheltered or provide interim housing. Both are needed!



Congregate vs. Non-Congregate

What Prevents You from Wanting to Stay in a Shelter?

Things that prevent people from staying in a shelter:	% Response
I like having my own space.	59%
I don't want to be away from my possessions (i.e. lack of storage)	26%
I don't like dorm-style living arrangements	24%
They don't allow pets	18%
They are too far away	12%
No transportation	12%
Shelters are too far from my services/job	3%
Other (common responses: too many rules/regulations, too many drugs, they take your food stamps, bad atmosphere)	44%

Outline for Presentation – Non-Congregate, Interim Housing Possibilities

- Cabins/Pallet Homes
- Safe Parking
- RV Safety Net
- Conversions of Offices to Interim Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Questions



The Essential Role for Cabins as an Interim Housing Solution

*Elizabeth Funk
DignityMoves, Founder and CEO*



DignityMoves

Reimagining SCALABLE solutions to unsheltered homelessness

Permanent housing is the ultimate goal:

- Expensive, takes many years, zoning and other constraints.

Languishing on streets causes rapid decline:

- Every day diminishes chances of returning to self-sufficiency

Enormous cost to society annually:

- Costs less to solve than maintain the status quo



Interim Supportive Housing

For the individual:

- A dignified alternative to congregate shelters
- Everyone gets their own room, with a door that locks
- Privacy, pets, partners, and a sense of true security
- A place to take a deep breath, stabilize, and start to think forward
- 6-24 months, intensive supportive services, document readiness, benefits

Early housing interventions increase the likelihood
of returning to self-sufficiency



— Ryan “Nobody” Bauer has been homeless for 30 years.
Sam Whiting/The Chronicle

Interim Supportive Housing

For the system:

- A sorting mechanism: assess and direct people to tailored next steps
- Shifts supportive services resource allocation earlier in the homelessness cycle, when they have the potential for greater efficacy
- Temporary nature allows cities to dial up and dial down capacity as needed
- The opportunity for segmentation: not one-size-fits-all programs

Our Streets Cannot Be
The Waiting Room!



Our innovative approach



- Land is expensive: We borrow it.
- Building codes are onerous: This crisis merits emergency codes.
- Construction costs are escalating: We use state-of-the-art prefabricated solutions.
- People don't like group shelters: Everyone gets their own room & a door that locks.
- Zoning is restrictive: Relocatability and emergency status makes zoning more flexible.
- NIMBY resistance is fierce: We harness it.
- Cities have limited staff resources: We do the work.
- The scale is daunting: This is an all-hands-on-deck public/private/philanthropy collaboration.

Attractive, trauma-informed communities

Exteriors to match the local aesthetic



Not “emergency cabins”
Durable, relocatable, attractive interim housing

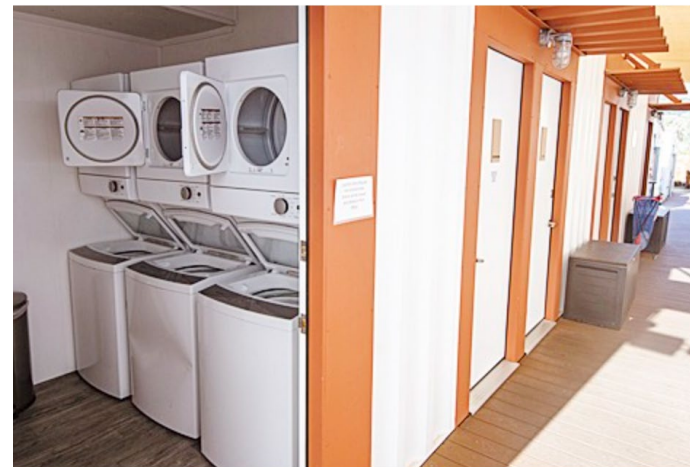
Community spaces



A variety of manufacturers depending on project needs



Bathroom buildings



Fire-resistant, steel-framed,
High ceilings...and meet codes

Funding and Resources

- Vacant land (public or private) is a squandered asset:
 - Private developers with projects tied up in entitlements or postponed
 - Land slated for housing, transit, other developments in the future
- At an average of \$50k/unit, philanthropy can significantly contribute to capital costs:
 - Allows for greater flexibility and speed
 - De-risks new innovations
 - Gives the local community a voice in the program
- Supportive services funding through local and state government (often complicated)
- Hospitals, community improvement districts
- Homekey, Encampment Resolution Funds



We partner with cities to bring together all necessary resources

33 Gough San Francisco
70 rooms, 94 people, 4 months, \$2.2m

1016 Santa Barbara Street
35 rooms, 45 people, 6 months, \$1.8m

Over a dozen communities on the horizon

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Santa Maria | Atlanta |
| La Posada | Morro Bay |
| Thousand Oaks | San Luis Obispo |
| Los Angeles | Grover Beach |
| Oakland | San Jose |
| San Bernardino | Sacramento |
| Watsonville | Modesto |

