



# Homeless Plan Committee Report

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City Council  
Feb 18, 2020



# Summary

Overview of the process and findings from the Homeless Ad Hoc Committee Strategic Plan and consideration of actions to begin implementation of recommendations.



# Fullerton Homeless Efforts

- February 2018** ● City enters into a contract with City Net to provide homeless outreach and case management services
- June 2019** ● City enters into a Settlement Agreement and MOU with the North SPA resulting in the development of two Navigation Centers (Buena Park / Placentia)
- July 2019** ● Council adopts Resolution No. 2019-32, declaring a shelter crisis
- July 2019** ● Council gives direction to the City Manager to establish a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee
- August 2019** ● The City Council expresses its intent to partner with the Illumination Foundation to establish a Navigation Center / Recuperative Care facility in Fullerton



# Fullerton Homeless Efforts

- August 2019** ● Council allocates \$350,000 in HOME Funds for City's TBRA to assist senior residents from Rancho La Paz and Rancho Fullerton mobile home parks
- September 2019** ● The creation of full-time Homeless Resources Coordinator position within the Community and Economic Development Department
- October 2019** ● Council approves a temporary Safe Parking Program in partnership with the Illumination Foundation
- November 2019** ● Safe Parking Program begins
- November 2019** ● Council approves the allocation of funds to support the Illumination Foundation Navigation Center in Fullerton



# Fullerton Homeless Efforts

- December 2019** ● The Federal Judge authorizes the City to begin a limited focused enforcement at the Gilbert encampment
- December 2019** ● Planning Commission approves CUP for Illumination Foundation Navigation Center at 3535 W. Commonwealth Avenue
- January 2020** ● Council votes to deny an appeal of the approval of the Illumination Foundation Navigation Center Conditional Use Permit.



# Fullerton Homeless Planning Committee

## Strategic Plan for Addressing Homelessness

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## Mission

Develop a comprehensive strategic plan for addressing homelessness in Fullerton in coordination with the region.



# Process and Committee Members

- Met every two weeks
- Study Causes of Homelessness
- Receive Input from Professionals
- Hear Testimony from the Public
- Identify Best Practices
- Make Recommendations to City

