

Town Hall Meetings on Homelessness Zoom chat transcripts

District 1: June 3, 2021

What is one thing you know for sure about homelessness in Carlsbad?

00:41:00 Tracy Carmichael: Homeless in Carlsbad is growing daily

00:41:02 Sandra Gravitt: It's getting worse. It brings down the community.

00:41:05 Cathy Brendel: It effects residents and tourists alike in a negative way

00:41:05 Katie Taylor: It is getting WORSE!!!

00:41:06 Andrea Ryon: A sad situation for our city that needs solving!

00:41:08 Teri Jacobs: We do not have an accurate count.

00:41:11 Cheri Mason: It is much worse than in the past

00:41:14 Ellie Arkans: Homeless has NEVER been so prominent in Carlsbad in the 26 years I have lived here!!!

00:41:19 Larry Posner: I'm totally baffled

00:41:19 Kelly LeBerthon: Carlsbad only handles homeless single men, not women or children - they go to Vista or Escondido

00:41:20 Irene Patton: The homeless spend a lot of time in our city parks

00:41:23 Anthony Bona: Getting MORE and MORE violent

00:41:25 Larry Posner: I don't really

00:41:27 Jan Lewis: Amount of homeless has increased.

00:41:34 Hope Nelson: What we are seeing is not exclusive to Carlsbad.

00:41:35 Angela Derby: No one is willing to permanently solve this issue.

00:41:36 Roz & John Raue: It doesn't go away and increases.

00:41:41 Tracey Barker: That we could be doing more as a community to help these people improve their lives, one way or another.

00:41:42 Tish Robinson: It heightens the disparity between residents and those without homes.

00:41:47 Diane R: I believe services are much better but still so much to do

00:41:47 Sharyl Hess: That is an awful situation that needs to aggressively be addressed and

00:41:48 Patrick Connolly: Unfortunately there are too many homeless who have chosen the lifestyle, are not likely to avail themselves of services, and are taking advantage of our largess and deferred enforcement.

00:41:54 Denis Jensen: The City's desire to throw money into bloated, expensive programs does not alleviate the problem

00:41:54 Kevin Thompson: This is a nationwide situation.

00:41:57 Sandra Gravitt: Taking over Park & Ride spaces on La Costa Ave.

00:41:57 Bradford Jacobs: Based less upon lack of affordable housing than poor lifestyle choices and mental illness.

00:41:58 Gregory Houlgate: Homelessness in Carlsbad is on the increase and is now draining resources vital to the health of our community

00:42:05 Jean Walker: The one thing I know for sure is that no one in the City approached Carlsbad residents about this homeless hotel voucher program before deciding to spend \$3 million on a year long program that doesn't require people to accept services or ever leave the hotel room.

00:42:06 Judy Rees: Many are mentally sick.

00:42:07 The Benusis Family: Keith Blackburn is on record as saying that the Windsor Pointe project is not something he would want in his neighborhood.

00:42:17 Roz & John Raue: Feel unsafe at times

00:42:33 Kimberly Heitchew: It has become more of a problem in the last four years, then the 40 years... noting the local post office

00:42:34 Denis Jensen: It's obvious that the problematic homeless are the mentally ill and drug addict homeless, not people simply down on their luck and I think we should stop pretending otherwise.

00:43:09 Tisha Gehringer: Sad situation that needs a lot of resources please be mindful of the circumstances of the last year

What is one thing you are uncertain about related to homelessness in Carlsbad?

00:43:09 Sandra Gravitt: I'm uncertain about the desire of the city council to really deal with the problem.

00:43:10 Cathy Brendel: What Carlsbad and the region will do about homeless people that do not want help

00:43:19 Anthony Bona: Uncertain that homeless will magically change their ways once given hotel vouchers

00:43:20 Jean Walker: I am uncertain why the City would approve a \$3 million program for a homeless hotel without getting input from residents.

00:43:21 Tracey Barker: I don't know the city's 1, 3, 5 year plan.

00:43:22 Marco: I don't feel responsible for other peoples poor decisions in life.

00:43:23 Angela Derby: How many homeless do we actually have.

00:43:25 Teri Jacobs: What outcomes are we honestly hoping for.

00:43:26 Larry Posner: I'm totally uncertain that any city can solve this

00:43:31 Keith Thamer: Why are there so many now?

00:43:31 Katie Taylor: That the City cares about the impact on the residents and business owners.

00:43:33 Cheri Mason: What is the best way to address it in a compassionate way.

00:43:34 Tracy Carmichael: What will be the stop gap ?

00:43:34 Virginia Murphy: How do we start to change the LAWS that need changing to protect us & our health?

00:43:35 Sheryl Goto: What is Carlsbad doing about homelessness?

00:43:40 Judy Rees: How many are staying in Hotels in Carlsbad.

00:43:40 Hope Nelson: For sure there are a broad variety of reasons.

00:43:42 Kelly LeBerthon: What programs has Csbd considered besides Housing First

00:43:43 Ellie Arkans: Not so confident that spending millions of dollars on the homeless is going to solve, but create more problems with attracting more transients.

00:43:47 Rancy Feldman: How to interact with the homeless in the Village

00:43:48 Diane R: I would like to know more about the Regional collaboration and how it is going so that we can help bring solutions forward in a constructive manner.

00:43:55 Andrea Ryon: That some of the ideas for solving homelessness will work! Housing First has not been shown as effective!

00:43:56 Roz & John Raue: Where are the folks coming from? What are our rights as home3 owners? Is pan handlegal

00:44:00 Gregory Houlgate: That our leadership in this community has enabled a plan that will address the issues we have in Carlsbad.

00:44:00 Tisha Gehringer: What helps change it for the long term

00:44:02 Patrick Connolly: Given Martin v Boise, I don't understand why the state, county, and city has not developed temporary interim shelter camps (National Guard built with centralized services.

00:44:08 Tish Robinson: What are the services available for women and children in Carlsbad?

00:44:18 Denis Jensen: I'm uncertain about why putting seriously mentally ill homeless into a facility next to my kids (Windsor Pointe) is anything but a horrible idea

00:44:24 Kimberly Heitchew: too much \$\$\$ being spent

00:44:48 irene patton: I don't know when I can call in a "problem" with the number of very obviously homeless people who are gathering in the park with all their possessions. And where/who do I call?

00:45:23 Paul Marsteller: We understood that the guidelines of Housing First prohibits siting these motel voucher programs in proximity to residential neighborhood.... Am I wrong? A clear answer from our leaders here would clear up a lot of the anxiety surrounding this program.

00:45:54 Denis Jensen: I'm uncertain why the Barrio is a dumping ground for these programs and not an area better suited, away from families

00:47:57 Jean Walker: Has that 70% number been confirmed? This number needs to be verified. People can say they are from Carlsbad without it being the case.

00:48:09 Kevin Thompson: Why is Windsor Point linked with homelessness?

00:48:53 Angela Derby: What about those that chose to live unsheltered?

00:49:21 Teri Jacobs: Is the 70% based on PIT or unique confrontation counts?

00:49:30 Denis Jensen: I'm uncertain why we're told the homeless are simply people simply down on their luck and not mentally ill and drug addicts

General comments

00:50:30 Jean Walker: An equal number of studies can be cited stating that Housing First doesn't work.

00:51:20 Jean Walker: In Carlsbad's homeless hotel program, no one will be background checked and no one is required to utilize any services.

00:51:37 Bradford Jacobs: When does this video go nationwide to kick off the Carlsbad Homeless Magnet Program?

00:52:16 Katie Taylor: The video is for 4th graders...

00:52:28 Cathy Brendel: Thank you very much for the care of animal component

00:52:46 Cathy Brendel: Will the officers patrol on foot and on bikes

00:52:52 Kimberly Heitchew: very true!! here they come

00:53:38 Marco: No. They're not "experiencing" homelessness. They are "choosing" to live on the street with no responsibilities

00:53:44 Denis Jensen: I hear a lot about the inability of the police to take action but I'm uncertain why the Martin Vs Boise workaround isn't just creating a homeless dorm with ample beds (147) somewhere inland that would satisfy the ability for police to enforce loitering and sleeping outside laws.

00:54:07 Jean Walker: Oceanside's program DOES background check people, requires voucher recipients to participate in services and only allows people to stay in the hotel for 21 days, as opposed to a full year.

00:54:09 Katie Taylor: The majority of homeless are not capable of or want to work. This is a fantasy...

00:54:13 Virginia Murphy: How to deal with the people who refuse all help

00:54:40 Sandra Gravitt: During that video, three more homeless people showed up in Carlsbad

00:54:49 Kevin Thompson: Didn't Oceanside write an ordinance that outlawed camping in tents?

00:55:05 Marco: Our city leaders wants to welcome them from all over the state all to our city!

00:55:26 Jean Walker: There is no requirement that people in the voucher program participate in service, so if people refuse services, they get a free hotel room for a year.

00:55:51 Katie Taylor: Why is the conversation never about the negative impact of residents and our business owners - time to care about them FIRST!

00:56:37 Marco: Katie Taylor! 🙄

00:57:07 Katie Taylor: Every time you see a homeless person with a shopping cart you are looking at stolen property.

00:57:07 Gwen (She/Her) Kindness Matters: Carlsbad is one of the kindest city's in this country...hoping that attribute can lead the way in this discussion, and in our approach to caring for those in need.

00:57:42 Tim Stipe: Taylor, rughton. They always skirt around the "squatters" in our parks, alleys, boardwalk, etc...and start talking again about more services.

00:57:49 Sheryl Goto: I agree Gwen.

01:01:15 Cathy Brendel: Our alleys public or private property?

01:01:46 Cathy Brendel: Who have enforcement jurisdiction by the Carlsbad Village Depot

01:02:12 Denis Jensen: Larry is right

01:02:30 Katie Taylor: Larry you are 1000% correct!!!

01:03:08 Kimberly Heitchew: thank you Larry!!

01:03:20 Roz & John Raue: Good question Larry!!!!

01:03:55 Tim Stipe: My question:

01:04:00 Sandra Gravitt: Bureaucrats don't want to solve the problem because their funds would dry up. Homelessness is big business to a lot of people.

01:04:18 Ellie Arkans: That's a BINGO Sandra!!!

01:04:25 THERESA CARPENTER: thank you Larry!

01:04:30 Marco: Sandra 100%

01:04:40 Sheryl Goto: Is temporary camping being considered for homeless?

01:05:41 Jean Walker: Overdoses in San Francisco skyrocketed under their homeless hotel voucher program.

01:05:42 Marco: No amount of money is enough to “solve” the problem. It only leads to more people wanting to live on the street

01:06:18 Denis Jensen: Thank you, Kelly. The current City plan won’t help a thing

01:06:47 Katie Taylor: Love Texas! Realistic Approach....

01:07:13 Anthony Bona: Housing first is a FLAWED MODEL

01:07:33 Tim Stipe: My question: Why are we just starting at the beginning of other cities failed playbooks? There are a number of cities (in Ca.) that have already tried everything we are just now looking into and have found it not to work. Only to break up their encampments and run them out.

01:07:38 Jean Walker: Excellent points, Kelly.

01:07:43 Cathy Brendel: Does Carlsbad have a no tent ordinance and will they enforce it?

01:08:00 Noel Breen: I get sick of every issue being dumped into the barrio to absorb. Why not convert the farmer’s building into long term permanent assistive housing? We have tons of room and vacant buildings around Palomar Airport. Why not place the homeless facilities there as well? I’m sure the Citizens for a Friendly Airport would love to do their part. Same with Ponto and LaCosta.

01:08:10 Andrea Ryon: Great job Kelly!

01:08:36 THERESA CARPENTER: great job Kelly!

01:08:58 Sharyl Hess: Exactly how I feel Kelly! Thank you!!

01:09:08 Kimberly Heitchew: thank you Denis! so true

01:09:23 Jeff Toth: Nice Denis

01:09:23 Katie Taylor: Denis you are right. I have read the Boise decision several times....the decision does not require individual housing units.

01:09:36 The Benusis Family: I agree with Denis. There is not an adequate safety response plan in place or an exit plan (should there be the anticipated horrible events that will unfold) communicated to the public for the Windsor Pointe project. How will it impact the security in the evening of the immediate area of the Chase children’s sport park and Elementary School, not to mention how it will impact the economy of the nearby downtown businesses? In similar projects, where the inclusion criteria is of unmedicated severely mentally ill, who are gifted housing with no requirement to partake in programs or oversight, the others, who would have benefited from the housing first theoretical model, they did not feel safe enough to remain housed in those shelters. The SMI crash out on sidewalks, litter, loiter, harass the members of the community and spilling over into the surrounding areas. We are already going to be screwed by the design of the Windsor Pointe project because of the stipulation required by the No Place Like Home.

01:09:37 Sharyl Hess: I have really bad service as I’m traveling. Hoping to be able to stay on!

01:09:44 Ellie Arkans: Thank you Dennis!!!

01:10:05 Cathy Brendel: Thank you Dennis - agree

01:10:42 Denis Jensen: agreed!

01:12:52 Cathy Brendel: Seems like money should regionally go towards drug/alcohol rehab and psy help

01:13:26 Roz & John Raue: Patrick run for City Council!!!!

01:14:04 Denis Jensen: Yes, the answer seem ironically simple.

01:14:10 Katie Taylor: Our north county cities need to ban together, share the legal expense and fight back against the over broad read of Boise. In addition, fight back against the laws passed down by Sacramento preventing our cities from dealing with crime and homelessness.

01:14:32 Tracy Carmichael: Why place the homeless next to businesses or residential?

01:15:47 Denis Jensen: GOOD question, Tracy. If this is really about helping people, there are more cost-effective locations inland that would service far more people

01:15:59 Sandra Gravitt: If you subsidize something, you get more of it

01:16:23 Denis Jensen: Thank you, Jeff!

01:16:51 Katie Taylor: Take a walk on Carlsbad Blvd by the beach and count the homeless impacting our residents and tourist - not acceptable.

01:18:43 Katie Taylor: Bravo John!

01:19:01 Tim Stipe: 🍌 john

01:19:02 Jean Walker: Excellent points, John.

01:19:47 Denis Jensen: Thank you, Angela. It's obvious that the problematic homeless are the mentally ill and drug addict homeless, not people simply down on their luck and I think we should stop pretending otherwise.

01:19:49 Roz & John Raue: Right on Angela

01:19:58 Kimberly Heitchew: thank you Angela

01:20:10 Bradford Jacobs: I agree with Angela! Well said!

01:20:26 Tim Stipe: thanks angela. 🍌

01:20:44 Denis Jensen: Yes, Tracy- that number seems suspect

01:21:19 Denis Jensen: there are homeless advocate profiteers at play

01:21:27 Katie Taylor: Good points Tracy....

01:21:28 Bradford Jacobs: That 70% number is used by many cities...I question the veracity of this number.

01:22:00 Tim Stipe: Spot on Tracy. the families have no help. i know 1st hand

01:22:27 Katie Taylor: ReCall Schumacher

01:22:33 Gwen (She/Her) Kindness Matters: How incredible if we could use all of this energy to focus on caring for one another? How powerful if we could turn this conversation around a bit, and focus on the strengths of our village, our community and acknowledge that we have the power to positively impact the lives of those in need?

01:22:47 Jean Walker: It appears that if a homeless person says they are from Carlsbad, then that person is counted in the 70%. People can say whatever they want. There needs to be some verification of that number before the City uses it as a metric.

01:22:52 Denis Jensen: Jeff Toth's screen grab is worth a look. Thanks, Jeff

01:23:06 Bradford Jacobs: ???

01:23:27 Jeff Toth: Here it is again. From a social worker at Housing First

01:24:16 Roz & John Raue: Good idea Patrick!

01:24:42 Kevin Thompson: Housing vouchers are from federal money...Carlsbad is not spending 3 million of our local tax dollars.

01:24:47 Angela Derby: What hotel?

01:25:19 Jean Walker: With regard to the whole homeless hotel program...the City can back out at any time, return the State or Federal grant money, and the City Council can move for reconsideration of the issue.

01:25:23 Katie Taylor: Homeless now is a big business - lots of people making money and jobs for a problem with no viable plan to solve. Our tax money year after the year going down the drain.

01:26:00 Kimberly Heitchew: the city needs to back out of voucher program

01:26:21 Jean Walker: This program is slated to start in June. What hotel was chosen for the program?

01:27:11 Denis Jensen: Thanks, Katie. You are not wrong. Affirmed Housing (developer of the atrocious Windsor Pointe facility) has been caught bribing San Diego officials.

01:27:14 The Benusis Family: Exactly, Katie Taylor. The Affirmed Housing developer are going to make an enormous profit from Windsor Pointe. Affirmed Housing are making their project as expensive as possible, to the tune of over \$600,000 per unit and the City Council voted it through.

