



Our Year of

WORKING TOGETHER TO END HOMELESSNESS

Questions and Answers, June 3, 2022

Moving into a Permanent Home

1. **Question:** Given the higher number of unhoused people (from the 2022 point in time count), how close are we to be achieving the goal of functional zero unhoused people this year?

Answer: With the addition of shelter beds through the Navigation Center and Stone Villa, and the 51 units of Permanent Supportive Housing at 1818 El Camino Real, we are on track to [reach functional zero](#) by the end of 2022.

2. **Question:** How can local advocates facilitate the process of developing permanent supportive housing?

Answer: Speak out at public hearings about these projects. Often the loudest voices in the room are folks who oppose these projects. Reach out to local elected officials to express support. Vote for bonds and other initiatives that provide funding for affordable housing and homeless services. Repealing Article XXXIV may go to the voters this year. This has created barriers to affordable housing throughout California. Build coalitions with community partners to show board support and a network to implement creative ideas that meet you community needs.

Resources Shared:

- Human Services Agency Center on Homelessness: <https://www.smcgov.org/hsa/center-homelessness>
- See the following link for a list of Core Service Agencies by geography: <https://www.smcgov.org/hsa/core-service-agencies-emergency-safety-net-assistance>
- Reference to a recent conference on homelessness: <https://siepr.stanford.edu/events/policy-forum/2022-spring-policy-forum>