Labath Landing, Rohnert Park
60 rooms, 4 months, Homekey 2

Dignity Village, Alameda
72 rooms, 6 months, Homekey 2

237 beds in place today....
Over 1,000 projected in the next year



Overcoming Resistance

- Emphasis on exterior aesthetics
- Placement prioritization to those in the immediate area
- No-camping ordinances
- Community engagement (Adopt-a-Room)
- AT SCALE: scattered across the region
- Temporary (5 years) and relocatable
- Extra neighborhood patrols
- No walk-ups, no day services
- Staff trained in de-escalation



We harness the powerful force of NIMBY: We TOO want neighborhoods that are safe, clean, thriving

Helping cities reach their goals



Cities have minimal staff resources: We help design city strategic action plans that are practical and feasible

Interim vs. Permanent: We are sponsoring legislation and changing the narrative: interim housing can play an essential role in the broader toolkit

Moving people out of the system: DignityWorks pilot provides a path to employment and independent self-sufficiency

Limited budget flexibility: Private capital is catalytic and flexible

SCALE: DignityNOW tackles the entire unsheltered need at once.

We are reigniting lost optimism. It CAN be done.

Interim Housing Solutions: *Safe Parking*

Lucille Boss,
Encampment
Response
Coordinator,
County of Santa
Barbara



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Addressing Vehicular Homelessness

Priority: Expand and Enhance the Shelter System and Implement Best Practices

Key Action: Identify new sites for alternative housing models and vehicular parking programs across the county



The Origins of Safe Parking

It's been 15 years since Safe Parking was established in Santa Barbara. Today, it is a national movement. One of Safe Parking's earliest advocates, the Hon. Susan Rose, played an instrumental role in establishing the program, currently under the management of New Beginnings. It began because of Rose's deep sympathy for the homeless population, which started when she observed families living in tent encampments just outside Los Angeles City Hall, where she worked as Executive Director of the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women.

After holding several positions in the public and nonprofit sectors, Rose was elected to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and served two four-year terms from 1999 to 2006. A few years into her tenure, Rose recognized that the City Council's instruction to ticket people who were sleeping in RVs near the beach was causing great harm to those already suffering. Local politicians were under constant pressure from their constituents to remove homeless people living in their vehicles from city neighborhoods.

In a recent interview, Rose said, "I was determined to find a solution. We needed to find a safe and secure location for this homeless population." She spent months looking at various sites that were ultimately deemed unacceptable by community members. Leaving work late one evening at the County Administration Building, Rose noticed that the majority of the spaces in the employee lot were empty. She realized that the answer to her search had been right in front of her all along.



During the next several months, County staff worked to develop a plan that was approved by the Board of Supervisors. The County released a request for proposals to nonprofit organizations interested in operating the first Safe Parking lot. The County employee lot became the first Safe Parking location in Santa Barbara. A year later in 2004, New Beginnings took over management of the program and has overseen its growth ever since.

Today, the Safe Parking Program operates 24 lots with 134 spaces across Santa Barbara, Goleta, and the unincorporated region in between. The program has operated without incident for 15 years. Rose's passion for helping the homeless, which stemmed from her observations in Los Angeles, helped make the program possible. In the past 15 years, Safe Parking in Santa Barbara has provided shelter to literally thousands of individuals and families.

New Beginnings also works on a case-by-case basis to provide each individual with assistance. The goal all along has been to "transition program participants into permanent housing and employment." More recently, New Beginnings published a manual on how to start a Safe Parking Program, allowing New Beginnings to guide other communities to establish similar programs. Many similar efforts are being established around the country.

Carpinteria Exploring Potential Locations for Safe Parking Program for Vehicular Homeless

City working with New Beginnings Counseling Center in attempt to provide overnight shelter for an estimated a dozen locals

by Brooke Holland, Noozhawk Staff Writer | @NoozhawkNews March 27, 2021 | 11:55 pm



Viola Fields, at 6145 Carpinteria Ave. adjacent to the Carpinteria Bluffs Nature Preserve, has been suggested as a possible Carpinteria location for the New Beginnings Counseling Center's overnight Safe Parking Shelter and Rapid Rehousing Program, which assists the vehicular homeless. (Brooke Holland / Noozhawk photo)

The City of Carpinteria is looking at possible locations for a program that provides safe

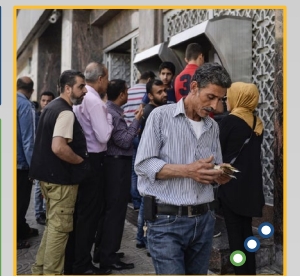
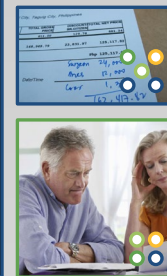
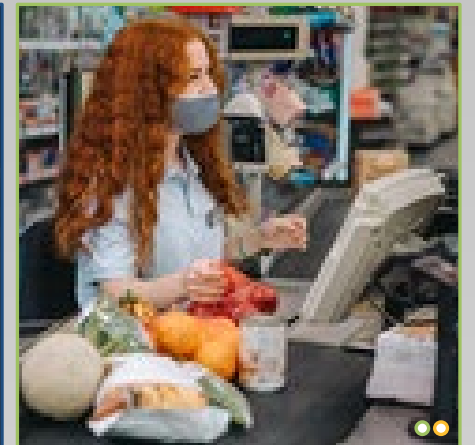




How does the Safe Parking Program work?

