



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

County Conference Center
Room 104/106
425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Vicente Sarmiento, Chair
Supervisor, Second District

Donald P. Wagner

Supervisor, Third District

Jason Ivins

Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Representative

Adam Hawley

Chief of Police Representative

Jim Vanderpool

North Service Planning Area Representative

Debra Rose

South Service Planning Area Representative

Cecilia Bustamante-Pixa

Hospital Representative

Kelly Bruno-Nelson

Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative

Susan Parks

Philanthropic Leader Representative

Paul Wyatt

At-Large Representative

Robert Morse

Continuum of Care Board Representative

Jack Toan, Vice Chair

Business Representative

Todd Spitzer

Orange County District Attorney

Sean deMetropolis

Municipal Fire Department Representative

Monique Davis

Business Representative

Lisa Kim

Central Service Planning Area Representative

Gina Cunningham

Affordable Housing Development Representative

Richard Afable

Behavioral Health Representative

Benjamin Hurst

Faith-Based Community Representative

Milo Peinemann

At-Large Representative

Maricela Rios-Faust

Continuum of Care Board Representative

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Bruno-Nelson, Cunningham, Davis, deMetropolis, Hawley, Hurst, Ivins, Kim, Morse, Parks, Peinemann, Rios-Faust, Sarmiento, Price (Spitzer), Toan, Vanderpool, Wagner and Wyatt

ABSENT: Commissioners Afable, Bustamante-Pixa and Rose

PRESENT: COMMISSION DIRECTOR Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

Call to Order

CHAIRMAN SARMIENTO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:06 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

COMMISSIONER MORSE LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll Call

CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM WAS MET.

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

Chair Sarmiento – Recognized staff and noted key accomplishments of the Commission in 2024, including collaborating with City of Anaheim for inclement weather emergency shelter and thanking the City of Fullerton for collaborating the prior year; the launch of the Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program to provide resources for individuals and families at risk of homelessness; recognized the work of the Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc; the work of the Commission providing recommendations that help to shape and evolves into real policy and direction for funding and programs that address homelessness.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve revisions to the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws to make changes to the name, mission, purpose and function, membership, and duties of members, as recommended by the Bylaw Ad Hoc to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PARKS, WITH COMMISSIONER WYATT VOTING NO, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.
2. Approve the launch of recruitment process and establishment of a new Membership Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate and make recommendations for appointment for expired Commission to End Homelessness seats to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PARKS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RIOS-FAUST, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.
3. Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc Recommendations
 - a. Receive and file the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report as prepared by the Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc.
 - b. Approve recommendation to submit the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report to the Board of Supervisors for policy consideration.**ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.**
4. Approve proposed Commission to End Homelessness 2025 Meeting Schedule Calendar.
ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BRUNO-NELSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PARKS, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

5. Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the October 2, 2024, regular meeting.
ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BRUNO-NELSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TOAN, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.

PRESENTATION

6. Housing Authorities Overview – Rental Assistance Programs and Affordable Housing presented by Julia Bidwell and January Johnson, Orange County Housing Authority; Grace Stepter and Kerrin Cardwell, Anaheim Housing Authority; Judson Brown and Maria Hodson, Santa Ana Housing Authority; and Monica Covarrubias and Thyana Phi, Garden Grove Housing Authority.

PRESENTATION PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM, PROJECT BASED VOUCHER PROGRAM AND THE OTHER SPECIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE FOUR ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Office of Care Coordination Update
- a. Homeless Court Resource Fair
 - b. 2025 Survey
 - c. Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

COMMISSION DIRECTOR DOUG BECHT UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON THE OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION ATTENDING THE HOMELESS COURT POP-UP RESOURCE FAIR IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO ARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVED AND PLANS TO HOST A SIMILAR EVENT IN ORANGE COUNTY; THE 2025 SURVEY IS IN PROCESS WITH CITY NET AND THE OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION WILL SEEK FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMISSION IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR; THE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND STABILIZATION PILOT PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

ADJOURNED: 3:01 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

Signature on File

Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento

Chair

Signature on File

*Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board
Clerk of the Commission*



Commission to
END HOMELESSNESS

Office of Care Coordination

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

ACTION – ITEM #1

APPROVE REVISIONS TO BYLAWS

At the June 19, 2024, meeting, the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review and evaluate the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws was approved.