01:27:32 Kelly LeBerthon: Both the 2017 and 2018 staff reports state "the city's action are intended to move homeless residents toward self-sufficiency and rehousing. " How many homeless individuals has the city successfully removed from homeless status since 2017?

01:27:59 Cathy Brendel: Seems like another problem are the residential homes that have permits to house six or more residents on government assistance. The people housed in these homes hang out in the Village during the day and may be some of the people who sell and buy drugs.

01:28:42 Teri Jacobs: Kevin, Federal money only funds program through September...

01:29:00 Ruth Milam: what is the time for the June 28th meeting

01:29:31 Cathy Brendel: I would like limited parking restrictions placed on lots in the Village, such as the one on Roosevelt next to Chase Bank. 24/7 parking is a problem at that location and could get worse. The portable toilet is also very much a problem at that location.

01:31:00 Rosemary Eshelman: Question do vouchers for housing count for housing individuals for our numbers?

01:31:31 Jean Walker: Boise decision case law needs to be addressed by the City Attorney. I appreciate that Mickey is a Carlsbad PD officer, but I don't know if he is also an attorney. Many people are attorneys, so he very well may be an attorney.

01:31:48 Katie Taylor: Boise did not require individual rooms or meals. Large tents with cots could provide the required "bed" issue.

01:32:00 Patrick Connolly: Mickey, Martin v Boise suggests that we could enforce trespass if people entered a park after it was closed. Have we considered posting officers at the park when they close? Has the City Attorney rendered an opinion about such an enforcement action? Thanks and Thanks for your service.

01:32:43 Jean Walker: Mickey, Santa Cruz recently passed an ordinance prohibiting camping in almost all public places. Santa Monica passed a similar ordinance a few years ago and has been enforcing it ever since.

01:32:45 The Benusis Family: I have witnessed several drug deals in downtown Carlsbad and Pine Park, during the day, made by the people Cathy Brendel is referring to. In addition to the developer profiteers, the vulnerable homeless are often the target of dealers and traffickers who take advantage.

01:32:47 Cathy Brendel: May I go sleep on the beach or park without being in violation of a law?

01:33:40 Katie Taylor: How many bikes are stolen weekly by the homeless?

01:33:44 Angela Derby: Homelessness IS big business. Why would any City want to solve the problem and lose all that yearly federal money. The only thing I've seen done is new salary jobs and vehicles and money allocated to non profits that also aren't solving the problem.

01:33:44 Cathy Brendel: foot patrol and bike patrol?

01:33:49 Carly Boulton: Educating the public (with signs or psa's) that panhandling supports addictions not people has demonstrated to be effective.

01:34:13 Tim Stipe: So we just loose public areas of the city to squatters that are content living that lifestyle?

01:34:34 Jean Walker: Boise case was clear that cities can prohibit camping during specific hours.

01:34:39 Diane Bedrosian: Venice, SaMo, City of LA etc are not "enforcing" anything. It's horrible in those places. I think our PD is doing what they can with the laws we have.

01:34:42 Noel Breen: Interesting that folks have a free speech right to aggressively panhandle in Carlsbad, but citizens cannot utter political comments without being hassled by government. An interesting dichotomy.

01:34:57 Katie Taylor: Tim - that is what the City is telling everyone to accept.

01:35:08 The Benusis Family: I walked by several new encampments near the Carlsbad Community Center next to the playground in Pine Park and off of CVD yesterday, while two police car just drove by doing nothing.

01:35:32 Rosemary Eshelman: Thank you PD on foot and bike in amongst the homeless would be great.

01:35:43 Kimberly Heitchew: as the HOT team grows so does the transient population

01:35:55 Carly Boulton: what number do we call!!!!

01:36:02 Jean Walker: Diane, Santa Monica actually did clean up their parks and other public spaces. The homeless issues are generally in Venice Beach, with a lot of the problems in Santa Monica being in the public garages.

01:36:21 Katie Taylor: What do the police do when they find a homeless person is in possession of a stolen bike.

01:36:37 Tim Stipe: THEY WANNA PLAY IN THE PARKS

01:36:41 Angela Derby: Diane Oceanside got rid of encampments. Why can't we?

01:36:44 Bradford Jacobs: Or stolen grocery cart.

01:36:48 Anthony Bona: We need to REJECT the housing first model. We have that right.

01:37:26 Jean Walker: The City of LA actually did start cleaning up Venice Beach last week. It's not a lot, but it was movement. Just FYI, Hunter Biden lives in Venice Beach. When he moved into his rental home there, the city of LA cleared out a seven block area around his house.

01:37:44 Diane Bedrosian: SaMo is working on solutions but has been a homeless "sanctuary" for over 30 years. Venice is not enforcing anything - Ask the woman whose house was burned down about if they are enforcing anything.

01:37:46 Sharyl Hess: We need to NOT have the Housing First Model. The citizens would vote no one this

01:37:55 Paul Marsteller: would the City Council accept an encampments at or around City Hall? If not, how would they go about clearing it out?

01:38:00 Sharyl Hess: *on this

01:38:21 Tim Stipe: Instead of hotel vouchers, just rope off all our parks, their already living there.

01:38:47 Noel Breen: Additionally, is not part of having districts the idea that your elected official might defend the constituents from being disproportionately burdened with addressing social issues? Of course this should be addressed as a city wide burden, not one that exempts rich donors in Ponto and Lacosta at the expense of Aviara, the village, and the Barrio?

01:39:39 Angela Derby: I can't afford or get a reservation to camp on the beach. I should just say I'm homeless and get a prime camping spot.

01:39:48 Katie Taylor: Reject Housing Frist is a no brainer! Will do nothing to solve the problem. Waste of money and the homeless problem will grow larger with better goodies offered in Carlsbad.

01:39:49 Anthony Bona: Why are so concerned about putting them out for having to move "more than" they feel is in excess? Shouldn't it be taxpayers first?

01:39:50 Denis Jensen: Thank you, Noel!

01:39:50 Jean Walker: When did the residents of Carlsbad approve moving forward with the Housing First program? Did the City Manager host a symposium and get input from residents prior to the decision to move in that direction?

01:40:03 Angela Derby: laws should be for all not some.

01:40:38 Cathy Brendel:Of course all the homeless want to be in the Village and by the beach, don't we all - but can not afford. Homeless need to be helped and moved away from the beach and Village.

01:40:59 Anthony Bona: Exactly Cathy B!

01:41:22 Cathy Brendel:Why can homeless steal grocery carts?

01:41:44 Angela Derby: I VOTE NO ON THE HOTEL VOUCHER PROGRAM. Does my input matter on this?

01:41:53 Denis Jensen: Thanks, Cathy. I couldn't live at the beach until I could afford it. We do not need to accommodate or pay for that desire.

01:41:57 Jean Walker: Several people have asked which hotel will be hosting the homeless hotel voucher program. Can the City please answer that question tonight? The program is supposed to start this month, so a decision has obviously been made.

01:42:38 Gwen (She/Her) Kindness Matters: Being poor is not a crime.

01:42:39 Ellie Arkans: Denis, why is the Barrio the dumping ground???Ask your Council representative, Cori Schumacher!!!

01:42:43 Cathy Brendel:When will Carlsbad get new benches in the Village with dividers that prevent lying down? It seems really sad that residents and tourists don't even want to sit on the dirty benches.

01:42:43 Paul Marsteller: Loitering and smoking crack and lighting oneself on fire is apparently legal now. Seen in across from 101 Diner in Encinitas...

01:42:49 Noel Breen: Though I believe that our facilitators are great, was there not a US based firm or local firm that could have gotten this contract?

01:43:06 Tim Stipe: We're with Jean. Which motels?

01:43:08 Sharyl Hess: With all due respect Mickey, My own brother is homeless. He tells me exactly what they're looking for. They don't care if you interact with them. They are actually annoyed when you do.

01:43:15 Sandra Gravitt: Has anybody seen the park and ride on La Costa Ave/5 Freeway? I was there today and there are at least ten campers/cars/RVs plus the guy living in a tent. They take up at least a quarter of the spaces...urban camping

01:43:59 Jean Walker: Housing First hasn't been proven to do anything.

01:44:01 Jeff Toth: State of California knows best:((((

01:44:08 Anthony Bona: This is simply not true from what I have read.

01:44:14 Katie Taylor: Clearly the homeless are smart - they have learned how to control our cities, law enforcement and get what they need and want for FREE. And... any one thinks the homeless will change....why would they?

01:44:22 Anthony Bona: Furthermore affordable housing is a MYTH!

01:44:39 Denis Jensen: Whatever CA is doing is obviously not working

01:44:42 Kimberly Heitchew: moving forward with?!??

01:44:49 Christine Davis: Cathy B - I have asked for assistance with the bench issue in the Village. I will continue to follow up on it as I recommended the idea of making benches available for sitting but not sleeping. It's a small modification but I think it will be effective.

01:45:03 Anthony Bona: Affordable housing is called - MOVE TO Borrego

01:45:14 Denis Jensen: No, hotel vouchers have been a disaster in New York

01:45:15 Tim Stipe: Thank you. "Nothing to see here, move along"

01:45:17 The Benusis Family: I agree, our downtown area will suffer from the location of Windsor Pointe, including where our children play sports. The poor and expensive design should be called into question by all of us. Does this project from before the pandemic fit the current needs?

01:45:18 Paul Marsteller: after the first catastrophic motel fire THEN we'll perhaps get real...

01:45:24 Katie Taylor: Name a successful City with a successful Housing first program...

01:45:36 Noel Breen: Why are 'we the people" subsidizing limited service properties, as opposed to owning the facilities, and basing law enforcement and the appropriate support eco system on site?

01:46:06 Kevin Thompson: Sandra, I think they used to allow camping at the La Costa Park and Ride a long time ago. If you look in-between the lot and the lagoon you can see remnants from old structures...possibly barbecue pits.

01:46:07 Anthony Bona: Does it seem to anyone else here that they are making the "plan" up on the fly?

01:46:10 Tracy Carmichael: Double speaking... Good program and then if the person is doing something wrong then they will be removed from the program....

01:46:13 Noel Breen: @Katie- It depends who you ask...

01:46:22 Denis Jensen: Is it me or does the City have zero interest in our opinions and pushes through whatever they want, regardless?

01:46:24 Jean Walker: Non-Housing First programs have been successful throughout the U.S. It depends on the size of the city, the general population, the mentally ill vs. drug addicted vs. down on their luck homeless issues. Saying that Housing First is "proven" best is inaccurate.

01:46:39 Kimberly Heitchew: they talk like it is a done deal

01:46:48 Anthony Bona: As a tax paying citizen I think we deserve to see the FULL, comprehensive plan.

01:46:53 Paul Marsteller: Are Fairbanks Ranch and Rancho Santa Fe "experiencing" encampments in their parks? Pray tell, how are they avoiding that.

01:46:58 Sandra Gravitt: Denis...exactly

01:47:25 Tracy Carmichael: This does not make any sense because they have need offered help and they do NOT want the help . They want to stay i8n the party!

01:47:33 Anthony Bona: We need to oppose this everyone. It is NOT a good plan.

01:47:52 Jeff Toth: How do we organize against this?

01:47:52 Sharyl Hess: Holly, you are in over your head. You are not understanding the difference between TRUE homelessness and drug addicted people who WANT TO LIVE ON THE STREETS.

We are the taxpayers and REJECT Housing First Peograms!!

01:47:56 Noel Breen: @Paul- the rich have their ways of getting attention we do not recieve.

01:48:01 Cathy Brendel:Also don't see homeless in Solana Beach - even on their very nice and clean bike/walking trail.

01:48:22 Denis Jensen: It sounds like they've been meeting with homeless advocate profiteers. Don't take my word for it, Google Affirmed Housing and their "donations" to SD City officials.

01:48:25 Anthony Bona: Thank you Sheryl Hess!

01:48:29 Tracy Carmichael: The County can do their job of Health and Human Services!

01:48:51 Bradford Jacobs: You also don't see them in Del Mar, La Jolla or Coronado...

01:49:09 Katie Taylor: Does the City Staff ever discuss the problems our residents are having with crime or is it all about the homeless. I hear nothing about concerns for our residents from staff.

01:49:12 Anthony Bona: Love the SAVE CARLSBAD shirt Kim H - Stylish!

01:49:28 Sharyl Hess: What!!?? You can pitch a tent anywhere in the city?? It seems like the city has already made up their minds. We do not want

01:49:44 Sharyl Hess: The Housing First Program

01:49:52 Jean Walker: What is the City's plan for dealing with the first fire in the homeless hotel rooms? What is the plan for dealing with the child molestations that will happen in these hotel rooms because no one is background checked? What happens when a resident in the homeless hotel is cooking meth in their room and blows up the hotel. Please recall the hash oil house fire near Carlsbad High a few years ago.

01:49:54 Sharyl Hess: We do want it

01:50:00 Denis Jensen: For the record and accountability, everyone against the City's current homeless plan, please say so here. I find it feckless and I am against it.

01:50:21 Tracy Carmichael: The City would have to disclose how many homeless we have because then we know how many shelter beds would be needed.

01:50:22 Tim Stipe: Against It.

01:50:26 Jeff Toth: How do we organize against this?

01:50:27 Sharyl Hess: Enough about Covid!

01:50:34 Anthony Bona: I am following my neighbor Denis Jensen's lead - I REJECT THIS PLAN!

01:50:45 Katie Taylor: The homeless program as planned is worthless.

01:50:55 Sharyl Hess: Covid is now an excuse you are using. ENOUGH

01:51:06 Angela Derby: Other cities are disrupting camps! why aren't we?

01:51:06 Sandra Gravitt: My takeaway from this meeting: We have homeless. The problem is getting worse. It will continue to get worse. Thank you, and good night.

01:51:35 Angela Derby: Yes Sandra!

01:51:42 Patrick Connolly: Any homeless plan without enforcement is doomed to fail.

01:51:47 Angela Derby: What Hotel?????

01:52:00 Katie Taylor: How much is the homeless problem costing the city currently with police time and clean-up?

01:52:03 Paul Marsteller: How many hep cases have been created here since encamping has been tolerated?

01:52:46 Jean Walker: There have been at least five specific requests tonight to know which hotel has been chosen for the homeless hotel voucher program. The City really MUST respond to that basic question.

01:52:49 Angela Derby: Looks like it's up to us citizens to solve this problem!

01:52:52 Sharyl Hess: This is ridiculous

01:53:08 Tim Stipe: If we have a bed can we pitch a tent at Magee park for the weekend? Can we have out of town family camp there? technically they dont have a bed here

01:53:10 Sandra Gravitt: Sheryl - Yes, Covid. Earlier, did you catch the "systemic racism" mention?

01:53:18 Jeff Toth: 4 people made decisions that will severely impact our lives

01:53:23 Sharyl Hess: Yep, that's right Angela. I hope people are ready!!

01:53:59 Sharyl Hess: We will not stand for this. The citizens need to be heard and LISTENED to!!

01:54:54 Angela Derby: Do we get a say?

01:55:22 Katie Taylor: How about bus tickets back home for the 30% of the homeless that are not Carlsbad residents - that is a better start than a hotel voucher program....and a lot less money.

01:55:43 Sharyl Hess: And what about background checks Holly?

01:55:45 Paul Marsteller: The program ends in Sept, but doesn't start until July?? Is that true?

01:56:54 Tim Stipe: lol

01:56:54 Tracy Carmichael: Currently how many families are homeless in Carlsbad today?

01:56:59 Rosemary Eshelman: Interfaith just received funding to open a shelter

01:57:06 Tim Stipe: 😞

01:57:08 Cathy Brendel: We need enhanced lighting in the Village. I know of lots of women who are frightened to walk after dark due to homeless people and criminals. We need to have better cleaning in the Village and enhanced landscaping. People take better care of common spaces when they look like someone cares. The sidewalks, benches, trash cans all are dirty. The planters and landscaping looks like no one cares.

01:57:15 Bradford Jacobs: According to the city, families account for less than 1% of the homeless population in Carlsbad!

01:57:18 Jeff Toth: Great, put high problem people into our neighborhood and tourism areas

01:57:54 Denis Jensen: Jeff's comment is not an exaggeration

01:57:58 Angela Derby: We need to be included in the decision making in which hotel is being used. It is our choice too since we are the ones being impacted by all of this.

01:58:09 Tim Stipe: and what of the 100 that come to fill the void?

01:58:13 Ellie Arkans: Any questions for Council member Schumacher???

01:58:16 Katie Taylor: Why not contact Camp Pendleton to help start housing for homeless vets on base.

01:58:33 The Benusis Family: Cathy brings up good point. I have seen people hiding in the bushes along the bike path and in the bushes along the parameter of the Community Center off of Harding. They are there right now.