Who is experiencing vehicular homelessness?

51% (611) OF THE UNSHELTERED PERSONS COUNTED (1,202) IN THE 2023 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT WERE *LIVING IN THEIR VEHICLES*



How to address and resolve vehicular homelessness



Expanded outreach

- outreach is critical because people move around in vehicles, and often rest in different types of places (e.g. populated neighborhoods rather than remote hidden areas)



Additional lots

- both overnight and daytime lots are needed, and must accommodate a variety of vehicle types (including RVs and oversized vehicles)



Operational funding

- funding is needed to provide staff, site operations, flexible funds, and direct client assistance; funding is currently provided by Santa Barbara County & the Cities of Santa Barbara, and Goleta



Permanent Affordable Housing

- in order to resolve homelessness affordable permanent housing units are needed

Addressing Vehicular Homelessness

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RV Park Models

- Ownership by jurisdiction/agency
- Ownership by persons experiencing homelessness

Challenges

- Fire risk
- Ongoing maintenance
- Cost of utility connections
- General cleanliness

Mobile Home Parks

- Part of existing Affordable Housing inventory
- Local mobile home parks have been problematic

Using RVs as a Safety Net Catching people before they fall

Dr. Stuart Kasdin

City of Goleta, City Council

Santa Barbara City College



Sites

- Similar to the Safe Parking program, which relies on the donated private or non-profit parking facilities.
- Safe Parking is an ordinance to structure the public notification requirements regarding the use of vehicles for housing. There is no need for a public permitting process for each site chosen.
- Facilitates a complementary use for parking lots, whether publicly owned, or private such as churches.






Santa Cruz -- Safe Parking Program for oversized vehicle used for habitation.

- **The Long-term Safe Parking Program** provides space for oversized vehicles at the National Guard Armory. This program provides 24/7 parking and participants may stay up to six months. Case management, housing navigation, health care, and hygiene services are provided on-site.
- **The Overnight Safe Parking Program** provides space for oversized vehicles in City-owned lots. This program provides overnight parking and participants can stay up to 30 days with the possibility of an extension. Hygiene services and refuse disposal are available on site.

In Contrast to the Safe Parking Program

- People would not need to have their own vehicles. An agency, public or private, supplies the vehicle.
- These vehicles would not be accessible for the recipients to drive. No license, insurance and liabilities concerns.
- In contrast to a traditional safe parking, this Safety Net Program would aim to leave vehicles in a site for an extended period, such as several months at a time.





Type of Vehicle

- RVs come with toilets and showers. This would require regular cleaning out of the tanks.
- Why vehicles, and not cabins? Many Safe Parking ordinances specifically cover vehicles.
- It may also be less alarming to the public because of their potential transience.

Target population


- Newly unhoused/at imminent risk of homelessness; before they have been impacted by the various traumas of living outside.
- Working homeless.
- Families with children.



Parking lot owners and the target population

Focus is on those who would be expected to be well-behaved and a sympathetic potential recipient. There is a need to attract property owners.

- Vehicles could be locked during the day to avoid loitering.
- Limit the number of vehicles per site, such as less than 5 per site.
- Agreed-upon code of conduct



Housing Back-up for when no rapid rehousing is available

- Parking the RVs in place in a site offers the potential for a reliable available source for housing on-demand when it is needed.
- RVs might be sited and left in a site awaiting when a family or a newly homeless individual who needs the service.
- This program also expands available housing.
- However, unlike the tiny homes and more like the safe parking, these units would not be part of an intentional community and have less therapeutic value.

CONVERSIONS OF OFFICE SPACE FOR INTERIM HOUSING

Dr. Stuart Kasdin

City of Goleta, City Council
Santa Barbara City College



Commercial sites?

- ▶ There were only 4 projects in total which relied on commercial structure acquisition & rehabilitation or adaptive reuse of commercial structures.
- ▶ These conversions provided a total of 93 units for both permanent and interim housing, out of a total 6,863 units.
- ▶ It is likely that the costs of conversion from motels or the use of new modular construction was more cost-effective.
- ▶ However, the opportunities for additional motel conversions are likely dwindling. And, there are far more available office spaces than there are motels for the purposes of housing conversions.

