

TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS



November 12, 2024

Background

**March Community
Meeting**

PIT COUNT

**Desire to create an
Action Plan**

**Government
Agencies, COBs
and Partners**

**October 5th
Community
Meeting**

What does solving this homeless problem in OUR community mean to you?

- 1. Affordable and Low-Barrier Housing:** Focus on creating more long-term, affordable housing options for unhoused individuals with fewer barriers to entry.
- 2. Dignity and Respect:** Treating the unhoused with dignity and respect while providing them with opportunities to transition into stable housing.
- 3. Comprehensive Support Services:** Offering mental health services, drug addiction treatment, and support services as a first step toward housing stability.
- 4. Community Well-Being:** Building a healthy, inclusive, and safe environment for all, including prioritizing farmworkers and vulnerable populations.
- 5. Collaboration and Coordination:** Encouraging more cooperation between local organizations and nonprofits to address homelessness effectively.
- 6. Compassionate Engagement:** Fostering empathy and building systems that prioritize compassionate, long-term solutions over punitive measures.
- 7. Equity and Prevention:** Ensuring equitable distribution of resources, focusing on prevention, and advocating for policies that reduce homelessness at the systemic level.
- 8. Safe, Designated Spaces:** Establishing designated areas with necessary facilities (like toilets and showers) for unhoused individuals, while considering the needs of homeowners and other community members.
- 9. Awareness and Education:** Raising public awareness through education on best practices for solving homelessness and promoting empathy.
- 10. Holistic Approach:** Creating a safer community through a comprehensive plan addressing root causes, prevention, and recovery, while balancing the needs of all residents.

Identified Categories

- **Housing**
 - **Prevention**
 - **Management & Enforcement**
 - **Services and Resources**
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Why a Task Force?



**To engage community members in
focused solutions**



To develop and Action Plan



We are all in...Leading this effort

- **TASK FORCE** – Chief Zamora, Nick Calubaquib & Courtney Lindberg
- **Enforcement** (Captain Radish and Assistant Chief Avila) & **Management** Courtney Lindberg & John Moreno
- **Housing** – Carlos Landaverri
- **Prevention** – Nick Calubaquib
- **Services & Resources** – Alicia Martinez
- **Policy & Funding** – Tamara Vides, Marissa Duran & Mary Wagner

Application Process

- Watsonville Residents
- Employees of Services Providers
- Business Owners
- Asking for top three areas of interest
- Application (Nov 13 to Dec 4)
- January Meeting



Task Force on Homelessness Working Group Application

We are currently accepting applications to join Working Groups that will support the City of Watsonville's Task Force on Homelessness. These working groups will assist the Task Force on Homelessness with the planning and development of the City of Watsonville's Homelessness Action Plan. Please submit your completed application by 5pm on December 4, 2024 to ensure consideration.

Full Name:

Date:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Are you completing this application on behalf of yourself or a community organization?

☐ Myself

☐ Organization

Org Name:

Do you live within the City Limits?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Do you work within the City Limits?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Current Job or Profession:

What motivates you to join the Task Force for Homelessness - Working Groups and how do you envision contributing to the group's goals? (Limit 200 Words)

If selected, which working group would you be interested being part of? (Select your top 3)

• Housing

• Prevention

• Enforcement

• Management

• Services

• Resources

• Policy

• Budget

List your top three:

1.

2.

3.

In which areas do you have experience? (Select all that apply)

☐ Housing

☐ Social Work

☐ Faith Based

☐ Resources

☐ Enforcement

☐ Prevention

☐ Mental Health

☐ Homeless Services

☐ Finance/Budgeting

☐ Grant Writing

☐ Lived Experience with homelessness

☐ Other