Bylaws Ad Hoc Membership

- Benjamin Hurst, Faith-Based Community Representative
- Debra Rose, South Service Planning Area Representative
- Gina Cunningham, Affordable Housing Development Representative
- Maricela Rios-Faust, Continuum of Care Board Representative
- Milo Peinemann, At Large Representative

ACTION – ITEM #1

APPROVE REVISIONS TO BYLAWS

Review Process

The Bylaw Ad Hoc met a handful of times to meticulously review the Bylaws with the utmost integrity, ensuring an objective and thorough evaluation of every provision. The group's dedication to impartiality and rigorous analysis reinforced the credibility of the review process and reflected their deep respect for the Commission. Throughout this process, the Ad Hoc remained focused on the Commission's core principles while ensuring the Bylaws remained relevant, clear, and aligned with best practices and ethical standards.

ACTION – ITEM #1

APPROVE REVISIONS TO BYLAWS

Summary of Recommended Changes

- [Name](#) – Revising the name of the Commission to the “Commission to Address Homelessness,” provides a better description of the work that the Commission is doing as addressing homelessness is a multi-faceted approach and denotes that the work is active and ongoing.
- [Mission](#) – Updated to provide clarity on the role of the Commission in Orange County and the work that goes into ending homelessness and integrates the established Homeless Service System Pillars into the Mission as it has guided the work of the Commission.
- [Article I, Purpose](#) – Expanded to integrate the established Homeless Service System Pillars and delineated what the Commission is to accomplish in advancing the Mission.
- [Article I, Functions](#) – Expanded to integrate the established Homeless Service System Pillars and detail the activities the Commission has already undertaken including supporting the evaluation and recommendation of strategies by considering regional policies; addressing homelessness prevention efforts; and conducting research, evaluation and education.

ACTION – ITEM #1

APPROVE REVISIONS TO BYLAWS

Summary of Recommended Changes

- [Article II, Membership](#) – Updated to ensure that each Member on the Commission is well positioned in their role in the community, and their representation on the Commission, to help further the work of the Commission as detailed in the revised Mission, Purpose, and Function sections of the Bylaws.
- [Article III, Terms of Office](#) – Reduce the Members terms of office from four (4) terms to two (2) consecutive full terms, becoming effective once the revised Bylaws are approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- [Article V, Commission Officers](#) – Appointment of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson has been updated to occur at the Commission’s first meeting of each calendar year, as opposed to the last.
- [Article VI, Duties of Members](#) – Expanded to memorialize the work Members of the Commission are already doing and help establish an expectation for interested candidates and new Members.

ACTION – ITEM #1

APPROVE REVISIONS TO BYLAWS

Approve Revisions to the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws

Based on the Bylaws Ad Hoc's discussions, the recommended action is to:

- Approve revisions to the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws to make changes to the name, mission, purpose and function, membership, and duties of members, as recommended by the Bylaw Ad Hoc to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

ACTION – ITEM #1

APPROVE REVISIONS TO BYLAWS

Transition Plan, if Recommended Action is approved

- **December 2024** – Commission approves revised Bylaws and establishes Membership Ad Hoc to recruit, evaluate and make recommendations for appointments for the August 8, 2024, expiring seats to the Commission at the February 2025 meeting.
- **January 2025** – Board of Supervisors to approve the revised Bylaws.
- **February 2025** – Commission to approve candidates as recommended by the Membership Ad Hoc and Membership Ad Hoc to recruit, evaluate and make recommendations for appointments for the December 5, 2024, expiring seats and new seats to the Commission at the April 2025 meeting.
- **March 2025** – Board of Supervisors to approve candidates as recommended by the Commission.
- **April 2025** – Commission to approve candidates as recommended by the Membership Ad Hoc.
- **May 2025** – Board of Supervisors to approve candidates as recommended by the Commission.
- **June 2025** – Commission fully transitioned to new membership as outlined in the revised Bylaws.