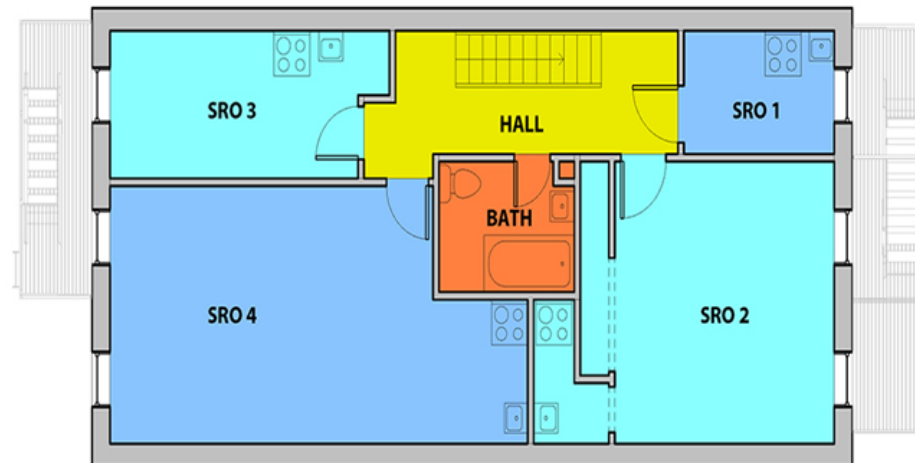
Office space to Interim Housing

- ▶ The conversion of office space into typical residential units is challenging.
- ▶ Higher costs come from the need for bathrooms and kitchens in each unit, which offices don't have.
- ▶ Another problem with converting office spaces to residences is that a lot of the floor space is without natural exterior lighting.

Office space to Interim Housing

- Converting office space to interim housing, rather than permanent housing, should be easier and cheaper, since such configurations are closer to the design of many office buildings.

SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY: SRO



Office space to Interim Housing

Interim housing design

- Common bathrooms and kitchens supporting small living quarters is common for transitional housing.
- In a single room occupancy model, the interior space can be allocated for the shared facilities: bathrooms, laundry, kitchens, and common rooms.




What can the state do?

- Offer a new round for state funding like Homekey or a public-private partnership to encourage interim housing
- It typically takes longer to convert office space, as opposed to motels so relax the State's construction completion deadlines.
- Homekey had a requirement that transitional housing proposals must include a feasible plan to ultimately convert it to permanent supportive housing. That requirement may have discouraged some applicants.
- Encourage cities to propose commercial spaces even if the conversion costs remain higher than motel conversions

Benefits

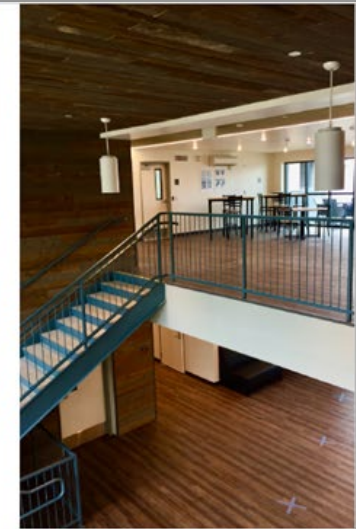


- Unlike hotels and motels, cities won't lose the transient occupancy taxes with the conversion.
 - Many cities have growing numbers of vacant office spaces.
 - Commercial areas have felt the burden of homeless residents making the downtown feel less safe and inviting to customers.
 - The new focus expands housing opportunities.
 - There may be therapeutic value to shared living facilities even if single apartments were possible. Group living designs may combat isolation and loneliness.
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Permanent Housing Solutions: *Rapid Rehousing*

City Leaders Summit

April 19, 2024



Santa Barbara County
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Increasing access
to safe,
affordable
housing

Priority: Increase
Inventory of Affordable
and Permanent
Supportive Housing

Key Action: Create
1,053 new slots of Rapid
Re-Housing

*Presented by: Lucille
Boss, Community
Services*

HOUSED PEOPLE ARE NOT HOMELESS



Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) ends homelessness for families and individuals.

FIND LANDLORDS
& APARTMENTS

Help people quickly find housing
within one month or less.

HELP PAY
FOR HOUSING

Help people pay for housing short
term; longer-term help an option.

CONNECT
TO JOBS & SERVICES

Help access services so
people can stay in housing.

The **Core Components** of Rapid Re-Housing help people
find housing fast, help **pay** for housing, and **connect** to jobs and services.

What is Rapid Re-Housing?

Component Type

Housing Location/ Stabilization Services

Housing Search and Placement

Rental Assistance

Housing Location/ Stabilization Services	Housing Search and Placement
<u>24 CFR 576.105</u>	<u>24 CFR 576.105(1)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental Application Fees • Security Deposits • Last Month's Rent • Utility Deposits • Utility Payments • Moving Costs • Housing Search and Placement • Housing Stability Case Management • Assistance with Moving Costs • Mediation • Legal Services • Credit Repair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of housing barriers, needs, and preferences; • Development of an action plan for locating housing; • Housing search; • Outreach to owners; • Assistance with submitting rental applications and understanding leases; • Assessment of housing for compliance for habitability, lead-based paint, and rent reasonableness; • Assistance with obtaining utilities and making moving arrangements; and • Tenant counseling.

