



August 6, 2021

Support Sustainable, Supportive Housing for Unhoused Residents of SLO County

Dear Supervisors Compton, Arnold, Peschong, Ortiz-Legg and Gibson,

Unhoused people need areas that are sanctioned 24/7 and provide both safe parking and temporary shelter for those without vehicles. These locations should be designed so that unhoused residents will be safe and secure. Basic sanitation/hygiene facilities and trash collection must be provided along with the on-site supportive services necessary to ensure that all individuals are offered the help they need. Such locations should be created throughout the county, preferably close to city and town centers, in order to accommodate the daily needs of unhoused residents.

In addition to temporary, transitional sanctioned encampments, it is essential that the County concurrently promote and support the development of permanent, low-barrier, rapid re-housing solutions with free, confidential, onsite clinical case management services. As has been proven in many municipalities, tiny house villages that provide individual secure housing units in a community setting with shared restroom, shower, cooking and gathering facilities are the most economical and fastest way to create homes for the unhoused population. Locating tiny house villages within our communities provides access to shopping and other typical day-to-day needs and helps unhoused individuals re-integrate into society.

Please help facilitate a near-term solution that involves 24/7 sanctioned locations, and a long-term solution that facilitates the construction of tiny home villages throughout the county.

Respectfully,

Los Osos Community Advisory Council
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