ACTION – ITEM #2

ESTABLISH MEMBERSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE

Establish Membership Ad Hoc Committee

- Approve the launch of recruitment process and establishment of a new Membership Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate and make recommendations for appointment for expired Commission to End Homelessness seats to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

ACTION – ITEM #3

SMALL-SCALE HOUSING UNIT AD HOC RECOMMENDATIONS

Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc

At the October 2, 2024, meeting, the Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc presented the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report and recommendations for consideration to the Commission. After a thorough discussion, the Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc was directed by the Commission to reconvene to address the feedback provided and present an updated final report.

The Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc met in October and November to review the input provided by the Commission and revised the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report.

ACTION – ITEM #3

SMALL-SCALE HOUSING UNIT AD HOC RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Actions

- a. Receive and file the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report as prepared by the Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc.
- b. Approve recommendation to submit the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report to the Board of Supervisors for policy consideration.

ACTION – ITEM #4

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE CALENDAR

Commission to End Homelessness Meeting Schedule Calendar

- Approve proposed Commission to End Homelessness 2025 Meeting Schedule Calendar.

ACTION – ITEM #5 MEETING MINUTES

Commission to End Homelessness Meeting Minutes

- Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the October 2, 2024, regular meeting.

PRESENTATION – ITEM #6

HOUSING AUTHORITIES OVERVIEW

Housing Authorities Overview

An overview of Rental Assistance Programs and Affordable Housing presented by:

- Julia Bidwell and January Johnson, Orange County Housing Authority
- Grace Stepter and Kerrin Cardwell, Anaheim Housing Authority
- Judson Brown and Maria Hodson, Santa Ana Housing Authority
- Monica Covarrubias and Thyana Phi, Garden Grove Housing Authority

HOUSING AUTHORITY OVERVIEW RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

December 11, 2024



SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV)

What are Housing Choice Vouchers?

- Housing Choice Vouchers assist very low-income families to choose and lease safe, decent and affordable privately-owned rental housing
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban (HUD) writes regulations to implement laws, distributes funding and monitors Housing Authorities
- Local Housing Authorities adopt discretionary policies contained in their Administrative Plan
- The family's income may not exceed 50% of the median income for Orange County, for 2024:
 - \$55,250 for Household of 1
 - \$63,100 for Household of 2



SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV)

How Do They Work?



Low-income families, elderly and disabled persons pay 30% (up to 40%) of their monthly income towards rent.



The voucher funds the difference between the tenant's portion and the approved contract rent.



Housing Choice Vouchers are mobile (portable). Tenants can move anywhere in the USA.



Any property owner can participate (unless a relative of tenant).



FOUR HOUSING AUTHORITIES IN ORANGE COUNTY

ANAHEIM HOUSING

201 S. Anaheim Blvd., Ste. 201,
Anaheim, CA 92805
(714) 765-4320

GARDEN GROVE HOUSING

11277 Garden Grove Blvd., Ste. 100
Garden Grove, CA 92840
(714) 741-5150

ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING

1501 E. St. Andrew Pl.,
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 480-2700

SANTA ANA HOUSING

20 Civic Center Plaza,
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 667-2200



ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY (OCHA)



- Covers 31 of 34 cities in Orange County
 - OCHA administers the HCV Programs for households who **reside or work** in all cities of Orange County except Anaheim, Santa Ana and Garden Grove
- Assists about 13,000 households
 - Who is eligible? Income-based
 - Veterans
 - Elderly persons (62+)
 - Disabled
 - Families and individuals
 - Homeless
- Program size limited by budget authority
- Over 3,600 participating property owners



2012 WAITING LIST STATUS



More than 48,000 applicants applied for the OCHA waiting list in February 2012 (opened for two weeks).



As of November 2024, the current number of applicants on the waiting list is approximately 1,850.



Out of those, about 100 applicants live or work in OCHA's jurisdiction.

2023 WAITING LIST STATUS



Waiting List opened
September 2023.



OCHA received 57,506
applications during the k
application period. OCHA
randomly selected 12,000
applicants to be placed on the list.



OCHA will begin selecting
names from the 2023
Waiting List as soon as the
2012 Waiting List has been
exhausted.

- Separate funding from HUD than Housing Choice Vouchers
- No waiting list
- Referral process

SPECIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) (1039)

Homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services and referred by VA Long Beach/Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Mainstream (251)

Non-Elderly persons with disabilities who have exited from recuperative care or frequent users of Orange County emergency services and referred by Health Care Agency or CES.