What is Rapid Re-Housing?

RAPID RE-HOUSING PROVIDES SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

Housing Vouchers.

Different than Section 8

Eligibility

Term

Supply -- ARPA situation and aftermath



Rapid re-housing is a primary solution for ending homelessness



Literal homelessness

- Sleeping in a shelter or in a place not meant for human habitation



Case management

- Help collecting documents needed for housing (including adding name to voucher waitlist)



Move-in with RRH

- Housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, and rapid re-housing case management and services



Permanent Housing

- Housing may be sustained by an increase in income or a linkage to a long-term subsidy

HOW DO WE END HOMELESSNESS?



HOUSING



+
SERVICES



SHELTER

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR SYSTEM OF CARE NOW?



IDENTIFY
RENTAL UNITS

GROW SERVICE PROVIDER
WORKFORCE



SECURE HOUSING
SITES

Very simply stated...

How do we end homelessness? How can we support our system of care right now?

Questions?



Element	Rapid Rehousing	Safe Parking	Extended Parking-- RVs	Tiny Homes	Hotels
Limiting factor	Finding available housing units	Available nighttime lots; personnel	Operator and locations	Acquiring sites.	Funding; Roster
Permitting and public review	No.	Not required.	Not required.	No EIR “shelter crisis”	Year
Term	6 months – 2 years.	Temporary. Overnight	Extended stay (e.g., 1-6 mo); limited times per site.	Generally, 3-5-year.	Individual people
Form of shelter	Apartment/house space paired with short-term rental assistance and services.	Vehicle owned by clients	RV-type vehicle supplied by agency. Not available for driving by clients.	Tiny or pallet houses typically supplied by agency.	Community

Element	Rapid Rehousing	Safe Parking	Extended Parking for RVs	Tiny Homes	Hotels spaces
Housing density	Part of existing apartments or housing	Less than 5 vehicles/site in Goleta. Varies	Similar to safe parking (< 5).	Moderate. Very variable.	Depends on sites
Oversight	Not in residence; support from case managers.	Not in residence, but staff monitors.	Not in residence, but staff monitors.	Requires an on-site supervisor	In residence
Bathroom/electricity/kitchen	Yes	Restrooms on-site.	May come with the RV.	Depends. May use kitchen and showers in congregate settings.	Common spaces
Availability during daytime	Yes	Vehicles must leave location during day	Potentially restricted	Yes. Open to clients at all hours.	Open to client at all hours.
Target population	Those who can transition to permanent housing	Those living in their vehicle.	Stable, higher functioning, eg, recently homeless	All, including chronic and spicity	Available to all

Appendix

- DignityMoves in general and in Santa Barbara



33 Gough St San Francisco

70 rooms
94 people \$2.2m



20,000 Sf
Private land

DignityMoves Downtown Santa Barbara



- Partnership with the County of Santa Barbara and Good Samaritan
- 35 private, dignified rooms for individuals experiencing homelessness
- County-owned land designated for low-income housing in the future
- 2/3 capital contributed by philanthropy; county pays supportive services.



Labath Landing Rohnert Park

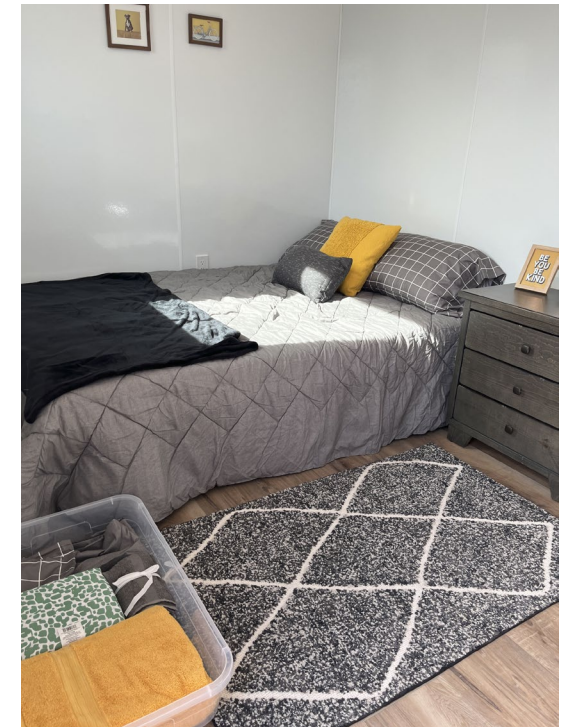
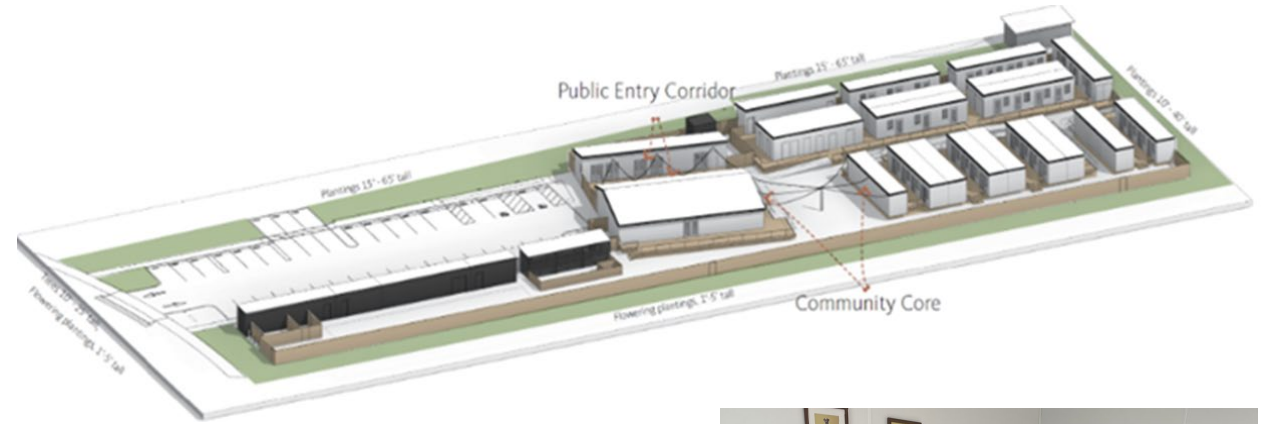
Homekey Round 2 funding: \$14.6m grant