01:58:35 Kristina Ray, City of Carlsbad: Someone asked about the subcommittee meeting 6/28. It starts at 4. Details will be on this page, and you can also sign up to be notified directly <https://www.carlsbadca.gov/city-hall/city-council/committees>

01:59:07 Paul Marsteller: great idea Katie/ Makes too much sense, I'd guess/

01:59:08 Diane Bedrosian: Camp Pendleton is federal land. Can't put homeless there. Would be good to use abandoned bases like Fort Ord but it would need fed support

01:59:27 Tracy Carmichael: How about using the emergency evacuation plan for housing model for this?

01:59:36 Cathy Brendel: Hear Hear about Katie's idea of Camp Pendleton and homeless vets. Let's work regionally and Camp Pendleton is a great regional source, as is Mira Mar.

02:00:12 Tim Stipe: Our bases are to ready our troops.

02:00:31 Katie Taylor: Boise is a Federal Law - time to use Federal resources.

02:00:38 Jeff Toth: There are at least three homeless people from outside Carlsbad in the Ralphs parking lot right now

02:00:47 Sharyl Hess: I don't believe the numbers

02:01:11 Denis Jensen: those numbers all seem suspect

02:01:18 The Benusis Family: Except we will be bussing people with a severe mental illness in from all around the state, away from their previous services, to be housed in Windsor Pointe.

02:01:31 Diane Bedrosian: Yeah Boise is federal law but the city can't just go and take a secure and essential military base - be real

02:01:55 Gwen (She/Her) Kindness Matters: Thank you for the mention of United States Veterans - so many of those who are unsheltered are dealing with the challenges of PTSD and have served our Country with honor - please keep them in mind during these discussions.

02:02:10 Denis Jensen: CA fair housing laws say that the City cannot prioritize Carlsbad residents. If you build it, they will come.

02:02:29 Bradford Jacobs: We keep hearing 70% from various cities; they suspiciously seem to be using the same number for "local" homeless.

02:02:36 Sharyl Hess: Holly, please. These numbers are not true. There are homeless from Oregon here. Lots of them

02:02:49 Katie Taylor: Nothing offered here tonight is going to move the homeless of our streets, parks and beach area....absolutely nothing.

02:02:57 Sharyl Hess: Their last address was not in Carlsbad.

02:03:25 Sharyl Hess: Omygosh!!! What!?

02:04:00 Sharyl Hess: This is not a good plan!!! Please listen to the people's ideas!!

02:04:15 Bradford Jacobs: If that slick video gets out, we'll get homeless flocking to Carlsbad.

02:04:29 Diane Bedrosian: Farmers Building - why can't it be used?

02:04:30 Sharyl Hess: We've got to stop this

02:04:40 The Benusis Family: Regarding the way Carlsbad is treating our veterans, they are using \$30 million of the budget that was allocated specifically for them for the Windsor Pointe project yet it will be a violation of the fair housing restriction to ensure any veterans be guaranteed any benefit.

02:04:57 Katie Taylor: Hire staff...more money...more tax dollars spent on a homeless program that will not work. Does the City offer transportation back home to the homeless?

02:05:04 Denis Jensen: This should all go to a vote. Why would it not?

02:05:04 Brian Watts: Cori and Holly, thank you for all that you are doing. Keep up the great work.

02:05:17 Cathy Brendel:Bradford that is exactly why we need a regional approach. Carlsbad's funds should be going to a regional solution.

02:05:42 Sharyl Hess: Yes! Agree Denis! This needs to go to a vote by the people!!

02:05:57 Diane Bedrosian: Yes Benusus Family - Windsor Pointe was supposed to be just for veterans initially. Th company did a bait and switch and our mayor just let it happen and it was approved under our noses. Place blame where it is due.

02:06:09 Sue I: thank you Cori for having the courage to address this subject

02:06:26 Katie Taylor: Even if you provide housing the homeless will still be on the streets - they are not going to stay in a hotel room.

02:06:39 Diane Bedrosian: Farmers Building sits vacant for 20 years. It could be used - why not??

02:06:48 Denis Jensen: As with the aforementioned atrocious Windsor Pointe homeless facility being put next to my kids, for which we had hundreds of neighbors against it, the City cared ZERO about what the constituents wanted.

02:06:53 The Benusis Family: Quality of life! They are poorly addressing this issue to create numerous public health issues for the entire community. Within the past few weeks, I

have not be able to take my children to the playground due to the encampments. I have not been able to run or use the public bathrooms for fear for my safety!

02:06:54 Sharyl Hess: PLEASE those in "charge" read the chat box

02:07:19 Kimberly Heitchew: why isn't Cori speaking? She introduced the Voucher program

02:07:42 Jeff Toth: Who's organizing the opposition to this? Petition, legal?

02:07:56 Katie Taylor: Cori does not want to take responsibility for a BAD IDEA!

02:08:12 Denis Jensen: Does anyone want to recall the entire Council at this point?

02:08:19 Diane Bedrosian: Yes Denis Jensen - Windsor Pointe was out at the end of the evening so only 2 speakers were left to speak. Neighbors would have spoken in more number but we know who makes the agenda order.

02:08:26 Kimberly Heitchew: yes

02:08:35 Sharyl Hess: Absolutely Kelly!!!

02:08:36 Barbara Campbell: Katie stop blaming Cori

02:08:49 Katie Taylor: Seems like a clean sweep is needed.

02:08:58 Sharyl Hess: It is Cori. Why wouldn't she?

02:09:40 Katie Taylor: ReCall Cori is a good start

02:09:44 Rosemary Eshelman: Kelly put that in the chat to be recorded

02:09:49 Diane Bedrosian: Cori did not approve Windsore POinte. Please - the elephant in the room is that this was pushed under the council's noses but the mayor knew what the bait and switch was.

02:09:51 Angela Derby: Absolutely! cClean sweep. Save Carlsbad!

02:10:35 Diane Bedrosian: Denis Jensen good questions.

02:10:38 Angela Derby: Diane you are incorrect!

02:11:07 Katie Taylor: Anthony - SPOT ON!

02:11:26 Sharyl Hess: Yes, spot on Anthony!!!

02:12:04 Diane Bedrosian: Angela I know what the vote was - you can try to rewrite history but it's on video.

02:12:11 Tim Stipe: Anthony saying what we all feel.

02:12:24 Denis Jensen: Thanks, Tony.

02:12:35 Sharyl Hess: Yep, Anthony

And Kelly, Denis saying how we feel

02:12:55 Gwen (She/Her) Kindness Matters: Reminder: Kindness Matters

02:13:39 Angela Derby: Diane. Yes Watch the video again. She did vote for it. I am not rewriting history. I am speaking the truth.

02:14:07 Diane Bedrosian: She voted for it as did the rest of the council, Angela. And the mayor put it at the end of the evening so only 2 speakers were there. Yep it's on video.

02:14:13 Katie Taylor: Tracy - great question

02:14:27 Sharyl Hess: Thank you Tracy!!!!

02:14:39 Diane Bedrosian: Blaming one person for 5 people voting for osomething, and when the program was changed under their noses - is disingenuous.

02:14:39 Sharyl Hess: We need you back on council!

02:15:12 Anthony Bona: Changed under their noses? They were all briefed

02:15:19 Sharyl Hess: Yes Paul. Great question

02:15:42 Angela Derby: Yes Anthony!!

02:15:57 Sharyl Hess: Yes Patrick, I would love that.

02:16:05 Sharyl Hess: Great question

02:16:05 Diane Bedrosian: No - no one except for a few understood that it was switched to severe mentally ill, not just veterans. That was not made clear. Yes the council should have done their homework but blaming one person is...disingenuous. And it was put last on the agenda which was not right.

02:16:36 Denis Jensen: Don't forget that homeless here have murdered a woman and raped an elderly woman in a retirement home. Does anything the City is doing prevent the next incident?

02:16:42 Angela Derby: It was made very clear. Rewatch!

02:16:45 Sharyl Hess: And yes, spot on Rosemary!!

02:16:53 Anthony Bona: Diane B - You clearly live in an alternate universe.

02:17:24 Kimberly Heitchew: I think Virginia wants to ask a question

02:17:27 Diane Bedrosian: I've watched it bunches of times. The mayor voted for it too and didn't let it be discussed until later in the evening. Cori tried to revisit it and was not seconded. So - put blame where it should be placed.

02:17:35 Tim Stipe: Thank you Rosemary 🍷

02:17:40 Tracy Carmichael: Proposed programs that on agendas should be read by elected officials and that are their responsibility to ask question prior to voting!

02:17:47 Sharyl Hess: Yes that is my issue. The mentally ill and the people that do not want help

02:17:58 Sharyl Hess: Thank you Rosemary

02:18:03 Tim Stipe: Diane take it to your fb page

02:18:24 Anthony Bona: Thanks Tim - That way they can all agree.

02:18:30 Angela Derby: Agree Tim

02:18:45 Diane Bedrosian: OH Tim I'm just as allowed to speak here as you.....

02:19:57 Jeff Toth: Great comments.

02:19:59 Rosemary Eshelman: Great Comments

02:20:21 Sharyl Hess: Marji Gawitt lived 10 doors down from me. I am VERY passionate about this issue. That was unnecessary and a horrible situation. Her family and friends are devates

02:21:01 Rosemary Eshelman: Virginia good comments

02:21:05 Noel Breen: @Tim, don't worry the Hate Factory will have plenty to say later. But Diane is right, she does get to talk.

02:21:16 Angela Derby: Sharyl, are you on our email list?

02:21:27 Sharyl Hess: No but I want to be

02:21:28 Diane Bedrosian: Big man Noel in a chat group.....

02:21:49 Anthony Bona: STOP immediately. Make a PLAN THEN VOTE.

02:21:51 Katie Taylor: Thank you Sharyl for reminding everyone about the horrible murder of Marjorie Gawitt by 2 homeless people.

02:21:54 Angela Derby: send a message just to me and ill add you.

02:22:00 Margaret - Tech: project website =
<https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/police/programs/homeless-outreach-team>

02:22:06 Jan Lewis: Must be a regional solution.

02:22:15 Denis Jensen: Advice: It's obvious that the problematic homeless are the mentally ill and drug addict homeless, not people simply down on their luck and I think we should stop pretending otherwise.

02:22:25 Margaret - Tech: Sign up for Email updates:
<https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001uIM2HFQzzSY0EwH6q8G0c5GZlgwwYhaoXj1VW5DnGtKzswmhu9C6t4Rzk38LUEal5FuhPvx754yychO9oh836uSDA9IMml67ez1fADxMMxk%3D>

02:22:28 Jeff Toth: Please don't do it. We beg you

02:22:29 Diane Bedrosian: Agreed Denis.

02:22:36 Tracy Carmichael: Return to public meeting,, respectfully listen and think about the safety of our residents

02:22:36 Angela Derby: Be nice Diane

02:22:43 Anthony Bona: It is NOT a homeless issue.

02:22:44 hope nelson: Diane is correct. Cori called for an audit of the Windsor Point project. They used some dollars in a way that was potentially inappropriate, to find additional capital. When Cori called for the audit, no one was willing to 2nd it. It could have potentially stopped but one vote is not enough. Where was the rest of our Council on that one?

02:23:11 The Benusis Family: I agree with Denis, we need our city and police to create preventive strategies to protect our community. There are communicable diseases that become more prominent when the homeless are integrated into the public spaces. In addition to social workers, what about disease prevention specialists that can survey our public parks.

02:23:13 Anthony Bona: That's a COMPLETE LIE Hope Nelson

02:23:14 Kimberly Heitchew: please reject the hotel voucher program

02:23:19 Diane Bedrosian: Angela - "be nice"? I haven't said anything not nice. City council members as you know and agree, can be discussed as our free speech.

02:23:20 Cathy Brendel: Please re-evaluate the proposed programs. Citizen comments seem to have raised many valid concerns and some solid ideas for some solutions. Committee should certainly go thorough each of tonight's comments and comments from the other citizen Zoom meetings.

02:23:34 Noel Breen: I was defending your right to speak to Mr. Stipe. I did not specify whose "Hate factory" we will be blasted on.

What final piece of advice or insight would you like to share with the Homeless Action Subcommittee?

02:23:36 THERESA CARPENTER: the people of Carlsbad need to vote on this....it should NOT be up to the council

02:23:44 Teri Jacobs: No programs can have a positive outcome without municipal codes and legislation...our HOT team is amazing and they need more tools!

02:23:45 Sharyl Hess: To the committee: The PEOPLE get to vote on this topic. It needs to be separate from the budget

02:23:49 Virginia Murphy: Please work with local NAMI for their insights regarding homeless mentally ill.

02:23:54 Denis Jensen: Agreed, Theresa!

02:23:59 Katie Taylor: Stop the Hotel Voucher Program. The problem is not going to improve with the current proposal - residents and business owners will continue to suffer.

02:24:07 Bradford Jacobs: The city has to get a handle on this or it can kiss tourism and local businesses goodbye.

02:24:08 Patrick Connolly: Appreciate the listening, and the listing of comments, but time for talk is over. Now is the time for action to ensure that not only are our homeless folks offered the best services but that effective enforcement is available for the chronic homeless who would take advantage of our deferred enforcement.

02:24:12 Tish Robinson: Insight to share with the Homeless Action Subcommittee: Thank you for continuing to hear from all points of view and all stakeholders, and for continuing to rely on cutting-edge research on how best to help people experiencing homelessness.

02:24:21 Kelly LeBerthon: Please look into the failures of Housing First programs and the successes and studies that highlight successful Treatment First programs in Houston, TX, Birmingham, AL Do not just throw money at this - the Housing First FAILS because it does not require abstinence.

02:24:30 Margaret - Tech:
<https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/police/programs/homeless-outreach-team>

02:24:36 Paul Marsteller: freudian slip by Cori tells us all we need to know about her wide political motivations to run this program, even though it is counter any common sense.

02:24:42 Tracy Carmichael: I appreciate everyone attending and sharing your thoughts on this important issue! Tracy

02:24:43 Noel Breen: There needs to be PERMANENT assistive housing. Not this insane piecemeal approach.

02:24:45 Gwen (She/Her) Kindness Matters: "Treat others as you wish to be treated."

02:24:53 Brian Watts: yes, please work with NAMI in the development of any programs.

02:24:54 Ellie Arkans: Stop spending monies without a solid plan. Who is the money really helping??? The homeless are still homeless and do not have the capacity to ask for help, if they especially want it. There are two types of homeless, one that wants the help, second is one that take advantage the system.

02:24:55 Angela Derby: We want to vote

02:25:11 Gwen (She/Her) Kindness Matters: "Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." (the 14th Dalai Lama)

02:25:12 Christine Davis: I work in the Village every day and walk the streets and alleys every day, multiple times per day. The homeless people I encounter are not simply without a home but are seriously mentally ill and unstable and do not wish to be helped. For those who don't go into the voucher program, don't forget to include services and an action plan for those who don't want to go through the program.

02:25:13 Kelly LeBerthon: <https://christopherrufo.com/homelessness-in-america/#easy-footnote-bottom-6-1965>

02:25:13 Tim Stipe: Great job Kim 🙌

02:25:18 Sharyl Hess: Thank you Kim. You did a nice job. This is not easy

02:25:19 Jeff Toth: Cori cares about her resume, not Carlsbad

02:25:36 Denis Jensen: Advice: this plan should go to a constituent vote

02:25:37 Kelly LeBerthon: <https://christopherrufo.com/the-limits-of-housing-first/>

02:26:00 Kevin Thompson: Thanks to city staff for facilitating. This is not an easy topic but very important.

02:26:06 Katie Taylor: Residents First!

02:26:07 Rosemary Eshelman: Please be sure to listen to what the people have said so people don't feel this is a waste of time. We are here to discuss Carlsbad not the State of California. It is an everyday situation and we need to work with all providers to make sure we solve this issue.

02:26:16 Kelly LeBerthon: https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/la-homeless-camp-cleanup-tons-trash-biological-waste?utm_source=Examiner%20Today_05/12/2021&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=WEX_Examiner%20Today&rid=24847291

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What is one thing you know for sure about homelessness in Carlsbad?

00:52:42 Ellie Arkans: 

00:53:20 Lela Panagides: A majority of the people are from Carlsbad.

00:53:21 Jennifer Spilman: It has increased.

00:53:30 Joanne Hackett: It has increased.

00:53:33 Jen Belnap: Number of homeless is on the rise in Carlsbad

00:53:34 Loren Lasche: Agree, getting worse

00:53:38 Anthony Bona: It is getting worse and worse by the day

00:53:39 Jeff Morness: There seems to have been an increase.

00:53:40 Liz Lopez: It's increasing and increasingly feeling unsafe

00:53:48 Judy Rees: There is a lot more of them than ever...