Emergency Housing Vouchers (557) **No longer taking referrals.**

Eligible individuals/families who were:

- Experiencing homelessness
 - At risk of homelessness
 - Recently homeless
- Victims of Domestic violence or human trafficking

Family Unification (325)

Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is the primary factor in the separation of children from their parents or Youths referred by Social Services Agency

SPECIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS (cont'd)

Foster Youth to Independence (25)

Youth at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age who have left foster care and are homeless or at risk of homelessness referred by Social Services Agency

Non-Elderly Disabled II (50)

Non-elderly Disabled individuals transitioning out of skilled nursing homes and referred by Dayle McIntosh and other partner agencies

Continuum of Care Previously known as Shelter Plus Care (up to 550)

Individuals with a disability who are experiencing homelessness and referred by CES

Participate and Advertise

- Submit an online referral at:
www.ochousing.org/owner/vacancy_form
- Email: ocha.referral@occr.ocgov.com
- Call our Owner Hotline: (714) 480-2866

Landlord Incentive Program

- New Owner signing bonus \$1,000
- Up to double security deposit assistance
- Tenant refrigerator assistance

**OWNER
ENGAGEMENT**



PROJECT BASED VOUCHERS (PBV)

- Referrals made through the Coordinated Entry System
- Population for PBV households experiencing homelessness
- Contact 2-1-1 to be connected to CES access point
- Currently OCHA assists 868 in 31 PBV projects
- Projects under construction: 8 (total of 225 units)

The Cove Senior/Veteran Housing
Newport Beach

Anaheim Housing Authority

The Anaheim Housing Authority (AHA) assists more than 6,500 low-income families and individuals in the following programs:

- Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)
- Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)
- Mainstream
- Non-Elderly Disabled (NED)
- Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA)

The Anaheim Housing Authority (AHA) waitlist is open only for Mainstream and referred applicants who are experiencing homelessness. Preference is given to those who live or work in the City of Anaheim.



AHA Special Programs

104

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)

Homeless Veterans referred by VA Long Beach/Coordinated Entry System (CES)

397

Mainstream

Non-Elderly Disabled experiencing homelessness. AHA's waiting list is open for those who qualify for the preference.

278

Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)

Individuals and families who are:

- Experiencing homelessness
- At risk of homelessness
- Recently homeless
- Domestic violence or human trafficking

THIS PROGRAM IS NOT ADMITTING NEW PARTICIPANTS

71

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

Families with a member who has been diagnosed with the Human Immunodeficiency (HIV) virus or the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). These families are referred through Radiant Healthcare.

Project Based Voucher (PBV) Program

The Anaheim Housing Authority presently assists 770 households across 15 projects.

Supported populations include:

- Households experiencing homelessness
- Households with disabilities
- Families
- Seniors

The Anaheim Housing Authority PBV waiting lists are currently open for applicants.



Anaheim Pipeline Utilizing Project Based Vouchers

Recently Completed Projects

Center of Hope – 50 Permanent Supportive Housing Units



Miraflores – 87 Units, 8 PSH Units



Anaheim Pipeline Utilizing Project Based Vouchers Coming Next

- Tampico Motel
 - 31 Units for Transition Aged Youth (TAY)(18-24)
- North Harbor Apartments
 - 87 Units for Homeless Individuals
- Southeast Corner of Beach and Lincoln
 - 46 Units for Seniors and TAY, 6 Affordable Townhomes for Purchase



Affordable Housing

The Anaheim Housing Authority has a significant portfolio of affordable housing units.

Vacant units are filled by those from the Affordable Housing Rental Interest List and who live or work in the City of Anaheim.