60 private rooms for individuals and couples with extensive community spaces, dining building, case manager offices, computer lab, pet area, garden

The first interim housing/shelter in the city of Rohnert Park

Opened Oct 24, 2022

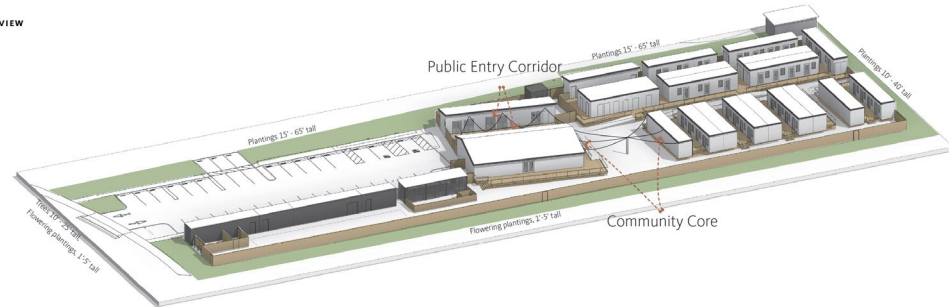
Just 4 ½ months from the start of construction to full occupancy



Dignity Village Alameda



SITE OVERVIEW



North: 15' - 65' tall

West: 10' - 15' tall



East: 10' - 40' tall

West: 15' - 25' tall

← Visible from outside the development



→ Accents visible from inside the development



Site lighting

Gensler

DignityNOW Santa Barbara County

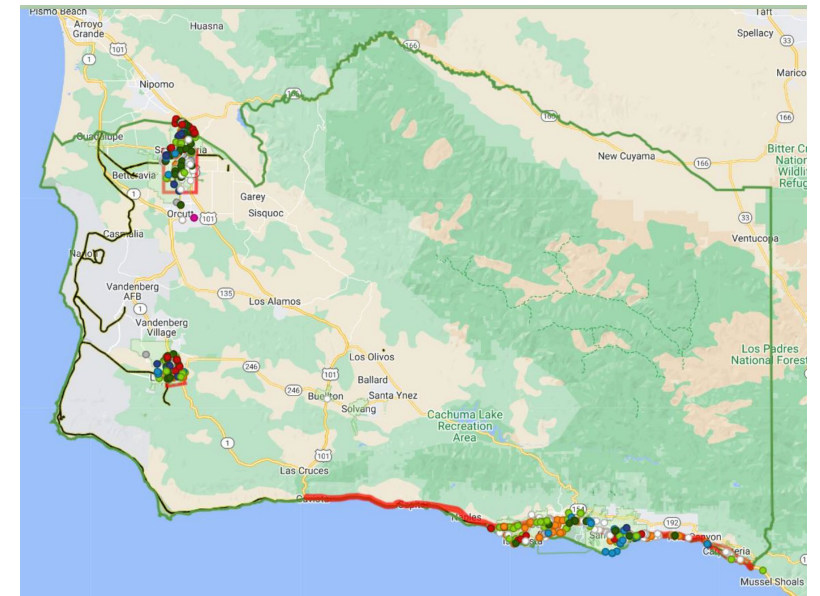
Building enough interim housing for everyone on the streets in the entire county

	Permanent Housing: new units and long-term rental subsidies paired with supportive services	Interim/Temporary Housing: emergency shelter, low-barrier navigation centers, transitional housing, and/or bridge housing	Rapid Re-Housing: time-limited rental assistance with wraparound case management
Estimated Gaps in Beds/Units	1,366	563	1,053
Progress	439 secured	140 created	436 funded
Remaining Need	927 still needed	423 still needed	617 still needed

- 2018 the county identified a need for 563 interim beds.
- 4 years later the need was 423
- The County Board of Supervisors has voted unanimously to approve the use of several county-owned sites
- DignityMoves has launched the DignityNOW initiative to build sufficient interim housing for everyone on the streets in the county, in one bold initiative

“We had been inching toward our goal of ending unsheltered homelessness. Then DignityMoves came running by, grabbed us by the collar, and now we are sprinting too.”

