Lean Start Up - Local Government Edition
Hayward, California

Empathy
Iterate
Experiment
REPEAT!
What if you aren’t San Francisco or New York City?

Hayward is here
80% of the U.S. population lives outside of the 100 largest cities.

Why Lean Start Up?
You can’t get blood out of a stone.

Today’s Problem: Hoarding
Up to 1.4 million people in the United States display compulsive hoarding behaviors.

News
Tragic Menlo Park hoarding case leads to questions about city enforcement

Firefighters Struggle to Enter ‘Hoarder House’ during Fire

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The team embarked on the Lean Start Up process.

**Findings**
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“**We can fix the hoarding problem, but not the person.**”

“**Without illegal activity, there’s nothing for us to really address.**”

“**We have no way of following up with these people, and no resource to offer.**”
“Everybody was at the table, and hoarders said ‘thanks, but no thanks.’”

“They’re not legally incompetent, so we can’t force them and it’s not a top priority.”

“There’s a clinical treatment, but our staff aren’t trained.”

Business As Usual
(2013 Total Staff Hours, 15 Months)

Staff: 10 person Interdepartmental Task Force  Time: 15 months  Hours: 2013
Lean Innovation Process
(166 Total Staff Hours, 3 Months)

- Staff: Four person team
- Time: 3 Months
- Hours: 166

The team used the Lean Start Up process and saved several hundred thousand dollars of resources.

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No solution turned out to be better than investing in the wrong solution.

And we’re using the process to improve our customers’ experience interacting with their City government!

Lean Start Up is also shaping our approach to improving employee engagement