Interested households may enroll here:

<https://housingportal.anaheim.net/AHEnrollment>



WAITING LIST STATUS



LOCAL PREFERENCES



Residency: Live
or Work in GG



U.S. Veterans &
Widows



Domestic
Violence Victims

TOTAL VOUCHERS ALLOCATED



2,362

Housing Choice Vouchers

117

Emergency Housing Vouchers



75

Mainstream Vouchers



GGHA SHELTER RELATIONSHIPS



THOMAS HOUSE
FAMILY SHELTER



*Serving Homeless Families with Children
Since 1986*



PROJECT BASED VOUCHERS (PBV)



- 🏠 Stuart Apartments is Garden Grove's first PBV and PSH Project
- 🏠 Mainstream Vouchers assist 8 households which receive wraparound services tailored to each household



A LARGER ECOSYSTEM



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GARDEN GROVE

Santa Ana Housing Authority



SAHA Special Programs

By Voucher Type and Allocation:



Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)



Mainstream Voucher (MS5)



Foster Youth to Independence (FYI)



Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)



Progress toward the 2,700 PSH Unit Goal adopted in the County's June 2018 Housing Funding Strategy

City	Overall Population as of 1/1/2017	Percentage of Overall County Population	Number of PSH Units Allocated to Santa Ana
Santa Ana	341,341	10.68%	289

337 Permanent Supportive Housing Units Developed since June 2018



June 2020

75 homeless veterans were housed at Heroes' Landing



August 2020

15 homeless individuals were housed at The Santa Ana Arts Collective



March 2021

56 chronically homeless individuals were housed at Casa Querencia



June 2023

33 homeless individuals were housed at Legacy Square

Santa Ana is one of the first cities in the county to meet its allocation of permanent supportive housing units under the county's regional Housing Funding Strategy adopted in June 2018.



October 2024

43 homeless individuals were housed at the Crossroads at Washington



November 2024

89 homeless individuals were housed at Estrella Springs



November 2024

26 homeless individuals were housed at the Archways

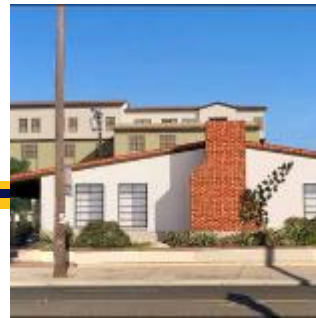
Progress toward the 2,700 PSH Unit Goal adopted in the County's 2018 Housing Funding Strategy