**Rusty Kennedy**, Chair, Resident, retired non-profit CEO.

**Allison Howell**, Resident, Local Business Owner

**Barbara Johnson**, Resident, Pathways of Hope Founder

**Barry Ross**, Providence St. Joseph Health Regional Director

**David Gillanders**, CEO Pathways of Hope

**Deacon Richard Doubledee**, Tri-Parish Homeless Collaborative

**Harry Langenbacher**, Resident, Housing Is a Human Right OC

**Pastor Jason Philips**, Fullerton ACT, Full. Collaborative

**Rev. Jay Williams**, Resident, Executive Director of OC United

**Karen Sharma**, Resident, Teacher, Business Owner

**Lisa McPheron**, Director Communications, Fullerton College

**Rev. Dr. Mandy Yates** -Pastor of First Christian Church, FIMA

**Matt Bates**, City Net, Continuum of Care Board

**Mitch Fierro**, Resident, Fullerton Free Church

**Theresa Harvey/Natalie Nuesca**, NOC Chamber of Commerce

**City Support Staff**

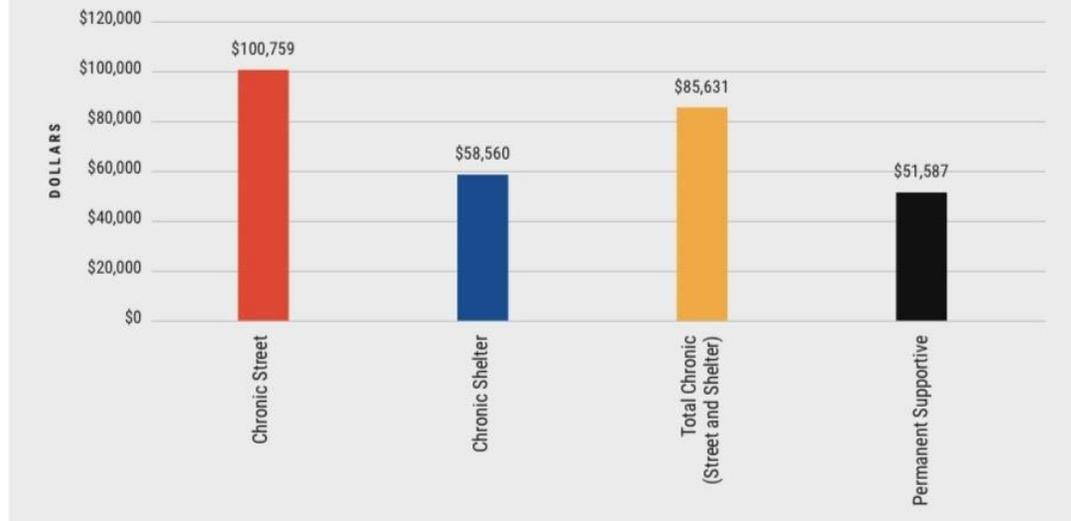
**Briana Stickney**, Homeless Resources Coordinator



# Key Findings

Housing a homeless individual is less expensive than sustaining them on the street.

**Figure 10.** Mean Cost Per Person for Service Utilization in Last Year, Comparing Permanent Supportive Housing Clients to the Chronically Homeless



Note: See notes in Figure 9.



## Key Findings *continued*

- Fullerton cannot enforce the Anti-Camping Ordinance until 60% of the homeless population can access shelter beds.

*North SPA Federal Court Settlement Agreement*

- Homelessness cannot be solved through arrests and requires a system of care.

*Robert Dunn –City of Fullerton Police Chief*



# Causes of Homelessness

- Lack of housing affordable to very-low income residents
- Lack of Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals living with mental illness
- Growing numbers of opioid addicted individuals reduced to living on the streets
- Lack of jobs with sufficient pay to afford food and shelter in our community



# Elements of Homeless Plan

1. Emergency Shelter / Navigation Centers
2. Permanent Supportive and Affordable Housing
3. Prevention and Diversion Programs
4. Public Safety and Outreach Programs





# 1<sup>st</sup> Recommendation

Approve use of city land for the development of Permanent Supportive housing and/or Very-Low & Low-Cost housing, and fast track the planning and approval process.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Recommendation

Develop an affordable housing overlay zone by June 2020 to facilitate “by-right” development of Very Low-Income, Low-Income, and Permanent Supportive Housing to meet our RHNA goals of 312 units by 2021.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Recommendation

Amend the Fullerton Municipal Code, to allow religious institutions to develop permanent supportive housing and/or affordable housing on their properties “by right”.



# Long Term Recommendations

- Emergency Shelter / Navigation Centers
- Permanent Housing
- Prevention and Diversion Programs
- Public Safety and Outreach
- Regional Collaboration



# Questions?



# Staff Recommendations

1. Receive and file Strategic Plan for Addressing Homelessness.
2. Adopt Resolution of Intention to amend Title 15 of the Fullerton Municipal Code pertaining to the development of Permanent Supportive Housing and/or deed restricted affordable housing on religious institution properties.



## Staff Recommendations (continued)

3. Direct the City Manager to commence implementation of the following recommendations from the Strategic Plan for Addressing Homelessness:
  - a) Prioritize use of available City-owned land for the development of Permanent Supportive Housing and/or Affordable Housing, and fast track the planning and approval process and bring back for consideration by April 7, 2020.
  - b) Prepare a Resolution of Intention for the development of an affordable housing overlay zone by June 2020 to facilitate "by-right" development of Permanent Supporting Housing and/or Affordable Housing to meet the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals.
  - c) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate an Operational Agreement with the Illumination Foundation for the recuperative care/navigation center at 3535 W. Commonwealth Avenue for City Council consideration.
  - d) Approve a Lease Guaranty with Dyer 18, LLC, for 3535 W. Commonwealth Avenue, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with final authority to the City Manager on terms, not to exceed \$450,000 under specific circumstances.
  - e) Provide other direction as appropriate.



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