00:53:50 Ellie Arkans: I have never seen so much homeless in Carlsbad as well as in SD county

00:53:55 Susan Westlund: big increase

00:53:58 Chelsey Adams: Increasing

00:54:01 Jackie Peacock: Seeing it in my neighborhood

00:54:08 Lela Panagides: Number reason is due to lack of housing affordability.

00:54:11 Lisa Albers: A low percentage have severe mental disorders.

00:54:21 Brenda Mitchell: There is a definite disagreement about the facts about homelessness

00:54:29 Judy Rees: There are a lot of homeless pets, too.

What is one thing you are uncertain about related to homelessness in Carlsbad?

00:54:53 Sans Hartzell: a solution

00:54:56 Jennifer Spilman: How to make it better.

00:54:57 Diane Rivera: We need more ancillary services.

00:54:57 Jackie Peacock: What is causing the increase

00:55:08 Susan Westlund: will it improve

00:55:09 Michelle Laird: Exactly how many homeless there are

00:55:09 Anthony Bona: I am uncertain that I will be murdered like other innocent neighbors

00:55:18 Lela Panagides: How are organizations (NGOs, non profits) and government working together collaboratively to address the situation.

00:55:23 jerome lacote: would need to know more facts and data

00:55:24 Angela Townsend: I don't know what our city strategy is.

00:55:26 Chelsey Adams: If the people making the decisions actually have the people of Carlsbad's best interests in mind

00:55:26 Michelle Laird: Long-term solutions

00:55:27 Diane Rivera: What are the solutions for those who have severe mental illness.

00:55:29 Brenda Mitchell: What are we doing for the future of homelessness as it is rising year after year,

00:55:29 Joanne Hackett: Uncertain about how to help house.

00:55:30 Jeff Morness: How much of it is from drug addiction and/or mental illness?

00:55:30 Jean Walker: I disagree that homeless people in Carlsbad are from Carlsbad. It depends on how you ask them the question. Additionally, many are mentally ill or drug addicted and do not have the ability to accurately answer that question.

00:55:38 Judy Rees: do they have hotel rooms?

00:55:47 jerome lacote: is there really an increase?

00:55:51 Tracy Carmichael: Relating to the homeless population, how and why did they come to Carlsbad?

00:55:55 Ellie Arkans: There is so much money put into the homeless. Where is the accountability

00:56:16 Jen Belnap: If the money the city spends will actually help cure the problem or just further add more numbers of homeless to our area

00:56:24 Kelly Dennehy: How the city protects children from being exposed to the homeless and dangerous situations

00:57:34 Jean Walker: Is there a reason why Carlsbad is not working with the Alpha Project regarding the homeless hotel voucher program? National City recently cleaned up a homeless camp and partnered with Alpha Project.

00:59:13 Jean Walker: Why is Carlsbad City Council favoring La Posada moving toward a "low barrier" program? Many people support La Posada's long history of requiring clients to have the "buy in" of being clean and sober.

01:00:40 Liz Lopez: Which hotels in carlsbad (besides the well known Motel 6's around) house the homeless?

01:01:26 Jean Walker: Housing First is a model that allows homeless people to live for free without any "buy in", commitments, etc. It is not a responsible statement for the city to state that "studies show" other methods don't work. Many studies also show that "housing first" is ineffective.

01:02:20 Ellie Arkans: What are the current homeless numbers in Carlsbad?

01:04:46 Jen Belnap: What kind of accountability measures will be put in place?

01:05:06 Tim Stipe: I'm all for helping the down n out homeless that use the services provided, but there's an element of druggie criminal wondering transients that are riding on the

coat tail of "homeless". Their refusing services/help and just doing what they damn well please. This is what we are talking about that is ruining our quality of life.

01:05:52 Ellie Arkans: How many beds are available for individuals and families? How do you determine who gets placed? What are the requirements to keep housing for those individuals offered homes?

01:06:13 Tim Stipe: What is the plan to deal with the whacked out crazy transients that flat out refuse services? Will they just be left to continue to take over?

01:06:14 Michelle Laird: What will the city's response be to will who don't wish to be employed or helped?

01:06:33 Tracy Carmichael: Is the City or social workers referring to Solutions for Change or all referrals only to the provided contractors?

01:06:48 Lela Panagides: I recommend this podcast called 'We the Unhoused' if you want to hear the lived experience from people who are unsheltered.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/we-the-unhoused/id1490017575>

01:07:05 Joanne Hackett: Will Carlsbad work with Interfaith as well as La Posada?

01:09:12 Michelle Laird: Has any collaboration been done with successful agencies like San Diego Rescue Mission or Solutions for Change?

01:13:35 Tim Stipe: District 1 feels the same.

01:14:38 Rod H.: Let's learn from Coronado and Dana Point, not emulate Venice Beach.

01:14:40 Ellie Arkans: District 4 is right behind you, District 1!

01:18:14 Deon Arnold: We are all concerned and empathetic to the plight of the homelessness but the fact is no one wants our security, taxes, and home values to be impacted.

01:19:46 Jean Walker: It is my understanding that homeless people are currently being housed at Hyland Inn on Pio Pico. Is there a reason why the City decided to house homeless people there during Covid knowing that St. Patrick Catholic school was in session with over 400 kids attending in person, six doors away from the Hyland Inn? Hyland Inn is also located in a residential neighborhood, one block away from Holiday Park, two blocks away from Pine Park and two blocks from Chase Field. That hotel is absolutely an inappropriate place to house homeless people.

01:21:54 Jennifer Spilman: Good question. I live on the border with Oceanside and there is a huge homelessness issue at the Albertson's parking lot area on Marron.

01:22:03 Diane Rivera: What is a Recuperative Care Center? Could this be the same as Adult Day Care Center to provide daily supportive services as well as service to help homeless folks improve their situation?

01:23:17 Lela Panagides: @Diane Recuperative care (also known as medical respite) is a not-for-profit program that offers healthcare providers a safe place to discharge homeless patients when they no longer require hospitalization but still need to heal from an illness or injury.

01:25:21 Hope Nelson: Would those that have other data they want to compare, please share the source of the data so we can increase our knowledge and compare.

01:25:38 Diane Rivera: Thank you @lela

01:26:24 Jean Walker: Hope Nelson, there are many practices. To refer to "housing first" as a best practice is inaccurate. Many studies also show that "housing first" is not a best practice.

01:26:45 Judy Rees: Have we been able to track how our tourist has been affected by the homeless sleeping on our beaches and sidewalks at the beach.

01:27:38 Jean Walker: Sorry! That comment above was intended to be addressed to Holly Nelson. Apologies!

01:28:51 Jen Belnap: Who is managing the accountability and what does accountability in the area of homelessness look like?

01:30:13 Deon Arnold: How does housing first address the issues with panhandlers and loitering? Housing doesn't ensure that these individuals are not out at any time doing this.

01:30:35 Jen Belnap: Then why not stick to that hotel and that location that was successful?

01:30:41 Tracy Carmichael: Did the City Council vote to go to the Housing First, No place like home funding model?

01:31:01 Hope Nelson: Jean Walker, just asking to cite the source. Can you do that? BTW this is not Next Door.

01:31:10 Jean Walker: Holly Nelson, that County program was happening at Hyland Inn on Pio Pico. It was six doors down from St. Patrick Catholic school without notification to the parents. Amazingly inappropriate.

01:31:47 Kelly Dennehy: I didn't hear any consideration for the children, we heard that Motel 6 has said yes. The police are already there almost daily. Why cannot the city verify or do a background check?

01:33:13 Tim Stipe: Are these services and housing going to be available only to the residents of Carlsbad who became homeless or anyone coming from out of area who want to live in our coastal community?

01:33:55 Jeff Morness: Great question, @Tim!

01:36:46 Tim Stipe: So that's just monitoring not prevention.

01:38:04 Deon Arnold: There is an argument that the more services a city provides the more there will those who exploit it. If there are no qualifying or other requirement to show prior Carlsbad residency, how do we ensure that more are not encouraged to come here?

01:39:28 Jeff Morness: If a crime occurs, do you categorize it as someone who is homeless/transient? I believe I have heard the answer to this is no. How do you measure improvements if you don't do this?

01:39:45 Lela Panagides: Is the City of Carlsbad applying for grant funds through the State's Project Homekey Program?

01:41:12 Jean Walker: Here is an article regarding how the Housing First model is not a best practice. <https://www.manhattan-institute.org/housing-first-effectiveness>

01:41:21 Tim Stipe: what about the other 30%? Left on our streets?

01:42:23 Deon Arnold: Crime is a big concern but let's all admit that quality of life for ALL is an issue as well.

01:43:58 Jean Walker: Another article regarding how homeless hotel vouchers programs led to overdose deaths to skyrocket in San Francisco. <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/23/us/fentanyl-overdoses-san-francisco.html>

01:44:05 Tracy Carmichael: Did the City of Carlsbad publicly announce a request for proposal in the program contractors ?

01:44:31 Chelsey Adams: Holly mentioned that they were going to be “mindful” of what motels they use for this program and I’m confused why the motels on Avenida Encinas would even be considered knowing how many small children live directly across the street.

General comments

01:46:47 Tim Stipe: Final piece of advice:

01:46:54 Katie Taylor: Carlsbad is doomed with this model.

01:47:49 Brenda Mitchell: Continue to hold to supporting fact based research and evidence that is available to you.

01:48:03 Katie Taylor: The video was so juvenile it was insulting - presentation for 4th graders. Katie Taylor

01:48:10 Lela Panagides: My advice for others: Go and talk to people who are unsheltered. Listen to a podcast such as ‘We the Unhoused’ to hear from people who are unhoused or have direct experience being unhoused. Keep an open mind and be curious.

01:48:19 Liz Lopez: How can I feel safe walking around and playing at parks and walking on trails with my children? I’ve lived in carlsbad in the same house for 20+ years and regardless of the statistics, the homelessness problem is getting extremely increasingly worse and I feel like the problem is getting danced around.

01:48:42 Jen Belnap: You never answered whether or not there are rules preventing housing and/or services for the homeless from being located near areas where children dwell.

01:48:50 Liz Lopez: Agreed Katie Taylor!!

01:49:21 Diane Rivera: I would like to see going forward a very specific Budget and Budget to Actual reported monthly. I would like to see this month, Last month, Yr to date vs Budget. This needs to be presented to City Council along with a narrative from this month compared to previous month and compared to Yr to date vs Budget. This would reflect \$\$ from Fed, State and City.

01:49:41 Jen Belnap: Being “mindful” of locations is not the same as being accountable for where the services are located.

What final piece of advice or insight would you like to share with the Homeless Action Subcommittee?

01:50:17 Tim Stipe: Final Piece of advice: Please stop using failed playbooks that other cities have realized were a mistake and have abandoned. Find cities that have success and copy them. Enforcement works on the element that is destroying our quality of life. Compassion for remaining few.

01:50:21 Jeff Morness: We chose to move to Carlsbad because it was a safe community and a great place to raise a family. However, over the last couple of years we have noticed a large increase in the amount of homeless and feel less safe here. We cannot let this spiral; we used to live in LA and do not want Carlsbad to go down the same path.

01:50:26 Chris Durnan: I would like to see more emphasis on immediate response to mental health issues. We need a facility (not jail or the ER) where our people experiencing psychosis can receive professional help and housing.

01:50:37 Brenda Mitchell: What are the actual statistics of homeless in Carlsbad attacking our residents or children. The homeless outreach in Carlsbad are in touch with the homeless on a daily basis.

01:50:40 Liz Lopez: We're going to end up like Portland Or soon enough

01:52:11 Katie Taylor: What percentage of police contacts is with homeless people monthly? How are the homeless draining policing time?

01:52:58 Lisa Albers: I agree with Chris Durnan. Immediate response for mental health issues when individuals appear to be a danger to themselves or others outside of jail and ER.

01:53:14 jerome lacote: If I summarize: housing first is supported by evidence, criminality is not related to homelessness, 70% homeless are from Carlsbad. Many people are not willing to accept these facts.

01:53:19 Tim Stipe: Please sideline the time/tax money spent on sandag, clean energy, micro aggression training, etc... and put it towards finding ways to enforce

01:54:12 Katie Taylor: Tim Stipe you are 100% correct! Katie Taylor

01:56:09 Patti Jo Wiebe: The Homeless Outreach Team has been an excellent presence. They do drive by businesses where people who are experiencing homelessness have been known to stay. Thank you.

01:56:36 jerome lacote: Suprising that Carlsbad residents experiencing homelessness are not included in this call

01:57:02 Jen Belnap: There was a moratorium on evictions. How were they evicted?

01:57:11 Katie Taylor: Using terms like "experiencing" homeless dilutes the issue.

01:57:41 Jeff Morness: "council's goal of reducing the homeless unsheltered population by 50% within five years. " So, can we expect the number of contacts to reduce from 500 in 2020 to 225 in 2025?

01:58:11 Katie Taylor: Experiencing homelessness or choosing homelessness? Wake Up!

01:58:17 Michelle Laird: Final piece of advice:
 Accountability - providing transparent, easily accessible statistics to the public (number of homeless, city funds being spent on whatever hotel arrangements are made, city funds being spent on this homelessness issue, crimes committed by the homeless population, outcomes - positive and negative). Accountability for the homeless as well - time frames and limit on how long they can receive free housing and assistance, accountability for behavior, curfews.

01:58:51 Liz Lopez: Why are some crimes completely out of the news?? Like the stabbing at the cole library by the transient woman who was high out of her mind on meth and then broke into the elderly lady's house down the street?!

01:58:55 Diane Rivera: Thank you everyone for all concerns, the work of City Council, staff and volunteers who work on a daily, weekly basis to feed and care for our homeless neighbors. We have so much work to do and services to provide. . For me, it is ancillary services and care for SMI (severe mental illness) services.

01:59:14 Tim Stipe: You continue to skirt around the issue. That issue is our parks, business doorways, sidewalks, bus benches, etc... are being taken over by transients that flat out refuse anything other than continuing to do what their doing. What is the plan for them?

01:59:16 Jean Walker: My advice would be for the City management and City Council to make decisions based on what residents in Carlsbad want. Have regular residents in the room where decisions are being made. Many residents have experiences of homelessness that

others are unaware of. There are many cities such as Oceanside, Santa Cruz and National City that ARE cleaning up encampments. There needs to be the political will to do something about homelessness.

01:59:36 Angela Townsend: My advice - be transparent and have a diverse set of stakeholders at the table and make sure they are heard.

01:59:37 Lela Panagides: I appreciate our City Council, City Staff and our Police Department for being evidence-based and data driven in their decision making as well as being proactive and collaborative in addressing this critical issue. Thank you for organizing this community session so we can all work together toward a higher quality of life for everyone.

02:00:53 Patti Jo Wiebe: Agree, Lela.

02:00:57 Katie Taylor: It seems all the sympathy is for the homeless and not the residents! Katie Taylor

02:01:01 Liz Lopez: Like Pine and Magee Park! Tim Stein. Agreed

02:01:32 Liz Lopez: Feeling even more hopeless.. fabulous.

02:01:41 Deon Arnold: Did you answer the question regarding volunteer opportunities?

02:02:48 Tracy Carmichael: Fiscal responsibility and accountable to the residents safety

02:03:00 Lisa Albers: Provide frequent updates with facts and statistics and money spent.

02:03:07 Jeff Morness: I second what Michelle Laird said...

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02:03:26 Michelle Laird: Thank you for your time and for holding these meetings.

Accountability and transparency is so important in terms of building trust with our community.

02:04:18 Chelsey Adams: Final piece of advice: exactly what Michelle Laird said AND be willing to pivot if/when your plan doesn't work.

02:04:30 Lela Panagides: Holly, you are doing a great job with probably one of the most complex issues facing our city. There are no simple solutions. We need to try something and get started to solve this problem, get feedback data, tweak the approach, continue to learn and move forward. It is an iterative approach.

02:04:31 Katie Taylor: With this plan of action - Carlsbad will be no better than Venice Beach in the near future. The homeless numbers are growing - everyone can see the increase. Katie Taylor

02:04:52 Tracy Carmichael: Thank you for hosting these information.

02:04:53 Brenda Mitchell: Thank you for your townhall meeting to answer the questions regarding our homeless populations. Especially appreciated the comments by Mickey Williams regarding the difference between general criminal activity as opposed to homeless activity.

02:05:03 Hope Nelson: It concerns me that without facts, a lot of things are being attributed to Homelessness. I had a discussion not too long ago with some younger people here

in town regarding how much of a cushion they had to prevent homelessness for themselves and their families. It is surprising how many are a few paychecks away. It could happen to many people, everywhere.

02:05:51 Hope Nelson: Many thank to the Staff for doing this tonight.

02:07:09 Patti Jo Wiebe: I agree, Hope. It could happen to anyone. Especially during pandemic, more people are homeless who never expected they would be due to loss of income and things outside their control. Bring empathy to the table.