**With 74 Additional Permanent Supportive Housing Units
in the Pipeline...**



December 2024

16 homeless individuals
to be housed at FX
Residences



January 2025

47 homeless
individuals to be
housed at WISEPlace



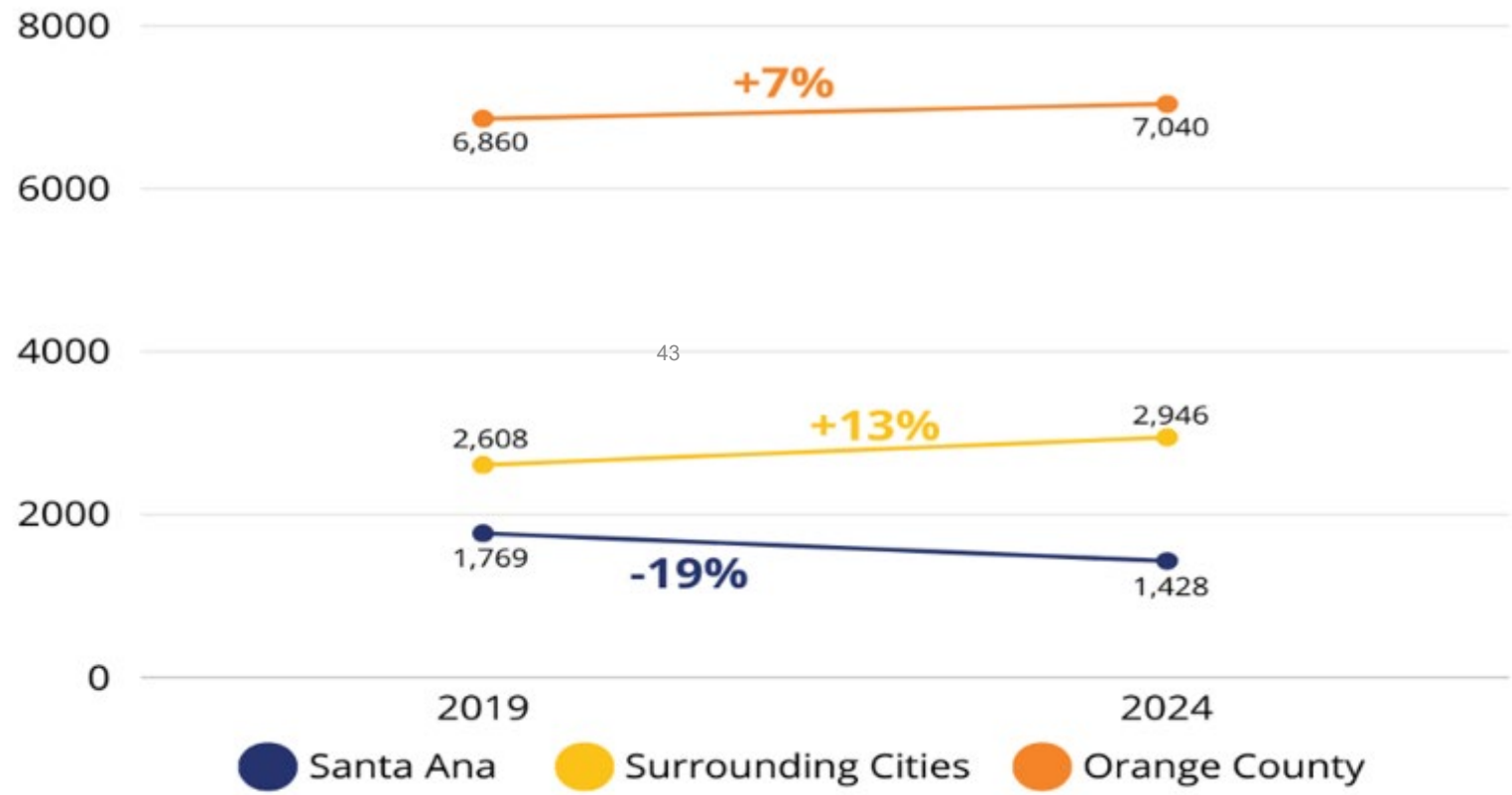
December 2025

11 homeless
individuals to be
housed at the Richard
Lehn Intergenerational
Housing Project

Between 2019 and 2024, Santa Ana decreased its homeless population by 19%, *more than every other City combined*



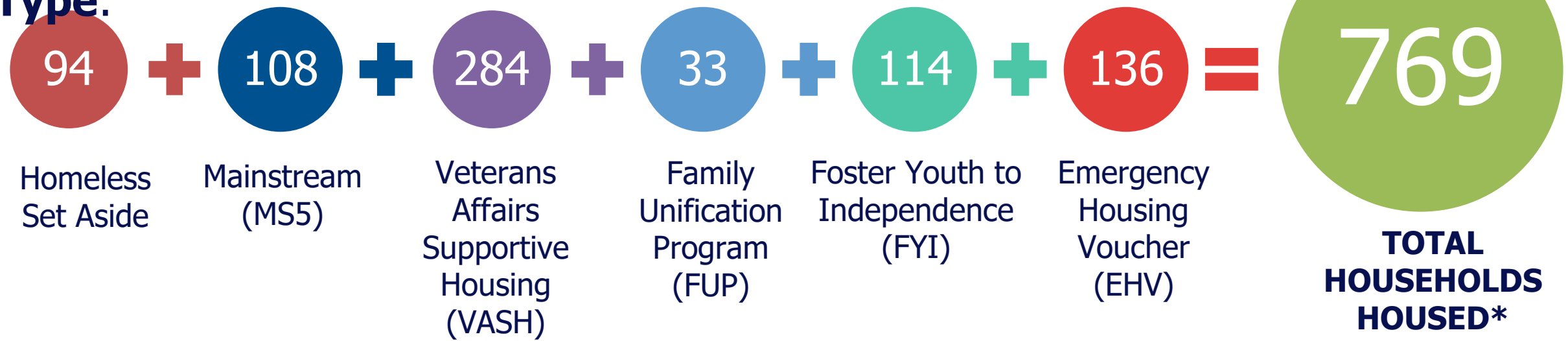
Growth trends of Orange County's Homeless Population



What is WelcomeHomeOC?

A landlord incentive and housing navigation program to help overcome barriers to housing for tenant-based housing voucher holders.

