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A Whole Person Approach to Preventing  
and Ending Homelessness

# Homelessness

1. Brief
2. Limited
3. Prevented



**A quick  
story...**



# Brief Experiences

- Connection to health care
- Whole person care
- Ongoing social support





# Limited

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- A story: The deep commitment of a housing specialist named Ron
- His own lived experiences
- “the what comes next” question



# Prevention Before it Happens

- Identifying warning signs
- Preventing family and intimate partner violence
- Enforcing anti-discrimination laws

# City of San José Intentional Actions



# Intentionality in our actions

- Passed Measure E – Real Estate Transfer tax for the development of affordable housing including preventing and ending homelessness
  - **Mandatory 45% for Extremely Low Income (0-30% AMI) residents (i.e. the most in need)**



# Intentionality in our actions

- Anti-racism Support – Legislative program for elimination of structural/institutional racism

# Intentionality in our actions

- True regional collaboration:
  - City of San Jose
  - County Office of Supportive Housing
  - Community – Destination: Home
  - Santa Clara County Housing Authority
  - People with Lived Experience of Homelessness

# City of San Jose – Regional Partnership

In addition to laying out a roadmap of strategies to prevent and end homelessness, the Community Plan set aggressive targets to achieve by 2025. Here is our progress to-date against these bold goals:

 House **20,000 people** through the supportive housing system

Status: **5,941** total housed

2025 Goal: **20,000**

PROGRESS: **30%**

 Expand the Homelessness Prevention System and other early interventions to serve **2,500 people per year**

Status: **2,140**

Baseline from 2019: **1,540**

2025 Goal: **2,500**

PROGRESS: **63%**



**Double** temporary housing and shelter capacity to reduce the number of people sleeping outside

Status: **2,227\***

Baseline from 2019: **1,882**

2025 Goal: **3,764**

PROGRESS: **18%**

 Achieve a **30% reduction** in annual inflow of people becoming homeless



PROGRESS: **100%**

\* December 2021 capacity figure reflects minor temporary changes instituted due to COVID-19 (i.e., increased distancing in shelters; temporary motel rooms)

# Intentionality in our actions

- Lived Experience of Homelessness – Established a voting seat on the Housing and Community Development Commission

# Audacity to Believe...

**“I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.”**

**– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Norway - 1964**

**Thank you**