

Interim Housing – Community Engagement City of San José

#### Homelessness: a crisis requiring urgent action

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#### Homelessness: a crisis requiring urgent action

- 1. Understanding the Crisis
- 2. Mayor & Council Actions
- 3. Site Selection Process/What is EIH?
- 4. Your perspectives/solutions
- 5. What happens next?



# Inform

#### Inform - The Scope of Need

• At least 5,031 people: experiencing unsheltered homelessness (i.e. living outside) in San Jose

#### Inform – What is the Community Plan?

#### 3-Part Framework

The 2020–2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness will serve as our roadmap for ending homelessness in Santa Clara County and is organized around three core strategies:

#### **STRATEGY 1**



Address the root causes of homelessness through system and policy change

#### **STRATEGY 2**



Expand homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the need

#### **STRATEGY 3**



Improve quality of life for unsheltered individuals and create healthy neighborhoods for all

#### Inform – What is the Community Plan?



### Inform - Mayor & City Council Actions

- In 2017, City Council directed initial site search/development
- The direction involved all 10 Council Districts
- This year, the City:
  - directed further action on several sites
  - clarified direction to consider alternative sites w/in the same timeline

#### Inform – Sharing a Citywide Responsibility

- Council direction for every District to have EIH Community
- Currently, 8 out of 10 Districts have proposed or built communities
- Ongoing efforts to ensure shared approach

#### Inform – What changed about Noble site?

- City evaluated Noble site in 2017
  - Where we started
    - No **prohibition** near residences/schools
    - Instead, these were *scoring* factors
  - What Changed
    - Homelessness crisis worsened and greater urgency needed
    - Premium on rapid site identification & construction
    - Actual communities in operation now so we know more

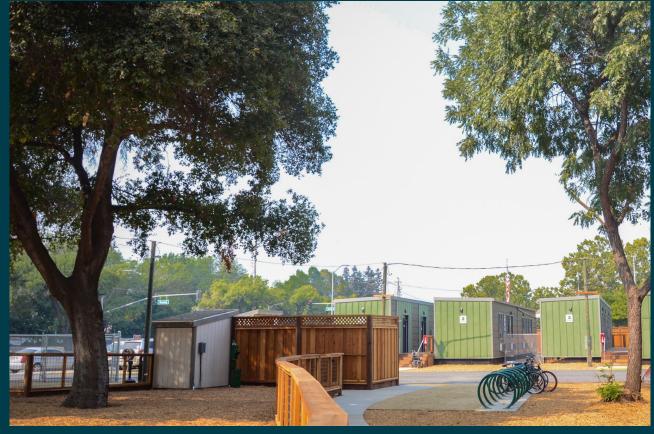
### Inform – From this...





### Inform – ...to this





### Inform – What is Interim Housing?



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Program Foundations	Amenities
<ul> <li>Professional site management</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Meals/shared kitchen</li></ul>
<ul><li>24/7 site security</li></ul>	<ul><li>Privacy</li></ul>
<ul><li>Trauma informed care/support</li></ul>	Space for pets
<ul><li>Allows pets</li></ul>	<ul><li>Outdoor space</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Builds guest leadership and a sense of ownership through involvement in site operations</li> <li>Creates individualized service plans</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Community space</li><li>Laundry</li><li>Services/Case Management</li><li>WiFi</li></ul>

# Inform – What is the support around Emergency Interim Housing sites?

- EIH: The sites and surrounding areas receive
  - CLEAN. Regular trash and upkeep service each week from BeautifySJ (outside) and contractors (inside site)
  - SAFE. SJPD response according to severity of risk/harm
  - SECURE. None of the existing sites have adjacent encampments after over 1 year
  - SUPPORTIVE. Staff to provide trauma-informed care and housing navigation support

# Engage

## Engage – Site Selection Guidelines

- To evaluate alternative options, we need:
  - At least one acre
  - Flat/near flat
  - Site control OR willing landlord
  - Accessible from public street

# Engage – Discussion questions

 What alternative locations would you suggest in this community? (please submit ASAP by August 15, 2022)

# Engage – Discussion questions

 What are the issues of greatest importance to you about an Emergency/Interim Housing location?

# Engage – Discussion questions

 In what ways do you prefer to be kept in the loop/informed about ongoing efforts in the community?

# Notify

## Notify – What's next?

- Additional public meetings/discussions
  - Dates (and recordings) on website
  - Request small group/home/neighborhood
  - Webinars

## Notify – What's next?

- Additional public meetings/discussions
  - City Council Rules Committee on August 3, 2022
  - City Council General Meeting date to be determined

# Thank you Contact: EIHOutreach@sanjoseca.gov