02:07:22 Michelle Laird: I'd also like to know what the city has accomplished so far in terms of homelessness. Could you make that info available? Thanks!

02:07:58 Margaret - Tech:

<https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/police/programs/homeless-outreach-team>

02:08:29 Joanne Hackett: Advice would be to educate residents on source of homelessness. Maybe post their stories so we understand what happened.

02:08:39 Margaret - Tech: Email updates:

<https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001uIM2HFQzzSY0EwH6q8G0c5GZlgwwYhaoXj1VW5DnGtKzswmhu9C6t4Rzk38LUEal5FuhPvx754yychO9oh836uSDA9IMml67ez1fADxMMxk%3D>

02:08:43 Brenda Mitchell: When rental eviction restrictions are removed we could be seeing more people on the verge of homelessness.

02:09:01 Jen Belnap: Advice: establish accountability

02:09:53 Hope Nelson: Yes Brenda Mitchell. That's what I found in my conversations. Lots of folks only a paycheck away...

02:11:24 Patti Jo Wiebe: Thank you.

02:11:26 Hope Nelson: Well said Council Member Blackburn!

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What is one thing you know for sure about homelessness in Carlsbad?

17:33:36 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: Grateful to be here with all of you to work together, in kindness, on positive solutions to help those in need!

17:35:43 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Hi Mayor Matt.. looks like you at on the beach

17:36:42 Angela Derby: Hi everyone.

17:42:49 Tracy Carmichael: Thank you to everyone for coming to the conversation this evening.

17:43:22 Sarah Lemons, City of Carlsbad: Technical Support: Sarah Lemons, 442-200-8427

17:43:55 Kristina Ray, City of Carlsbad: Link to committee info
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/homelessresponse>

17:44:26 Aly Vredenburg: There is a mental health crisis and we need to approach mental health a lot better.

17:44:27 Erika Sherwood: It's on the rise

17:44:29 Jacqueline Simon: It is growing fast.

17:44:30 Beth Ford: It is lousy

17:44:32 Phillip Pometto : We have a homeless Taskforce

17:44:39 Chris Ross: It's grown

17:44:40 Anthony Bona: Murders, rapes, arson - its pretty bad.

17:44:41 Judith King: It seems to e getting worse.

17:44:42 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: If it continues or expands like San Francisco, we will lose our tourism business.

17:44:43 John Ranieri: it exists

17:44:44 Diana Aguirre she/her: HOT team has been great addition to the city

17:44:48 Jonathan Chan: A large majority of homeless people that I've encountered in Carlsbad don't want to be homeless

17:44:51 Sherryl Moore: It has increased to an uncomfortable level

17:44:53 thane rivers: we want less, not more

17:44:53 Susan/Stephen Eggen: Its on the rise

17:44:54 Deborah Mossa: It seems to be be worse than it has been in the past

17:44:57 Kelly LeBerthon: Housing First programs are not the answer to the homeless problem

17:45:00 Paul Marsteller: lots of drug users that formerly would have been arrested

17:45:02 Leah Parsanko: It is effecting MANY communities/people

17:45:02 Kristina Ray, City of Carlsbad: Homeless Subcommittee Meeting 6/28, 4 p.m.
<https://www.carlsbadca.gov/city-hall/city-council/committees>

17:45:07 Jennifer Scholz: It's on the rise

17:45:08 Teri Jacobs: Carlsbad does not have an accurate count of how many homeless individuals are here...

17:45:11 Angela Derby: It is getting worse and there seems no one wants to permanently solve this issue.

17:45:11 roco nasirpour: It is becoming way out of control and all the homeless people are moving to carlsbad with criminal intent!!

17:45:13 Jessica Kramer: our homeless are not afforded their civil rights protections, esp. in the form of Disability Rights in Compliance with the ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

17:45:17 Tracy Carmichael: Increasing and PD is working hard but are restricted in their capacity.

17:45:18 Beth Holmes: On the rise

17:45:21 Susan/Stephen Eggen: No simple answer

17:45:22 Corina O'Donnell: Regional issue

17:45:26 Jessica Kramer: Homeless people are dying on the streets of Carlsbad!!!!!!

17:45:35 Sandy Lund: I have lived here since the 70's and havre never seen it like this! Scary and dangerous to all!

17:45:43 Holly Hamel: increased dramatically over the past two years

17:45:49 katie (she/her): That the unsheltered community in Carlsbad is one of the most kindest, caring, and loving communities I've ever met. Also, that many people who are home owners in Carlsbad are extremely discriminatory towards these members of our community and are more focused on harming them than helping them.

17:46:18 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: How many are from other towns?

17:46:19 thane rivers: it is misnamed. Homeless portrays an economic problem. The problem is mental illness and drug addition problem
17:46:24 Jessica Kramer: how are we supposed to read these responses moving at light speed?
17:46:27 Jacqueline Simon: What is Carlsbad doing to about this growing populatiohn
17:46:30 Beth Ford: How will you protect tax-paying residents from violent vagrants?
17:46:31 Diane Rivera: One thing I know about Homelessness is there are many, many reasons for people to be homelessness. We need to understand the many kinds.

What is one thing you are uncertain about related to homelessness in Carlsbad?

17:46:32 John Ranieri: do the city programs work?
17:46:32 roco nasirpour: WHY ARE WE GIVIG HOTEL VOUCHERS TO HOMELESS PEOPLE
17:46:35 Corina O'Donnell: What Carlsbad is doing
17:46:35 Nikki Faddick: What exactly the process is when the HOT responds to a call.
17:46:41 Aly Vredenburgh: How is mental health being approached? What treatment and resources are being used?
17:46:46 Chris Ross: How to solve it
17:46:47 Leah Parsanko: Besides the hotel voucher program what is being done to reduce people on the streets?
17:46:51 Erika Sherwood: How it is being addressed in our community.
17:46:52 Diana Aguirre she/her: Unsure about the right solutions ...people complain and offer no viable solutions
17:46:53 Beth Holmes: Uncertain of the plans moving forward in Carlsbad or San Diego.
17:46:53 Tracy Carmichael: What agency will be accountable and responsible
17:46:58 Sandra Gravitt: I'm not sure the city council will have the willpower to do the right thing to reduce homelessness.
17:46:58 Jeremiah Patton: What exact hotels, name names
17:46:59 Jonathan Chan: Whether or not people care about the people or just see the "homeless issue" as a problem to be removed
17:47:01 Deborah Mossa: Not sure what the answer is but there will probably need to be many avenues to pursue solutions
17:47:01 Teri Jacobs: How council can honestly determine if their goal will be a success...
17:47:01 Angela Derby: Why we aren't doing a permanent solution instead of a temporary one.
17:47:02 katie (she/her): I am unsure as to why people are so unkind to the unsheltered members of our community.
17:47:04 Jennifer Scholz: Why does the city give hotel vouchers? That only encourages migration to our city
17:47:08 Holly Hamel: I'm unsure about the transparency of city council in dealing with homelessness
17:47:09 thane rivers: Uncertain: will anyone actually do anything real, or will it all be political drivel with no REAL action that leads to any REAL solution
17:47:11 Jessica Kramer: THIS FORMAT SUCKS

17:47:12 Anthony Bona: I am unsure why we keep spending MILLIONS of dollars on this issue. 13 million over 5 years is unacceptable. Why Us?
17:47:14 Deb Rivers: What is the big plan
17:47:16 Sandy Lund: What is the answer??
17:47:21 Susan/Stephen Eggen: How was the decision made to use vouchers vs other solutions
17:47:22 Kelly LeBerthon: How many homeless individuals are no longer homeless bc of the work of the HOT?
17:47:23 Mindy Pometto: We are uncertain our families and community will be protected.
17:47:25 Paul Marsteller: too many rose colored glasses on to effectively see the shady situation
17:47:49 Diane Rivera: I am not sure if there is a central office for those providing our homeless services for continuity.

General Comments

17:48:19 marco: Many people CHOOSE to be homeless and on drugs.
17:48:26 Diana Aguirre she/her: Thx Holly - you are doing a great job!!
17:48:41 Jennifer Scholz: REDUCE homeless- not put them in local hotels
17:48:42 Jessica Kramer: Holly you are amazing! Keep up the great work!
17:48:43 Jacqueline Simon: We need more solutions and less buildings
17:49:01 thane rivers: Quit listening to the experts. Instead get some real people who fix real problems in real time
17:49:30 thane rivers: Solutions do not take time .. Everyone knows what to actually do, just get off the time and do the things that actually work well
17:49:44 Jacqueline Simon: Homelessness exists among students, veterans, etc. not always their fault.
17:49:55 Judith King: I don't know why someone would turn down going to a hotel rather than sleep on the street.
17:50:38 Jennifer Scholz: More often than not, it is a choice to be homeless - either by lifestyle choices or refusal for social services
17:51:23 katie (she/her): The fact that you think homelessness is a choice says more about you than the homeless population...
17:51:29 Jessica Kramer: amen
17:51:43 Diana Aguirre she/her: 60% are veterans ! Wow!
17:52:47 Angela Derby: Why you won't tell us which hotel you will be using.
17:52:55 Jonathan Chan: I strongly disagree that a majority of homeless people choose to be homeless. Many people have untreated mental health issues, disabilities, physical health conditions, etc. that prevent them from being able to function normally, work, have normal social interactions, etc.
17:53:06 Bradford Jacobs: Systemic racism. So offensive to say that and so wrong.
17:53:08 Holly Hamel: how did you gather that information? Do you just ask a person if they lived in Carlsbad previously? or if they are working? looked online and that 70% number is not in your data.

17:53:34 Kristina Ray, City of Carlsbad: It's actually 6% who are veterans. I think Holly said 60% by mistake

17:53:34 Jonathan Chan: Often times, hotels are not secure places of housing either, people feel that they are not safe in hotels and so choose not to stay in them

17:53:36 thane rivers: it has NOTHING to do with that drivel about affordable housing, or racism. Its because they have burned out all of the goodwill with their employers, and their families. The have HUGE demons and self treat their demons with drugs and Alcohol

17:53:42 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: 1. I do not want my tax dollars to go to the 30% of homeless people from other towns. These other towns can reimburse us or take them back.

17:53:51 Sandra Gravitt: Bradford...you beat me to it. How many of our homeless are victims of systemic racism?

17:53:55 katie (she/her): If people want to see a decrease in homelessness, you can certainly volunteer your time, energy, skills, etc. to those in need. That is what community care is all about <3 Happy to provide resources if anyone wants some organizations to volunteer with!

17:54:32 Diana Aguirre she/her: Housing discrimination—> racism

17:54:32 Jonathan Chan: agreed - long term solutions to homelessness need to come from a community that is willing to volunteer their time and effort to care for people in need in our community

17:55:09 Angela Derby: like they are doing in Austin

17:55:09 Holly Hamel: many studies show that housing first is not as effective as programs that require participants to be accountable and drug free. This video is only showing one viewpoint.

17:55:12 Diana Aguirre she/her: Expand La Posada ! Excellent organization!

17:55:31 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: Agreed Diana!

17:55:33 Jonathan Chan: La Posada is great, and has been understaffed and overworked for a long time

17:55:45 Jeremiah Patton: La Posada, subcontracting with other cities shipping their homeless into our city

17:55:47 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Once free housing is an entitlement: All renters will stop renting, move out, and demand free housing.

17:55:49 katie (she/her): Also, if anyone here does not understand systemic racism, classism, mental health, etc. and how it relates to homelessness, maybe this is a good opportunity for you to be a listener in this setting. (:

17:55:59 thane rivers: accountable and drug free is the answer , not spending money on drivel

17:56:10 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: Great point, Katie!

17:56:37 Angela Derby: I disagree

17:56:57 Diana Aguirre she/her: Veterans should be entitled to "free" housing

17:56:57 Holly Hamel: Solutions for change is a great program that requires participants to be accountable and drug free, with programs to help every step of the way. Housing First is not the answer.

17:56:57 Richard Sanchez: How effective are Carlsbad programs for the homeless from being homeless?

17:58:00 Sandra Gravitt: Richard: the proof is out there...more programs, but more homeless...hmmm

17:58:13 Jeremiah Patton: What are the action steps for drug addicts who don't want off the streets?

17:58:14 marco: "Solutions" is key word for Taxpayer funded

17:58:19 Jessica Kramer: My seizure service dog has come to aid me as my body literally quivers in traumatic response to the ignorant and hurtful comments some of you are throwing out here about persons struggling with homelessness, since I am one of those people and no I didn't choose to be stricken down by a horrific medical condition and end with a fixed Social Security income of \$900/ month ... hardly enough to afford rent, food, out of pocket medical, etc...

17:58:54 Diana Aguirre she/her: It actually makes sense we have more homeless bc people can't afford the sky rocketing rents

17:58:58 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: Thank you for being here Jessica!

17:59:07 Cheney Squier: Why Would the vouchers be granted in areas near homes with kids nearby and families ? There are plenty of hotels not near homes .

17:59:13 katie (she/her): Thank you so much, Jessica, for sharing that. <3

17:59:20 Jonathan Chan: Not sure about other people, but I'm happy to hear that my tax dollars are going to help people in our community that are in need

17:59:30 katie (she/her): agreed, Johnathan !

17:59:32 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: Me too Jonathan!

17:59:42 Jacqueline Simon: I also agree!

17:59:51 Diana Aguirre she/her: I agree Jonathan. Just like a big portion of my property tax funds the good schools in Carlsbad

18:00:21 Karen Santoro: Can you please explain how the data was collected?

18:00:23 Nikki Faddick: +++ @Jonathan.

18:00:48 Deb Rivers: Agreed Jonathan.

18:01:14 Holly Hamel: great question karen

18:01:37 Jeremiah Patton: When will police be able to enforce laws to fullest extent without covid restrictions? June 15th?

18:02:06 marco: Very small portion are in need. Most of them are homeless because of poor life choices.

18:02:22 Sandra Gravitt: Marco...correct

18:02:33 Cheney Squier: Agreed , Marco

18:02:59 Jessica Kramer: strongly disagree

18:03:12 Diana Aguirre she/her: NExtdoor is a poor survey tool. Many of us don't engage with nextdoor.

18:03:24 Holly Hamel: Thank you Paul. City Council, please listen to our community

18:03:25 Susan/Stephen Eggen: I agree with Paul and the pole

18:03:27 Jonathan Chan: I disagree - I've worked with a significant amount of homeless people and they are all in need...a lot of them are not homeless because of their life choices; not sure where you got that informatino

18:03:49 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: First question for the poll: Should we pay for the 30% who are from out of town? or should their towns pay us?

18:03:51 marco: Drive down Ave Encina. You'll see the young people living out of their RV's by CHOICE. They don't want jobs or responsibilities. Don't be naive

18:03:53 Cheney Squier: I will go on nextdoor now and share my strong disagreement, thanks

18:05:01 thane rivers: reject reject

18:05:32 Jennifer Scholz: Agreed!

18:05:39 Jonathan Chan: next-door definitely mainly appeals and covers a certain demographic and is not fully representative Carlsbad residents

18:05:43 Jacqueline Simon: Anthony I believe Carlsbad is only interested in making money with more motels, etc.

18:05:50 Holly Hamel: I agree, why is the city not looking at other options that work? Housing First is not the way

18:06:38 Cheney Squier: Mostly substance abuse . I witness actual drug deals a few times a week right outside the gates of my home on Avenida encinas

18:06:39 Mindy Pometto: Serious consideration and input from the community should be taken into account when a hotel is selected into the program. The location is very important for safety and should NOT be allowed near any housing, children, tourist areas

18:07:28 Holly Hamel: Thank you Marci. Thank you Anthony.

18:07:29 Greg Ochs: A lot of the enforcement issues are dictated by Sacramento. In January the state eliminated HOA restrictions to now allow Airbnb's rentals in HOAs to address homeless. Civil Code 4741, AB 3182.

18:07:32 Diana Aguirre she/her: Carlsbad has a high cost of living compared to city of San Diego

18:07:34 Karen Santoro: We also have a lot of vulnerable seniors.

18:07:40 Cheney Squier: They should not be housed near children . Thank you , Marcy

18:07:43 Mindy Pometto: Thank you Marcy! agreed!

18:07:48 Leah Parsanko: I agree with second gentleman. This is not homeless issue. These are substance abuse and mental health issues.

18:07:52 Roco: well said Marcy thank you

18:07:55 Cheney Squier: Yes , seniors as well !

18:08:24 Erika Sherwood: 🙏 Marcy. Thanks for communicating what we all feel!

18:08:33 Jessica Kramer: if this is a substance abuse issue or a mental health issue, statistically your kids are next in line

18:08:34 Susan/Stephen Eggen: Great comments Marcie...Avenida Encinas is not the appropriate location

18:09:00 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Why would anyone continue renting if they are automatically entitled to a housing voucher?