Total Households Housed by Voucher Type:



**As of 11/25/24*

Q&A

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DISCUSSION – ITEM #7

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE



Homeless Court Resource Fair

The Office of Care Coordination attended the Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fair in Chula Vista to learn more about how San Diego county is providing resources and assistance to people experiencing homelessness who are criminal justice involved.

The San Diego County Collaborative Partnership engages various resources from substance use disorder rehabilitation programs, Child Support Services, Homeless Court and its justice partners, and more in a single location to provide those experiencing homelessness with direct access to the Homeless Court Program, State and County services, and Community-Based Organizations.

The Office of Care Coordination is currently working to align resources in Orange County to host a similar event.⁴⁶

DISCUSSION – ITEM #7

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

2025 Survey

The results of the 2024 Point in Time were presented to the Commission at the June 19, 2024, meeting. One of the statistics highlighted included the number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months.

To explore the complex issues facing people who are experiencing homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months, the Office of Care Coordination will be focusing the 2025 Survey on this subpopulation to help better understand the causations of homelessness and identify areas for improvement.

Update

- The Office of Care Coordination has been working closely with City Net to formulate the survey questions and designing the survey implementation methodology.
- The Office of Care Coordination anticipates engaging the Commission, the Orange County Continuum of Care Board and the Lived Experience Advisory Board in the beginning of the year for feedback on the survey questions.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #7

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

The goal of the Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot (HPSP) Program is to assist households who are at risk of experiencing homelessness achieve housing stability by providing financial assistance to pay rental arrears, past due utility bills, and forward rent and/or utility bills based on financial need, and stabilization payments.

Program Components:

- Case Management – Focus on stabilizing household through care coordination intended to help participants navigate and address barriers to housing, connections to supportive services, and leveraging and utilization of CalAIM services.
- Direct Financial Assistance – Rental arrears, past due utility bills, and forward rent and/or utility bills based on need, paid directly to landlord and/or utility company.
- Stabilization Payments – Reoccurring financial payment of \$400 directly to the participant for up to 12 months.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #7

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

Supervisory District	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
Maximum Assistance	\$5,000	\$10,800	\$10,800	Three (3) months of assistance or \$10,800, whichever is greater	\$10,800
Direct Financial Assistance	Yes, up to \$5,000	Yes, up to \$6,000	Yes, up to \$6,000	Yes, up to three months of assistance Allows for the payment of rental deposits and utility deposits	Yes, up to \$10,800 Utility bills to include internet access. Rent may be paid for apartments, houses, or mobile homes. Allows for payments of rental deposits
Stabilization Payment	No	Yes, maximum amount of \$4,800	Yes, maximum amount of \$4,800	No	No Will allow for the payment of childcare expenses.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #7

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

Universal Eligibility Criteria

- Head of household is age 18 or older
- Household resides in Orange County, as confirmed via documents
- Household is at risk of homelessness, which means
 - The household does not have sufficient resources immediately available to prevent them from moving into an emergency shelter or another place not meant for human habitation; and
 - Meets one of the following conditions: currently in formal eviction proceedings or has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of the application assistance.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #7

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

Supervisory District	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
Medi-Cal	Must be eligible	Must be eligible	Must be eligible	Does NOT need to be eligible	Does NOT need to be eligible
Area Median Income (AMI)	30%	30%	30%	80%	50%
Household Composition	Family with at least one minor child	Head of household is a senior OR Single parent household with minor child	Head of household is a senior OR Single parent household with minor child	Family with at least one minor child	Single parent household with minor child
Other criteria	Must demonstrate ability to pay ongoing rent			Must demonstrate ability to pay ongoing rent	Parent employed in the hospitality industry Cannot live in the City of Costa Mesa or City of Irvine

DISCUSSION – ITEM #7

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

- As of December 2, 2024, more than 680 households have been pre-screened for eligibility.
- Of those, 110 households have passed pre-screening eligibility.
- Of those, 35 households have been enrolled in the HPSP Program.
- Outreach is still ongoing and households at risk of homelessness who are interested in participating in the HPSP Program should contact 2-1-1 for more information.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Commission to End Homelessness Meetings

- The next regular meeting is February 19, 2025.

February						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	