TOWNHALL MEETING

discussing
homelessness in El Cajon.

August 24, 2023

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TOWN HALL – HOMELESSNESS

Agenda

Frequently Asked Questions

Small Group Discussions

Q&A

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with hands tied behind our backs

Is the City aware of the homeless situation and why aren't you doing anything about it?

Homeless Programs

✓ PERMANENT HOUSING

A Way Back Home

Housing Navigation

Housing Assistance Program/
Flex Funds

✓ EMERGENCY SHELTER

ECTLC

Home Start

Cabins at Meridian Baptist Church

Interfaith Shelter Network

✓ OUTREACH/OTHER

PD Homeless Outreach Team

Outreach Events

Crisis House

EC Homeless Task Force

✓ NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

Neighborhood Quality of Life
Team & Clean-up Events

Homeless Programs-Partners

RESULTS

Program	In 2022	Since 2020
Permanently Housed	174	1,092
Temporarily Sheltered	569	2,472
# of Outreach Events	26	91
# of Clean Up Events	311	427
Tons Removed	264	874

Why don't you arrest homeless that are camping, trespassing, or using drugs in the open?

Constraints

o Loss of "local control"

o California laws decriminalizing crime

o No bail policies

o County jail policies

o Lack of prosecution

Why are there so many homeless in El Cajon and none in other areas like La Jolla?

o Historically a hub for social services in East County

o High percentage of affordable housing

Affordable Housing

o Some cities have more affordable housing than others.

o Many factors why.

o On average, in SD County, 46.7% of housing is categorized as "low," "very low," or "extremely low."

Affordable Housing

Cities with the least affordable housing:

City	% Below Regional Average
Del Mar	-50.9%
Solana Beach	-47.8%
Carlsbad	-41.3%
Coronado	-38.0%
Encinitas	-37.2%
Poway	-33.5%
Santee	-26.1%
San Marcos	-3.3%
Chula Vista	-0.9%

Affordable Housing

Cities with the most affordable housing:

La Mesa	3.7%	
Oceanside	5.5%	
San Diego	6.5%	
Escondido	15.2%	% Above
Vista	22.8%	Regional
Imperial Beach	28.3%	Average
El Cajon	**+30.2%**	
Lemon Grove	30.4%	
National City	46.7%	

	% of County's Pop	% of Region's Homeless
San Diego	42%	58%
Unincorporated	17%	2%
Chula Vista	7%	4%
Oceanside	5%	6%
Escondido	5%	4%
Carlsbad	4%	1%
El Cajon	3%	16%
Vista	3%	1%
San Marcos	3%	0%
Encinitas, SB, DM	2%	1%
La Mesa	2%	1%
Santee	2%	2%
National City	2%	2%
Poway	1%	0%
Lemon Grove	1%	0%
Imperial Beach	1%	0%
Coronado	1%	0%

Defining Types of Homeless Individuals

Karina Hernandez

Two Questions

o Select a spokesperson
o Consider your "profile individual"
o 20 minutes
o Report back

1) What are one to three ways we can help this person in the short-term?

2) What are one to three ways we can help this person in the long-term?

Q&A

You have **Questions**

We have **Answers**