18:09:39 Diana Aguirre she/her: I think an explanation of the voucher program is needed .

18:09:48 Jacqueline Simon: Don't we have a lot of industrial vacant buildings that could be used for housing?

18:09:51 Jessica Kramer: that last one was hilarious, I can assure you housing vouchers are not east to get

18:09:56 Jessica Kramer: easy to get

18:10:09 Jonathan Chan: just FYI, housing vouchers don't provide a place to live that is amazing and comfortable; I highly doubt most people are raring to get housing vouchers instead of renting

18:10:20 katie (she/her): ^^ !!

18:10:30 Jonathan Chan: a lot of housing voucher waitlist are literally years long

18:10:42 Sandra Gravitt: The voucher system will move ahead, despite what 90% of the people want. This will not end well.

18:10:43 Jessica Kramer: 14 years on average right now

18:11:02 Beth Ford: Then we can be more restrictive if there is a waiting list!

18:11:19 Holly Hamel: Thank you so much for providing statistics that city council should have included in their video.

18:11:26 Jennifer Scholz: Yes!!! That is why homelessness is a choice. They refuse services so they choose to be homeless. They are not interested in helping themselves.

18:12:21 thane rivers: if 90% of people want and express one pathway. Why do our city council members move in the opposite direction? Seems like we need to elect more representative council?

18:12:35 Jessica Kramer: because its not 90%

18:13:07 Jonathan Chan: I've found that people turn to drugs and alcohol abuse because they feel like they have no hope for the future; addiction often occurs when people feel like its the only way to escape a really poor situation without hope for change

18:13:11 thane rivers: 89%? what percentage is it?

18:13:23 Roco : Thank you Kelley for great statistics and facts

18:13:24 katie (she/her): A lot of the topics you all are bringing up such as substance abuse and mental health do not just impact the unsheltered community. Many wealthy people in our community suffer from addiction and mental health struggles and it is either glorified or they are able to pay for retreats, rehabilitation, etc. Please remember that getting help is a PRIVILEGE for many and we can all be part of the solution rather than othering people in our community.

18:13:35 Jessica Kramer: how many residents does Carlsbad have? have we heard from all of them? umm...no

18:13:38 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: These discussions typically turn to 'us' vs 'them' ...it is up to all of us to find solutions that come from a place of compassion and care. Let's start there.

18:13:44 thane rivers: true

18:13:56 Jessica Kramer: true thank you

18:14:11 Jonathan Chan: definitely agree with Gwen - what can we each do as community members to help those in need and have compassion for others?

18:14:59 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Tourism: We can learn from San Francisco, which lost all of theirs

18:15:00 Holly Hamel: Gear point Thane. Hopefully City Council will listen to the community

18:15:06 thane rivers: help to a pathway forward out of despair and darkness. REAL solutions, not the Drivel that we keep arriving at and spending money on

18:15:11 Sandra Gravitt: An old truism in politics: if you subsidize something, you get more of it. More programs and more money thrown at the problem = more homeless will show up.

18:15:39 Melinda Gilbert: ^agree with Sandra

18:16:02 Anthony Bona: Thank you Beth Ford - This is the drum I have been beating

18:16:05 Jennifer Scholz: Good point

18:16:25 Mindy Pometto: Great input Beth!

18:16:28 Susan/Stephen Eggen: Excellent Megans law question>>>thx fo

18:16:34 Holly Hamel: Thank you Beth for your very important questions. Hopefully City Council will answer

18:16:47 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Anyone else having issues hearing

18:16:51 Roco: she has 2 speakers on so there will be an ECHO

18:16:53 George Caracciolo: How do I raise my hand? I don't see it on my screen

18:16:56 Karen Santoro: Bad connection

18:17:05 Sandra Gravitt: Is she calling from the moon?

18:17:14 Roco: HAVE HER TURN OFF ONE OF HER 2 DEVICES

18:17:15 Shannon Smith: Jessica you are hard to hear because of reverberation

18:17:19 Jessica Kramer: yes im calling from the moon

18:17:30 Cheney Squier: Ha ha

18:17:40 Jessica Kramer: thank you

18:17:48 Mindy Pometto: George click on reactions

18:17:55 Marcy Horgan: Great points, Beth. Yes, this has no place near residential neighborhoods. There are other geographical areas that would be more appropriate. Also concerned about the lack of background checks.

18:18:54 Karen Santoro: I feel bad for Carlsbad PD

18:18:55 katie (she/her): Being unsheltered is not illegal. Seems like a lot of people here today are unaware of that...

18:19:01 Jacqueline Simon: Yes, I walk by that area to Costco weekly and there are police there.

18:19:31 Sandra Gravitt: WHERE IS THE HEART FOR THE LADY KILLED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO BY A HOMELESS GUY?

18:19:54 Melinda Gilbert: Well said Jeff!

18:19:54 Holly Hamel: I agree. There are more effective programs. Why was the pilot program approved?

18:19:59 Beth Ford: You are talking about Majorie Gawitt

18:20:04 Shannon Smith: Amen, Jeff

18:20:23 thane rivers: well stated Jeff

18:20:26 Mindy Pometto: Thank you Jeff!

18:20:36 Susan/Stephen Eggen: Right on Jeff

18:20:39 Beth Ford: I think the Nextdoor poll is accurate

18:20:42 Anthony Bona: Thank you Jeff - Glad I am not the only Regular Guy feeling this way

18:20:44 Jessica Kramer: I'm good don't worry...I'm logged in on one device only ...I'll stick to the chat

18:20:48 Diana Aguirre she/her: I feel very safe living in Carlsbad.

18:20:55 Holly Hamel: Thank you Jeff. The community really appreciates your involvement.

18:21:42 Beth Ford: Thanks, Jeff!

18:21:57 Sandy Lund: Thank you Jeff! Perfectly said..

18:22:15 Jessica Kramer: This is a good example of why this process should be more disability friendly :)

18:22:17 Anthony Bona: Thank you so much for disagreeing

18:22:31 Anthony Bona: This whole package is totally wrong

18:22:49 Cheney Squier: I saw her as well and so did my 9 year old daughter :(

18:22:52 Anthony Bona: Mayor Hall - Please help us

18:23:06 Jeremiah Patton: Priya Bhat-Patel, Cori Schumacher and Teresa Acosta out of touch with Carlsbad residents

18:23:07 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: How do you know those individuals are homeless???

18:23:08 Cheney Squier: It is sickening

18:23:15 Holly Hamel: Question for City Council: Listen to what is being said. Is this what your intentions are for our community?

18:23:19 Beth Ford: Me too! She wet herself. I have seen prostitution. People passed out from drugs (needles in arm).

18:23:25 Cheney Squier: They are walking the streets with bags

18:23:32 Anthony Bona: I agree - Schumacher and Acosta thought this was a good idea back in December

18:23:47 Beth Ford: How is it compassionate to let people live like this?

18:23:53 Anthony Bona: And Bhat-Patel as well.

18:23:56 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: very honest of you, Jessica, thanks!

18:24:14 Sandra Gravitt: We need one more sane voice on the council. Or two, or three...

18:24:44 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: Walking the streets with bags is not illegal. If there are crimes being committed, then it is a law and order issue and our police are well equipped to deal with it.

18:24:53 katie (she/her): @Beth, you've seen people in unsafe situations such as 'passed out' from drug use. Did you do anything to help them? Or were you a bystander? (just unclear on this)

18:25:17 Jessica Kramer: so let's house them with a caregiver so they aren't in the street totally disabled, in that condition, where it impacts everyone

18:25:17 Susan/Stephen Eggen: Ms Patel...you need to address the Avenida Encinas issue as well as this poorly structured voucher program....pls get involved and get this fixed

18:25:20 Beth Ford: @Katie, no!

18:26:56 katie (she/her): Beth - So just to confirm, you did not help them?

18:27:04 Jessica Kramer: The current cost of our 911 response far outweighs the cost of housing each and every one of our homeless with caregivers and intensive supportive services

18:27:14 Anthony Bona: She needs a script - can't address us without a script - shameful

18:27:15 Aly Vredenburgh: I am disappointed by the lack of empathy from our community. You are dehumanizing people who are in need. We need to rehabilitate our

community members. I believe our vouchers are important to help individuals get their basic needs met to further get proper care. We need to change the way we treat people. Around 60% of homeless have suffered child abuse and have trauma. Many are veterans and many more have experienced tragic loss. Not everyone comes from good families that can help them. Drugs and addiction happen because people struggle with lack of connection to society. People have not gotten the help they need but we can provide that. We can create real change. We need to do better and this voucher program is the first step towards making things better. These people are not criminals they are the victims of a society that does not properly treat mental health. We see this across San Diego. For that reason we can set an example for the rest of San Diego and we can be the change.

18:27:31 Holly Hamel: Katie you are harassing. please stop

18:27:36 Beth Ford: I called the police

18:27:47 katie (she/her): Oh good! Thank you for the clarity, Beth!

18:27:58 Jessica Kramer: beth, you wasted tax payer money

18:27:59 Jacqueline Simon: Not all drug uses are homeless. False assumption!

18:27:59 Chris Ross: Is the City using the voucher program as a necessary prerequisite before it can implement enforcement actions against illegal encampments?

18:28:03 Shannon Smith: This is not an issue about compassion. This is an issue of safety! Thanks Dr Heather Richardson for making this case clear.

18:28:17 Bradford Jacobs: Just everyone please remember how this new council has voted when they come up for reelection.

18:28:27 Holly Hamel: Thank you Dr. Richardson.

18:28:34 John Ranieri: Aly well said

18:28:41 Jonathan Chan: Appreciate what you said Aly!

18:28:43 John Galt: why is it we live in a way that taxpayers and responsible contributors face excile, and the people who truly have needs, but contributes nothing get to overrun EVERYTHING.

18:28:51 Jacqueline Simon: Not all homeless people are criminals.

18:29:18 Cheney Squier: Paul , I can't find the nextdoor poll ?

18:29:57 Sandra Gravitt: Paul...because the council plays "hide the ball." Don't believe your own lying eyes...

18:30:17 John Galt: Because the poll measure 92% to 8%. and they would maybe have to think.

18:30:32 Diana Aguirre she/her: And 60% are Veterans. Veterans deserve housing and access to healthcare!!

18:30:49 Jacqueline Simon: I agree Diana!

18:31:13 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Diana, yes, we agree, they do. Where please?

18:31:13 Beth Ford: City already corrected that statistic, it is 6%

18:31:33 Jessica Kramer: Is it wrong to wish a crippling disability on those of you who are so cruel and nasty about some our most vulnerable residents

18:31:57 Bradford Jacobs: Jaqueline, no, not all are criminals, but in the last two years we have had at least two murders, sexual assault of a senior citizen, a major arson incident, numerous robberies and burglaries, threats, ongoing littering issues, all at the hands of the homeless.

18:32:24 Jeff Toth: This is all about the \$

18:32:31 Karen Santoro: Transparency

18:32:31 katie (she/her): Kids are not getting marijuana from the unsheltered folks... that is a bold lie

18:32:32 John Galt: A crippling disability , such as drug addition and mental illness. We should help them, really help them not spend money on them uselessly

18:32:33 Diana Aguirre she/her: Hmmmm correlation between kids smoking pot and homelessness?!

18:32:46 Jessica Kramer: so lets house them with care and supportive services, the cost of not housing them is far more expensive

18:32:48 Beth Ford: I agree with Katie on that one

18:32:51 Karen Santoro: accesss to drugs - pushers

18:32:56 Jeremiah Patton: Great points Roco!!!

18:33:06 katie (she/her): Thank you, Beth <3

18:33:43 Elizabeth Galati: Thank you mr Galt.

18:34:02 John Galt: compassionate neglect. true, its drivel that will never work

18:34:04 Aly Vredenburgh: If housing first doesn't work? Beth what do you recommend? Don't you think doing nothing is worse?

18:34:12 Aly Vredenburgh: *kelly

18:34:24 John Galt: go ahead and pick on SF.

18:34:37 Roco N.: Just watch the death of Seattle movie and you will see how the whole city is overburdened by homeless and drug issue that no one feels safe and tourism is considerably down, just WATCH it.

18:34:51 Holly Hamel: Kelly, we appreciate your research. Thank you for providing factual information to our community.

18:34:51 Elizabeth Galati: Anyone familiar with the programs at Interfaith family Services.?

18:35:01 Jonathan Chan: I think any solution needs to be comprehensive - piecemeal solutions don't seem to do anything long term. Housing needs to be combined with mental health and social service programs, and help people get out of cycles of homelessness

18:35:10 Diana Aguirre she/her: Interfaith services is great - they work with La Posada

18:35:11 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Roco, link to the movie please?

18:35:13 Aly Vredenburgh: You cannot rescue people until they have their basic needs met first.

18:35:25 Susan/Stephen Eggen: Unfortunately this program has been poorly managed and communicated. Its obvious from the majority of comments that this needs to be put on pause and reexamined as to whether it is what the voters in our Community want to proceed with.

18:35:39 Jessica Kramer: Addiction is protected under Federal Disability Law

18:35:44 Jessica Kramer: Aly ...yes !

18:35:52 Elizabeth Galati: Thank u MrJ Chan. My point also.

18:36:29 Jonathan Chan: it seems that transparency and additional details about proposed programs would be really helpful to help people feel more at ease

18:36:40 John Galt: their basic needs have to be met in their home as children and at the diner table. They need mentoring and proper raising by families and teachers and pastors. But

we are not hold school, we don't support families and well church is completely out of the question

18:36:42 Shannon Smith: Unintended consequences....

18:37:07 Shannon Smith: The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

18:37:28 Annie Lockett: Will the City of Carlsbad receive State or Federal Funds if they move forward with the Housing First initiative? If so, are Ferderal or State funds fueling this decision that the community is obviously in opposition to?

18:37:29 Holly Hamel: The solution is to allow our police to enforce laws.

18:37:35 Jennifer Scholz: Yes! You can not rescue people that are not interested in helping themselves.

18:37:46 katie (she/her): It is not illegal to be homeless...

18:37:50 Jeremiah Patton: What is the end game here? I heard Mayor Hall mention about stopping and evaluating after free money we got for this ran out and yet rest of board pushed to continue for 1 year and pay out of our pockets. I highly suggest you listen to someone like Mayor Hall with many years more wisdom than yourself.

18:37:51 Sandra Gravitt: Why isn't Carlsbad? Ask three council members...

18:37:53 Beth Ford: Well said, Angela

18:37:57 Holly Hamel: Well said Angela.

18:38:13 Mindy Pometto: Good point Angela!

18:38:17 Mike Houlihan:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/CPzBfn7D7SG/?utm_medium=share_sheet

18:38:20 Karen Santoro: Lets invite the homeless to the discussion to hear from them directly.

18:38:30 Kelly LeBerthon: Will Carlsbad using the homeless voucher program provide the beds needed to meet the criteria of Martin v Boise to enforce no encampment rules?

18:38:32 Jessica Kramer: Yes Karen!!!!

18:39:13 katie (she/her): Education needs to be at the forefront! If we can educate our community on what is going on, the ways in which the community can help, and the struggles that the unsheltered folks are facing, then maybe people in this meeting and in our community will feel more at ease and be willing to lend a hand?

18:39:48 Jennifer Scholz: Holly, our police are overwhelmed with these calls. They can not respond to other calls such as a recent drowning and minors using illegal substances in plain view. Police are only reactive. We need to be proactive.

18:39:59 Tracy Carmichael: @Aly what would you say to the family members of Marjorie Gawitt? She was brutally murder by homeless and recently another woman set a fire, sending neighborhoods from their homes. So to think our community is not seeing impacts is wrong. Sorry

18:40:00 Mindy Pometto: Exactly Dr Heather Richardson! Not the place!

18:40:25 katie (she/her): also I completely agree that the unsheltered folks in our community need to be some of the loudest voices in this discussion since we as a community should prioritize their basic needs. (for those of us that want to see positive change, at least)

18:40:43 Marcy Horgan: Thank you, Heather! Yes, let's trust what our police force told us — the motel 6 is already a problem. Let's not compound that problem and make it even worse.

18:40:43 Sandra Gravitt: Tracy...right

18:40:44 Susan/Stephen Eggen: Mayor...I hope you are listening closely to this. We need you to step up and help resolve this !listen to your constituency and move on it.

18:40:44 Roco N.: Thank you Jennifer Scholz

18:40:52 Jeremiah Patton: .

18:41:10 Jessica Kramer: Let's do this again, and make the format accessible to persons with varying disabilities, tech and shelter challenges!!!

18:41:21 katie (she/her): ^ agreed!

18:41:29 Karen Santoro: PD just administers Narcan

18:41:50 Sandra Gravitt: Yes, let's do this again...one year from now. And see how all these programs did. I am not confident...