-Terri Maus-Nisich, Assistant County Executive Officer of Santa Barbara County



State-of-the-art modular technology: low cost and fast

- A variety of manufacturers depending on the project budget and duration
- Permitted in less than 3 weeks in San Francisco, a historic first!
- “Pop-Up” projects made with a custom-designed panel-based system
 - assembled on-site
 - made of 30% recycled plastics
 - highly insulated and fire-resistant
 - **\$50-\$70k** per unit installed, including all support buildings, restrooms, common areas (varies by site conditions and formats)
 - with a 20-year life expectancy, approx. \$200/month per unit
 - half the cost of a Navigation Center*
- Permanent projects completed in 4-8 months
- Variety of sizes and formats
 - Can be built to voucher Housing Quality Standards including SROs (120sf), Studios (with ensuite bathrooms)

*Construction costs per bed of recent San Francisco Navigation Centers:
Embarcadero: \$62,500 per bed
Bayview: \$94,500 per bed



Permanent vs. Interim: A false choice

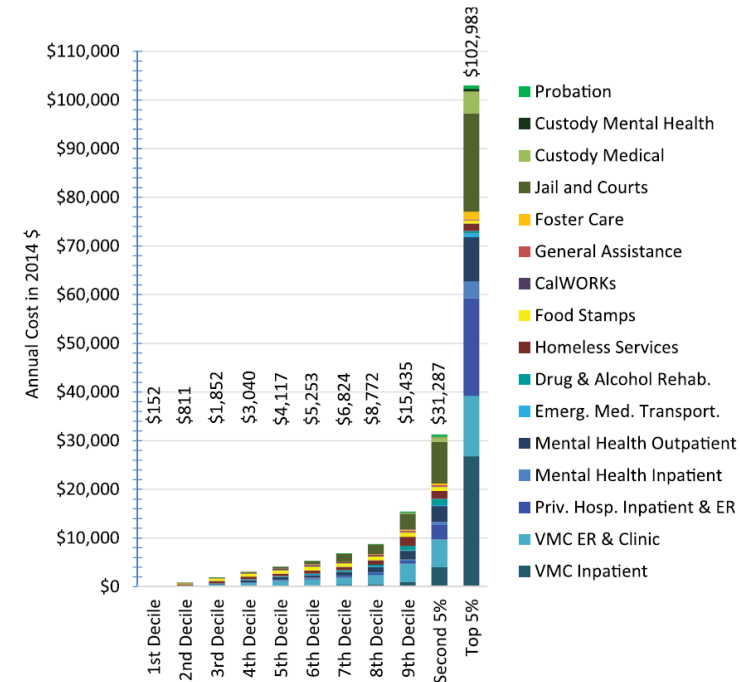
- We desperately need more permanent housing to end our housing crisis. Yet at \$800k+ per unit it will take enormous resources and many years to build sufficient supply. No calculator shows how we build our way out of this crisis on that strategy alone.
- In the meantime, 72% of our homeless are literally unsheltered languishing on waiting lists-- often for many years. While they wait, the only option is group shelter. Most prefer the relative safety of encampments.
- The trauma of surviving on the streets dramatically reduces the chances of returning to self-sufficiency. After many years on the streets, PSH is likely the only viable option for most.
- If we provide dignified places that are compelling enough for people to accept placement, they can receive the critical supportive services they need. Services are more effective when the person is out of “survival mode” and in a calm, positive mental and emotional state.
- Data shows that people can and do “self-resolve” if given the chance. We should start with that assumption.
- Many will still need PSH, and we must stay focused on building more. But with interim housing as an anchor component of the system, we will need far less PSH in the long run than we’ll need on this current path.