18:42:05 John Galt: who pays for that? Same people who pay for the vouchers

18:42:16 Jonathan Chan: I would encourage people to spend time to volunteer and get to know people in our unhoused community; I think it'd help develop a more well-rounded perspective on this issue

18:42:32 Paul Marsteller: to find the Next Door poll search: Are you in favor of Carlsbad's impending \$13M hotel voucher program?

18:42:48 Elizabeth Galati: How do I help a homeless person that I meet on the street? Some cash is good but what more can I offer.

18:42:49 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: We will know if the programs succeed: More homeless people from other towns will choose to move to our town!

18:43:28 Susan/Stephen Eggen: This was all just collecting the community comments ...when will we hear the responses to these comments from the city leadership?

18:43:37 Cheney Squier: If this goes through , it won't be a place we want to live in one year . It will not be a safe environment for our kids . How is that fair for hardworking residents ??

18:43:41 Sandra Gravitt: Lawrence...exactly. Again, if you subsidize something, you get more of it

18:44:06 Jeremiah Patton: Let them talk

18:44:17 Shannon Smith: Thanks Anthony! That is exactly what I was going to say. The Policemen that attended the Waters End meeting essentially said that their hands are tied!

18:44:23 katie (she/her): @Jonathan, I completely agree. Our unsheltered community is Carlsbad is one of love, compassion, and empathy, despite going through some of the most challenging times of their lives. More people should definitely volunteer some time!

18:44:26 Jonathan Chan: Elizabeth great question! I think you can point them towards Interfaith and La Posada!

18:44:41 Judith King: It's sounding like we should buy a hospital and staff it with appropriate doctors and caretakers to really rehabilitate these people. Would it cost much more than spending a million dollars here and a million dollars there? Scandinavian countries do a great job of rehabilitation. We could use their advice. Seems like they have an effective program.

18:45:09 Aly Vredenburgh: When will AA come back to Magee park in person? Many homeless addicts rely on them for help. How are we going to treat addiction and mental health through the new program?

18:45:23 katie (she/her): @Elizabeth, Jonathan is right! Also, I like to carry a bin of waters, granola bars, new socks, etc. in my car in case someone is in need! (:

18:46:17 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: I agree, sir - less police - more Social Workers!

18:46:19 Jonathan Chan: @elizabeth, I have also found that just listening and asking questions (aka treating a person like a human being and helping them felt heard) is really meaningful

18:46:24 Diana Aguirre she/her: We need more social workers !

18:46:26 Jonathan Chan: Yes, more social workers and mental health professionals

18:46:34 Angela Derby: Great point Anthony!

18:46:41 Jonathan Chan: mental health help is really difficult to access if you don't have internet or a computer

18:46:55 Diana Aguirre she/her: North county SD lacks shelters and mental health service support

18:47:34 Mindy Pometto: Where can we get the Save Carlsbad shirts?

18:47:46 Diana Aguirre she/her: We need to push Jim Desmond (supervisor) to allocate \$ for mental health services and shelter in D5. County budget review is coming up.

18:47:50 Jessica Kramer: I just hope everyone realizes we are all paying for our homeless whether anyone likes it or not, we pay for it in 911 response - a very expensive 911 response...far more money than it would cost us to house each and every chronically homeless person with full time care and intensive supportive services...ask what we spend in 911 response and you will know its not whether we should be spending money to resolve homelessness...we're already spending the money!! it's how can we better spend the money at this point

18:47:53 Angela Derby: Katie by giving water and food you are hurting the homeless and the community.

18:48:12 katie (she/her): @Angela... What???

18:48:36 Angela Derby: But other cities are doing it. Why not us?

18:48:39 Bradford Jacobs: It becomes a magnet program.

18:48:41 Jeremiah Patton: Why do just some western states pay attention to Martin vs Boise yet none of the other states do?

18:48:41 Sandra Gravitt: Angela...right. Giving free stuff to homeless is like feeding pigeons in the park...they all start coming in

18:48:48 katie (she/her): When I see a member of my community in need of something that I can assist with, regardless of their housing situation, I always try to help!

18:48:58 Jessica Kramer: humans arent pigeons but youre a turd

18:49:15 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Jessica this is just name calling

18:49:18 Bradford Jacobs: Not necessary, Jessica

18:49:30 katie (she/her): @Sandra, dehumanizing others is absolutely DISGUSTING.

18:50:15 Sandra Gravitt: The homeless seem to dehumanize the community when they kill my fellow citizens. Not to mention all the other stuff they do

18:50:15 Jessica Kramer: oh its necessary ...humans arent pigeons, that's unnecessary

18:50:27 Jacqueline Simon: Please, let's stop attacking each other's opinions. What about respect and civility for different viewpoints?

18:50:56 Anthony Bona: Simple word - its called ENABLING

18:51:02 Bradford Jacobs: Try to keep it civil, people, please.

18:51:09 Jessica Kramer: pretty sure respect and civility went out the window long ago

18:51:17 katie (she/her): From my last point (prior to some of you comparing people to animals) regardless of anyone's housing situation, if you are in need of a bottle of water on a hot day and I am around, I gotchu! <3

18:51:20 Jessica Kramer: humans aren't pigeons!!

18:51:31 John Galt: Seems like 90% see it one way, and a few see it the other

18:51:35 Jacqueline Simon: Civility and respect reigns

18:51:35 Angela Derby: Katie, because you are prolonging their stay on the streets. You are preventing them from seeking help in places that could actually help them. You may give them a meal or quench their thirst for a little while. A place that is licensed to actually help the homeless with long term help.

18:51:44 Karen Santoro: so you just confirmed we are housing criminals.

18:51:56 Elizabeth Galati: Your comment is valid mr Bona. It's not more police alone. It's best to raise people up from the point their lives were interrupted by inner and outer circumstances.. Much like rehab makes people grow up to a life in the mainstream. Jailing doesn't work. People to people works.

18:51:56 Sandra Gravitt: John...yes...all the she/her people think one way

18:52:36 Stefan Prvanov: With the free housing and other support that is recommend, how do you prevent more and more people from coming into Carlsbad to get the free housing and etc.? As you know, best practices before starting any important program, you start with the end in mind. What is the end game with this program?

18:52:37 John Galt: How about stealing in public, crapping in public, doing drugs in public, things besides sleeping

18:52:37 Jessica Kramer: She/her people? is that for real or was that a typo

18:52:46 Jeremiah Patton: What states is that valid for in the US? Martin vs Boise?

18:53:11 Jessica Kramer: whats a she/her poeple

18:53:31 Karen Santoro: cancel culture

18:53:35 Jessica Kramer: is that a slur on gay people?

18:53:35 Anthony Bona: Martin V Boise is valid in the states in the 9th Circus court

18:53:56 Karen Santoro: @mickey please share that info

18:54:10 Sandra Gravitt: Jessica - No, not a slur. In their names they are identifying their pronouns as she/her

18:54:11 Jeremiah Patton: What is the fine to not following Martin vs Boise?

18:54:13 Jeff Toth: Crime report = anywhere within a mile of a Motel 6

18:54:23 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: One can have compassion and common sense at the same time

18:54:25 Jonathan Chan: @jessica they have it in their zoom names to describe their preferred pronouns

18:55:03 Heather Richardson: Thank you very much to the Carlsbad police who work so hard to protect the community

18:55:05 Anthony Bona: Can we just hit RESET and do a more interactive meeting. This is too contrived for my tastes

18:55:07 katie (she/her): We are getting off track due to some people's ignorance. I chose to put she/her in my name, knowing that someone might be discriminatory - I can take it. The real situation that we need to focus on right now is the issues facing our unsheltered population. Thank you!

18:55:22 Beth Ford: I am thankful for the proactive efforts. Thank you, CPD!

18:55:31 Aly Vredenburg: Policing is not the way to help. Enforcement doesn't work. Putting them in jail for a few weeks doesn't help people heal, get housing, and find employment to sustain being off the street. As soon as they are out of jail they are right back on the street. Giving them rehabilitation from an appropriate housing situation like vouchers is essential to rehabilitation and change.

18:55:36 Jessica Kramer: I'm literally sick to my stomach - this format doesn't work ...lets try something new next time

18:56:24 Diana Aguirre she/her: Wow @sandra your comment unnecessary re s she/her

18:56:25 Anthony Bona: I want to be on record as saying I REJECT THIS PLAN and I REJECT affordable housing as an issue. It is a myth.

18:56:39 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Jessica, what is it that does not work? The city is doing it anyway?

18:56:47 Karen Santoro: Perhaps we could take a more holistic approach. Carsbad residents are very caring and giving. These folks (if truly from the area) have family & friends. We are a community of surfers, executives, pharma, biotech, deep pockets for job assistance or recovery rather than making this a government program.

18:57:00 Jessica Kramer: This town hall format doesn't work -

18:57:12 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: ok, can you suggest one that works please

18:57:21 Anthony Bona: @Jessica - I agree with you

18:57:33 John Galt: security on site? For what purpose? I thought the answer to everything is more social workers on site?

18:57:33 Sandra Gravitt: Jessica - It doesn't work because most people disagree with you?

18:57:36 Anthony Bona: @Karen - WOW - Free room cleaning.

18:57:42 Jacqueline Simon: This was a good idea but it would have been better if we could hear from our Council reps and the Mayor.

18:57:43 Jeremiah Patton: If they want to continue using drugs and staying on the streets, what is the plan???

18:57:47 Anthony Bona: This is pitiful

18:57:49 Jeff Toth: No drug use on site. Time to shoot up in the neighborhood

18:57:53 Beth Ford: How will you enforce the rules? No overnight guests?

18:57:57 Jessica Kramer: lol yes sandra thats exactly why

18:57:59 John Galt: can we just meet in person?

18:58:01 Anthony Bona: and a HUGE WASTE of \$!# Million

18:58:11 Jessica Kramer: yay in person!

18:58:21 Anthony Bona: 13MILLION - REALLY? Shaking my head

18:58:32 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: I agree Karen - so many of us are already doing the work of helping others day in and day out, and seeing success. We are an incredibly kind community and we have the ability to make a positive difference!

18:58:44 katie (she/her): YES!!! @Gwen

18:59:12 John Galt: Anthony you are shaking your head. THEY are shaking your wallet!

18:59:22 Anthony Bona: We are GLAD it will be posted. This is NOT ACCEPTABLE. I REJECT!

18:59:25 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Compassion and common sense: 30% are from other towns. Why are we not asking these towns for the 30%

18:59:30 John Ranieri: there were a lot of assumptions this evening, we need facts.

18:59:31 Karen Santoro: Lets hear from them what they need, not what the government is tell us what they need!

18:59:45 John Galt: Free needles?

19:00:03 Tracy Carmichael: Did I understand that Holly just indicated they were serving 100-125 people? What ? I thought the first numbers were 40 rooms?

19:00:06 Gwen (she/her) Kindness Matters: I would love to hear more from housing specialists at these, and future meetings, if possible.

19:00:19 Cheney Squier: The motels on Avenida encinas are already drug dens so how are you going to stop and enforce the "no drug use " policy there ? Wth

19:00:25 Beth Ford: Thank you to Priya who has been on this zoom call with a newborn and nursing a baby

19:00:27 katie (she/her): A HUGE THANK YOU to those of you in this call that are spending your days, time, money, and energy towards solutions, positive change, and improving the lives of these unsheltered folks in our communities. You all are the love and empathy that still exists in Carlsbad. <3

19:00:44 Jessica Kramer: This meeting is so ripe with disability discrimination its painful - let's do better next time

19:00:46 LAWRENCE KAVOUNAS: Gwen, look to motel daily prices/ Multiply x 30. This is the monthly cost

19:00:49 Jeff Toth: Lets keep this going 30 mins

19:00:56 Cheney Squier: Yes , next we will be paying for the needles as well with no choice

19:01:04 Eric Anaya: This format would be more effective if the council members were interjecting with their input throughout the meeting.

19:01:05 Karen Santoro: No needles. Rehab. Most of the men i see on the street are young working age folks. They have just lost their way.

19:01:09 Jeremiah Patton: Vote these board members out pushing this agenda, they are out of touch with our community.

19:01:09 Tracy Carmichael: What are the true numbers to serve?

19:01:20 Cheney Squier: When did Carlsbad turn communist ?

19:01:21 Paul Marsteller: thanks for HOT for finally coming up a smart effective plan to clear RVs off of Avenida Encinas

19:01:24 Diana Aguirre she/her: Thx Priya !!!

19:01:26 Jacqueline Simon: Thank you for this forum!

19:01:31 Karen Santoro: Thank you everyone!

19:01:32 Jonathan Chan: Thank you for organizing this!

19:01:33 John Galt: So lets help them find their way. Not enable the behavior

19:01:41 Cheney Squier: Yes

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What is one thing you know for sure about homelessness in Carlsbad?

- 01:00:27 Sarah Lemons, City of Carlsbad: Technical Support: Sarah Lemons, 442-200-8427
- 01:01:44 Julia Darling: There is a Homeless Outreach Team
- 01:01:44 Connie Shorr: It has increased in the past year
- 01:01:47 Lisa Potter: Carlsbad has an officer role focused on homelessness support
- 01:01:53 Nikki Wartian: Homelessness has increased in the last couple years
- 01:01:55 Susan Kristiansen: We have a homeless population that is visible and in need of support
- 01:01:59 Jeff Toth: Out of control
- 01:02:00 Lizanne Clark: It is increasing.
- 01:02:01 Tom Cunningham: It appears to be getting worse
- 01:02:05 John Nguyen-Cleary: The city has been increasing investments in services
- 01:02:07 Steven Varga: increased
- 01:02:12 Tim Stipe: It's bringing crime
- 01:02:18 Tim: increasing
- 01:02:22 Jean Tobin: more visible
- 01:02:22 Tracy Carmichael: The homeless population has been increasing and are being offered services by the HOT
- 01:02:38 Gary Nessim: The problem has not gotten better and is more visible.
- 01:02:38 Dee Pope: The lack of low cost housing in Carlsbad is adding to the problem.
- 01:02:44 Cathy Wojciechowski: There are homeless camps in most undeveloped areas in town
- 01:02:54 Jan Rodriguez: There are many homeless school children
- 01:02:56 Kelly McCormick: HOT team responding. Other ideas being discussed by CC and stakeholders.

What is one thing you are uncertain about related to homelessness in Carlsbad?

- 01:03:13 gary powell: Are all the homeless we have here from California
- 01:03:23 Paul Marsteller: It's mostly out of area people that have come from other than Carlsbad
- 01:03:29 Tom Cunningham: How large the homeless population is?
- 01:03:34 Lisa Potter: Causes behind homelessness in Carlsbad
- 01:03:39 Tracy Carmichael: Why the homeless have chosen Carlsbad ?
- 01:03:39 Julia Darling: Don't know the data re: how many homeless are here
- 01:03:46 Connie Shorr: I am unaware of services provided to the homeless population in Carlsbad
- 01:03:49 Susan Kristiansen: Do we know how many individuals and how many families are in need of housing in Carlsbad
- 01:03:49 Jan Rodriguez: I don't know the extent of it
- 01:03:51 Cathy Wojciechowski: Does more services bring additional people in

01:03:52 Lizanne Clark: What services are offered here.

01:03:59 Kelly McCormick: Percentage of those looking for affordable housing vs. those with mental health challenges or drug addiction.

01:03:59 D: What are the mental health service offerings for the homeless

01:04:00 Elissa Seidenglanz: Homelessness is a complex issue and more than homes are required to adequately address the issue. what is the plan to keep residents safe while being compassionate?

01:04:13 gary powell: Where did they all come from

01:04:16 Gary Nessim: willingness of citizens to provide services that might be needed, housing in particular.

01:04:23 Tim: what is working in other areas

01:04:33 Jan Rodriguez: Is it concentrated in certain areas?

01:04:34 Dee Pope: If some of them have chosen to be homeless?

01:04:53 Paul Marsteller: the cost-benefit of offering hotel vouchers seems poorly considered

01:11:17 Holly Hamel: Studies also show that housing first programs do not always work. Programs that require individuals to be sober have been shown to work very well.

01:11:21 John Nguyen-Cleary: This issue of providing homeless folks stability (housing) first, so that interventions have a greater likelihood of success, is very important to developing self-reliance and long term reduction of homelessness

01:12:05 Tim Stipe: Sorry I don't have a mic. From the cities web site: "The city council's homelessness goal is to : Reduce the homeless unsheltered population, AMONG THOSE THAT WANT HELP, by 50% within five (5) years". Question: Out of all the homeless here what is the percentage of THOSE THAT WANT HELP? And, cut that in half. That is just a tiny dent in the entire homeless/transient population. What about the rest that don't want the help and want to continue to remain in our parks, sidewalks, doorways, McGee porch, etc...?