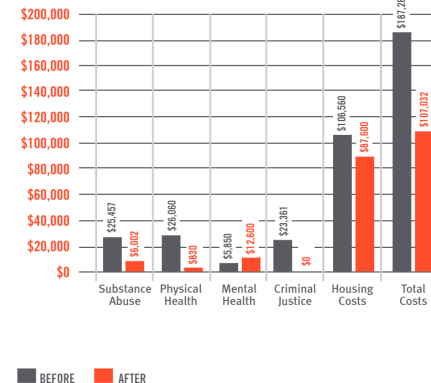
Running the numbers

- With a permanent-only system, for the \$800,000 to build one unit of PSH we could build 16 interim housing units. One person gets a studio apartment while 15 others are dying on the streets
- At \$50,000, the cost per room of a DignityMoves community is less than half the cost per cot in a Navigation Center.*
- Budgets are finite. If we spend 90% on beautiful buildings, that leaves 10% for supportive services. Granite countertops don't solve core problems. DignityMoves want to shift that ratio.
- After languishing on the streets for years, nearly all will need government-funded housing and services for the rest of their lives. With early intervention, a far greater number can return to self-sufficiency and even become taxpayers.

FIGURE 3.2:
Annual Cost for Residents Homeless in 2012, by Cost Decile and Top 5%



TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS TWO YEARS BEFORE AND AFTER PLACEMENT IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



*Construction costs per bed of recent San Francisco Navigation Centers:
Embarcadero: \$62,500 per bed
Bayview: \$94,500 per bed

Santa Barbara Street Village Temporary Interim Supportive Housing

YEAR 1 UPDATE



Santa Barbara Street Village Year 1

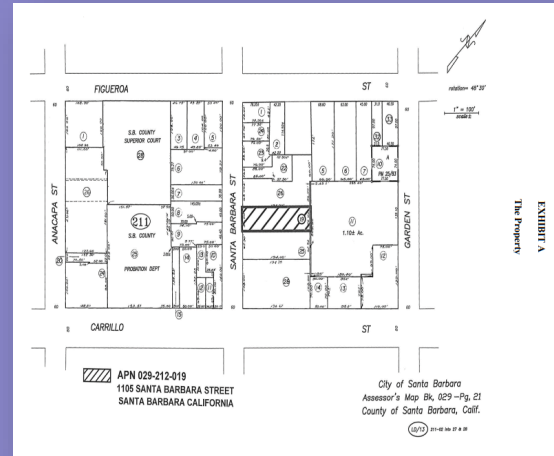


Good Samaritan Shelter
FOR THOSE IN NEED... OUR DOOR IS OPEN.

SITE SELECTION & FUNDING



- ❖ County capital funding:
 - ❖ \$ 700,000 development and \$250,000 in permanent site improvements
- ❖ County ARPA and County and CoC HHAP \$
 - ❖ 3 million in operations and services for 3 years
- ❖ County land contribution: 1016 SB St
- ❖ Private philanthropic: \$ 1 million



PARTNER AGENCIES



Clients with established history in the Downtown Santa Barbara area **recommended by community partners and served by Dignity Moves** Santa Barbara Street Village:

- City Net - 26
- Behavioral Wellness - 12
- Good Samaritan - 12
- SB ACT - 6 (3 with City Net, 1 with AmeriCorps)
- Public Defender - 5 (1 with BeWell)
- City of SB - 3
- AmeriCorps - 1 (with City Net)
- New Beginnings - 1
- Other - 1
- Public Health - 1

WHO DID DIGNITY MOVES SERVE IN YEAR 1?

78% experiencing chronic homelessness, at least one permanent disabling condition, and at least 12 months homeless

Many persons have co-occurring conditions (thus the percentages don't add up to 100%):

- 74% mental health disorder
- 43% substance use disorder
- 55% chronic health condition
- 12% development disability
- 26% physical disability



- 73 persons have entered the project
- 34 are currently residing there
- Average age is 54

Average time experiencing homelessness is 7 years

WHAT DID DIGNITY MOVES ACCOMPLISH IN YEAR 1?

48% have connected to mental health services

23% have connected to Substance Use Disorder services

THANK YOU to partner agencies who recommended clients, and to those who provide services on-site:

- Behavioral Wellness
- Doctors Without Walls
- Public Health Substance Use Disorder
- Social Services



15 have moved on to permanent housing, primarily to a rental unit

- 5 moved to an institutional setting better suited to meet their needs
- 4 either reunited with family or entered another interim housing program

There are an additional 14 current residents that moved into permanent housing at Vera Cruz Village on September 1.

HOW TO ADDRESS AND RESOLVE VEHICULAR HOMELESSNESS



Expanded outreach

- outreach is critical because people move around in vehicles, and often rest in different types of places (e.g. populated neighborhoods rather than remote hidden areas)



Additional lots

- both overnight and daytime lots are needed, and must accommodate a variety of vehicle types (including RVs and oversized vehicles)



Operational funding

- funding is needed to provide staff, site operations, flexible funds, and direct client assistance; funding is currently provided by the County of Santa Barbara, the City of Santa Barbara, and the City of Goleta



Permanent Affordable Housing

- in order to resolve homelessness, affordable permanent housing units are needed

The County of Santa Barbara has applied for California Encampment Resolution Funding focused on vehicular encampments. If awarded, this funding will provide a pathway to permanent housing for persons experiencing vehicular homelessness.

CONVERTING OFFICE SPACE TO INTERIM HOUSING

HOMEKEY, NEXT STEPS



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