01:12:18 Danielle McAbee: What are the city plans to get the homeless back into the work force? What programs are available to them?

01:13:00 Jari Pajunen: How is city of Carlsbad dedicating our resources for homeless people who are from Carlsbad originally, vs. other parts of the country?

01:14:30 Tracy Carmichael: The Hotel Boucher Program indicated an area of service was public services? Can you explain this and how this will effect response time for residents?

01:14:56 Lisa Potter: Rather than criminalize homelessness, we need to understand root causes

01:15:54 Gary Nessim: We have been working on the homeless issue for about 2 years at council and management level and I heard nothing about permanent low income, affordable housing. This will take some time but, mobile homes, tiny homes could be used immediately in addition to motel vouchers.

01:17:00 Tim: Thanks Jeff,

01:17:10 Holly Hamel: Thank you

01:17:22 Mark B: Go Jeff!!

01:17:23 Karen Von Euw: Thank you Jeff. I would've liked to hear everything you had to say.

01:17:23 Tim Stipe: Well put Jeff

01:17:24 Tracy Carmichael: Thank you Jeff for sharing these concerns

01:17:44 Holly Hamel: Jeff. Very much appreciate you bringing up some extremely important points

01:17:52 Danielle McAbee: Jeff should have time to finish his thoughts. Very interested to hear what he has to say. Too bad he got caught off!

01:18:08 Jeff Toth: If our law enforcement hands are tied to handle the existing problems, how can they expect us to take on even more

01:18:19 Holly Hamel: Yes, please allow Jeff to finish his comments on the meeting

01:18:44 Steven Varga: I bequeath my time to have Jeff continue.

01:20:20 Karen Von Euw: Please address the program that the City is participating in as mentioned by Jeff.

01:20:39 Jean Tobin: worked along Avenida Encinas...increasingly worse situation. so many living full time on that street

01:20:39 Michelle Sumner: What accountability does the City of Carlsbad have from its acceptance of these programs, including the pilot voucher program, they are subjecting us? Jeff's comments were spot on and we have personally seen an increase of crimes, loitering, and unsafe situations and people in our community and surrounding common areas.

01:20:42 Steven Varga: I'd like to hear Teresa Acosta's position

01:20:52 Steven Varga: since she represents our district

01:21:33 Holly Hamel: Why hasn't the homeless response program been open and transparent about the other agencies offering vouchers to the homeless? The City manager's update today omitted this very important piece of information.

01:22:56 Lisa Potter: Great question Julie!

01:24:44 Lisa Potter: Are homeless the primary driver of crime in Carlsbad?

01:25:04 Holly Hamel: Thank you Elissa. These are very important questions that need to be answered truthfully.

01:25:25 Jeff Toth: agreed Elissa

01:26:37 Dee Pope: All I have is clap and thumb up.

01:28:12 Karen Von Euw: Agree. Is this voucher program helping homeless people to 'rehome' or enabling people to remain homeless? In the homeless population there are people who have become homeless due to circumstances beyond their control who can be helped. There are people with addiction problems and mental health problems that may possibly be helped but these homeless do contribute to crime. Then there are homeless people that want to live that lifestyle and have no desire to be 'helped'!

01:28:49 Nikki Wartian: I am concerned about the increased criminal activity that generally comes along with homeless populations. Has there been a crime statistics study? I've heard that the area of Avenida Encinas comprises 90% of CPD's daily activity. Can we hold the motels responsible for the people that are staying at their property? I am fearful for our kids' safety in our community. Would installing a police substation in the Ralph's shopping center be effective?

01:29:00 Danielle McAbee: Exactly Karen!

01:31:06 Lisa Potter: Agree Jan

01:31:34 Dee Pope: Yes Jan!!

01:31:53 Virginia Rodriguez: Well said Jan

01:31:56 Holly Hamel: Jan, I do not think that the majority of us on this forum are speaking about homeless families. The families are not committing the crimes.

01:32:19 Jari Pajunen: Good points Paul & Elissa. Proposing not to invite more homeless with un-necessary programs paid by our money. Let's use our resources for our own community members, including homeless who have been long time residents of Carlsbad. Have any council member investigated why there are no homeless people in Coronado? What are they doing differently?

01:33:00 Lisa Potter: Doesn't Oceanside have a similar housing program?

01:33:03 Karen Von Euw: Agree with Paul!

01:33:16 Jan Rodriguez: Right. Nevertheless, there are homeless families and they need to be cared for also. It is not a single issue.

01:33:28 Jeff Toth: Yes Paul!

01:33:51 Danielle McAbee: Yes Paul. Well said.

01:34:07 Holly Hamel: Thanks Paul. We are so appreciative of our police. They are doing everything they can within their means.

01:34:13 Gary Nessim: I would like to speak.

01:34:45 Danielle McAbee: Is there a drug testing program?

01:35:49 Connie Shorr: I agree Gary

01:35:51 Lisa Potter: Agree Gary

01:35:59 Tim Stipe: Affordable in Perris, Hemet, San Jacinto, Wildomar, etc....

01:36:16 Julia Darling: Thank you

01:36:43 Jeff Toth: There are thousands of short term vacation rentals in Carlsbad. Remove those and its a huge step to open up long term living

01:36:54 John Nguyen-Cleary: yes, thank you Gary!

01:36:58 Diane Bedrosian: Thank you Gary for mentioning this isn't just a Carlsbad problem

01:37:02 Virginia Rodriguez: Thank you Gary, well said.

01:37:03 Tracy Carmichael: Gary Nessim,, Windsor Point Project is 50 units being built in the Village and Barrio and the cost is \$662,000 per unit

01:37:40 Diane Bedrosian: Windsor Point is not "homeless housing". It was a disaster bait and switch.

01:37:41 Tom Cunningham: No one is saying don't provide housing but add screening and oversight

01:37:50 Holly Hamel: The housing first program intentionally does not drug test in order to be given a voucher. There are wonderful programs that do require drug testing. Solutions for Change is one.

01:39:01 Tom Cunningham: what is the data from Experts that we keep referring to

01:39:05 Diane Bedrosian: How long can they stay before they have to drug test? They can't be shooting ip chronically indefinitely. We don't want a bunch of "wet houses" here

01:39:09 Danielle McAbee: If we, the tax payer, are paying for hotel vouchers, there should be a drug screening program for accountability and to ensure the community is safer.

01:39:29 Tracy Carmichael: Diane, I am sorry you are incorrect. The Windsor Point Project is for severely mentally ill and homeless, and Veterans.

01:39:47 Kelly McCormick: What services account for that \$35,000 cost?
01:40:01 Diane Bedrosian: Good question Kelly
01:40:44 Elissa Seidenglanz: Is FEMA funding available long term or only due to COVID?
01:41:25 Tom Cunningham: Is the Motel 6 on Avenida Encinas one of the Housing First Sites?
01:41:30 Tim Stipe: Talk to the residents in Encinitas that are dealing with this voucher issue. It's a real life pilot program going on as we speak. It's failing there. Why bring it here for the same results?

General Comments

01:41:38 Gary Nessim: Windsor Point will be helpful and has been in the works, but we have at least 200 homeless and have had for many years. Other methods may be less expensive than Windsor Point and much of that money was Federal and State money. Not that we should ever be wasteful but Carlsbad likes nice everything and only some of that was local funding.
01:41:45 Diane Bedrosian: Tracy - I am not incorrect. It was initially a veterans project, then a bait and switch was done and it became "veterans and severe mentally ill". Homeless was not included in the description.
01:43:08 Tom Cunningham: I think the Carlsbad Police do a Great Job!!!
01:44:26 Diane Bedrosian: Agreed Gary
01:44:43 Gary Nessim: While it would be nice to know how much it cost us locally, a variety of solutions would be better and we need more very low income housing and probably a SRO motel of 50 units, perhaps on Pio Pico as we have a total need of 200 or more and that number will always be there.
01:44:52 Tom Cunningham: How often are the Carlsbad Police called to the Motel 6 on Avenida Encinas?
01:45:08 Tracy Carmichael: Diane, I respectfully disagree with you & I believe homeless are included. Let the residents review the documents for themselves. But thank you for your thoughts.
01:45:11 Lisa Potter: Love the proactive outreach
01:46:15 Jari Pajunen: Is FEMA going to reimburse 6 police officers and 2 additional social workers currently allocated for homeless issue as a part of proposed program?
01:46:57 Karen Von Euw: Which hotels?
01:47:29 Tim Stipe: Are you in discussion with the residents around the motels?
01:47:30 Elissa Seidenglanz: who decides which hotels? Does the community have input?
01:48:03 Elissa Seidenglanz: if exited, where do they go?
01:48:45 Holly Hamel: Holly, what are the 2 hotels? Please tell us
01:48:57 Jean Tobin: what are the demographics of the homeless in Carlsbad....how many families, single parents, short term homeless, etc.>
01:50:20 Gary Nessim: Holly
01:50:23 Tim Stipe: Two town halls so far and no mention of the ones wanting to stay in the lifestyle of squatting in our city areas.
01:50:51 Karen Von Euw: Is it true that Encinitas has the voucher program and it is not successful in addressing the homeless problem there?

01:50:52 Gary Nessim: You should mention the Windsor Point project as something the city is doing long term!

01:52:02 Steven Varga: Why not take the \$3 million plus for the voucher program and build homeless shelters in appropriate areas of the city?

01:52:42 Connie Shorr: Part of the problem has been that because of the pandemic, volunteer organizations haven't been able to help (e.g. through weekly meal programs and other assistance). Hopefully that will change after June 15

01:57:04 Holly Hamel: How do we confirm your data on homelessness? Is there a website? Please allow the community to see your data and how it was gathered.

01:57:49 Paul Marsteller: Encinitas is overrun.

01:58:02 Jeff Toth: Encinitas has had terrible results

01:58:18 Tracy Carmichael: Holly Hamel, thank you for your great question about the data collection for homeless.

01:59:20 Connie Shorr: How can citizens assist/volunteer if they are interested in helping the people in Carlsbad who are homeless

01:59:24 Paul Marsteller: Guy lit himself on fire the other day smoking crack right in the middle of town. Imagine him in a hotel room at 3AM...will it take a motel burning down to wake up to how dangerous this is?

01:59:39 Paul Marsteller: Encinitas I was referring to/

02:01:34 Diane Bedrosian: Connie La Posada de Guadalupe accepts some donations of hygiene items etc.

02:02:15 John Nguyen-Cleary: I've seen a lot of data about the efficacy of permanent supportive affordable/low-income housing, and even shelters with supportive services, being effective at addressing long-term homelessness. I have not seen data on voucher programs. What data is there about efficacy of voucher programs? It seems more short-term and less stable of a program. Also, was there an explanation of integrated supportive services?

What final piece of advice or insight would you like to share with the Homeless Action Subcommittee?

02:03:41 Paul Marsteller: all the housing element studies in the world won't address the reality of most of the homeless. Many of these vouchers can't afford ANY house, because their homelessness is not because of low wages vs. house prices, it's that they are dysfunctional.

02:04:17 Gary Nessim: While we desperately need affordable housing units. I believe no shelter, motel or homeless units count towards or are a part of this housing problem. Totally separate zoning issues!

02:04:30 Lizanne Clark: Given the number of 70% homeless are Carlsbad residents and 20% 55+, how do we re-address rent control and keep vacation rentals (Airbnb, etc.) out of the conversation? We need this.

02:05:44 Paul Marsteller: 70% of homeless in Carlsbad are residents...hmmm...m a y b e ...until they put out the invite a

02:06:06 Steven Varga: Get rid of the voucher program... money better spent elsewhere

02:06:10 Mark B: The more we give out, the more people will show up wanting assistance. Many people want to live like they are and with no responsibilities in life.

02:06:11 Elissa Seidenglanz: I have also seen success with programs that address more than just providing homes. Many of these solutions have come from experienced charitable organizations who have all encompassing services known to work. They provide a helping hand up. I would also like to see the data that offering homes only brings good results. How will success be measured with this program?

02:06:26 Paul Marsteller: round the region to come to Carlsbad for a slim chance to get a free hotel room near the beach..

02:07:36 Paul Marsteller: then Carlsbad residents will be less than 25% ...wait for it.

02:07:38 Diane Bedrosian: Do like San Clemente and put the place for them to camp, inland in an industrial area that is not beach like or attractive

02:07:41 Tim Stipe: Not 50% of all homeless. Quit playing with the #'s

02:08:17 Tom Cunningham: We should already know what success looks like. How can we implement a program if we don't have metrics in place?

02:08:21 Lisa Potter: I look forward to seeing how effective this program is.

02:09:31 Tim Stipe: CPD is #1. We want the council to fight to untie your hands.

02:09:56 Mark B: My wife doesn't feel safe with all the RVs on Avenida encinas

02:10:12 Jeff Toth: We don't feel right now :(

02:10:14 Paul Marsteller: If I was in Waters End and they pick a motel across from them to implement Housing First/low barrier, in spite of the guidelines that say such programs are not to be near family neighborhoods ... I'd get a class action suit going. Y

02:10:19 Elissa Seidenglanz: CPD is very responsive and helpful. Compassionate and competent. Appreciate you.

02:10:40 Tracy Carmichael: We are no longer feeling safe/

02:11:01 D: Give community more guidance for what is being done and how to participate in a productive way. Including those that want to help guide and give information to those in need as well as steps to take if someone feels unsafe. Also would be very helpful to know what steps are taken when someone is "exited" from one of these hotel voucher programs and if there is care taken to where they are sent or end up.

02:11:24 Paul Marsteller: CPD are outstanding, and are frustrated because their hands are tied. That's a fact.

02:11:33 Mark B: They don't want help, they want free living with NO responsibilities. Call it what it is.

02:11:37 Lisa Potter: Compassion and effective support that gets at the root causes instead of criminalizing out of fear and pushing out of sight

02:12:21 Mark B: Agree with you there Paul

02:12:42 Julia Darling: It just as important for someone who is homeless to feel safe as it is for the rest of the community

02:13:04 Susan Kristiansen: Please share specific data with respect to the number of homeless individuals and families, and the number of available spaces for them. Share your plan for getting the desired reductions. Your statements are all "we will," I'd like to see a timeline and more actions. I strongly support the housing first approach, with vouchers as a temporary action while permanent housing is developed, but there needs to be a plan and a budget to get these people housed.

02:13:13 Diane Rivera: I would like to see that there is, moving forward now, that there is a Budget to Actual monthly report. This document will have current and last month activity by line item along with a year to date column compared to the budget and have a % of change. Finally, there would be a Narrative column to report plus/minus change by exception for each line item. The value of this format is that every person involved will be held accountable for how the money is being spent, what is needed, where we did not meet our goal, and an opportunity to correct in a timely manner. Another value of this format is that everyone has the same information in real time. Thank you all, again, for a great meeting.

02:13:46 Jari Pajunen: There should be clear KPI's in place before we allocate funds, just like any other public project. We need metrics to evaluate how programs are doing.

02:13:57 Virginia Rodriguez: Thank you council member Acosta

02:14:01 Elissa Seidenglanz: Please consider compassionate options that help homeless folks the ability to get out of subsidized housing and live safe productive lives. Please also consider inputs from surrounding communities in terms of safety as you make your decisions.

02:14:14 Mark B: If they wanted to feel safe, they would get and stay off drugs.

02:14:15 Margaret, Tech: project website link = <https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/police/programs/homeless-outreach-team>

02:14:22 Lisa Potter: Thank you for this forum

02:14:42 Paul Marsteller: Need to listen to Matt, he's the brains on the council, the rest are all emotion or ambition.

02:14:45 John Nguyen-Cleary: thank you to the city for organizing these forums!

02:15:03 Margaret, Tech: Sign up for Email updates = <https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001uIM2HFQzzSY0EwH6q8G0c5GZlgwwYhaoXj1VW5DnGtKZswmhu9C6t4Rzk38LUEal5FuhPvx754yychO9oh836uSDA9IMml67ez1fADxMMxk%3D>

02:15:04 Danielle McAbee: We need drug testing. This is a major problem with the homeless now.

02:15:11 Jeff Toth: @paul Can you suggest a place to organize?

02:15:13 Kelly McCormick: Thank you for organizing this series of forums.

02:15:31 Holly Hamel: Yes, lets organize please

02:15:37 Tracy Carmichael: thank you to CPD and Staff for your work in keep our community safe.

02:15:52 Gary Nessim: Homeless Action committee advice is move now to provide more shelter rooms permanently so that we can meet our 5 year goal and not be dealing with this without the resources we need. Police best resource would be places in Carlsbad to take homeless. They are not permitted to remove people from public places without a place to take them. We know we have a long term need for 200 plus rooms.

02:16:02 Paul Marsteller: Next Door- group Accountability for Carlsbad Politicians