

Homelessness in Lake Elsinore

Lunch & Learn
September 6, 2017



Addressing Homelessness in LE



- **April 2014** – City creates Homeless Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Feeding in Parks
 - Established Pathway Project
 - Successfully curbed feeding in parks
- **2015** – Began More Proactive Enforcement of Encampments
- **2016** – Weekly Enforcement of Encampments
- **October 2016** – Adopted Regional Homeless Alliance Resolution
- **January 2017** – Point in Time Count Shows 62 Homeless in LE
- **May 2017** – Created a New Council Subcommittee
- **June 2017** – Launched Homeless Task Force

State of Homelessness in LE

Transient Camp Enforcement

Private Property Commercial: 4 Corners Albertson's



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Private Property Commercial: Home Depot and Target Center



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Private Property Abandoned Buildings: Former Coco's and Lone Star



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Private Property Vacant Lots: Riverside Drive



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Public and City Property: La Laguna Resort



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Private Property Vacant Lots: Cambern Avenue and Rosetta Canyon Areas



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Private Property Vacant Lots: Lake Bottom Lots



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Public Property: Elm Grove Beach



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Public Property: Serenity Park



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City Right of Way: Collier & Spring St. Next to I-15



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County and State Property: E. Lakeshore Bridge and San Jacinto Bridge



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County Property: Flood Channels



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Existing Municipal Codes



1. Regulation of Solicitation (Chapter 8.13)
2. Vehicle Solicitation (Chapter 10.72)
3. Camping on Private Property (Chapter 8.70) – Updated 2015
4. Shopping Carts (Chapter 8.38) – Updated 2016
5. Parks and Beaches (Chapter 8.40) – Updated 2016
6. Unattended Donation Boxes (Chapter 5.34) – Update 2015
7. Nuisance Abatement (Chapter 8.18) – Updated 2015

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Private vs. Public Property



- Average cost of abatement
 - \$1,000 to \$4,000 per location, larger camp cleanups can be between \$6,000 to \$10,000
- Partner with property and business owners to help them maintain, manage and secure their lots and businesses
 - Letter of Trespass (602 letter, tool for law enforcement)
 - No Trespassing signs
 - Frequent visits
 - Remove overgrown brush
- Hold property owners who fail to properly manage their lots accountable
 - Nuisance Abatement procedures (LEMC 8.18.020)
 - Cost Recovery through special assessments (staff time/cleanup cost)

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Success To Date



- Since July 1, 2016:
 - More than **65 transient camp locations** in City.
 - Four Corners/Riverside Drive, Mission Trail, E. Lakeshore Drive, and Rosetta Canyon.
 - Abandoned Buildings – Commercial and Residential
 - Public Parks, Beaches and Public Right of Ways.
 - **106** Transient Camp Clean Ups (includes multiple locations per clean up)
 - Total Cost: **\$182,525.**
 - **135 tons** of junk and debris removal from these camps.

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Strategic Objectives

1. Assess Homeless Population
2. Communication & Outreach to Community
3. Form Community Collaborative
4. Create List of Available Resources & Services, Identify Gaps
5. Review, Assess and Create Best Practices for Homeless
6. Update Municipal Codes Regarding Homeless
7. Develop New Programs to Reduce Homelessness
8. Coordinate with Regional Efforts
9. Clarify City's Role and Partnership with Non-Profits and Faith Based Orgs
10. Begin to Create Local Housing Crisis & Response Team

Members

Mayor Pro Tem
Natasha Johnson

Councilmember
Brian Tisdale

City Staff

Police Department

County of Riverside,
District 1 & Flood
Control

Chamber of Commerce

Key Community
Stakeholders

PSAC Member

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City's Role

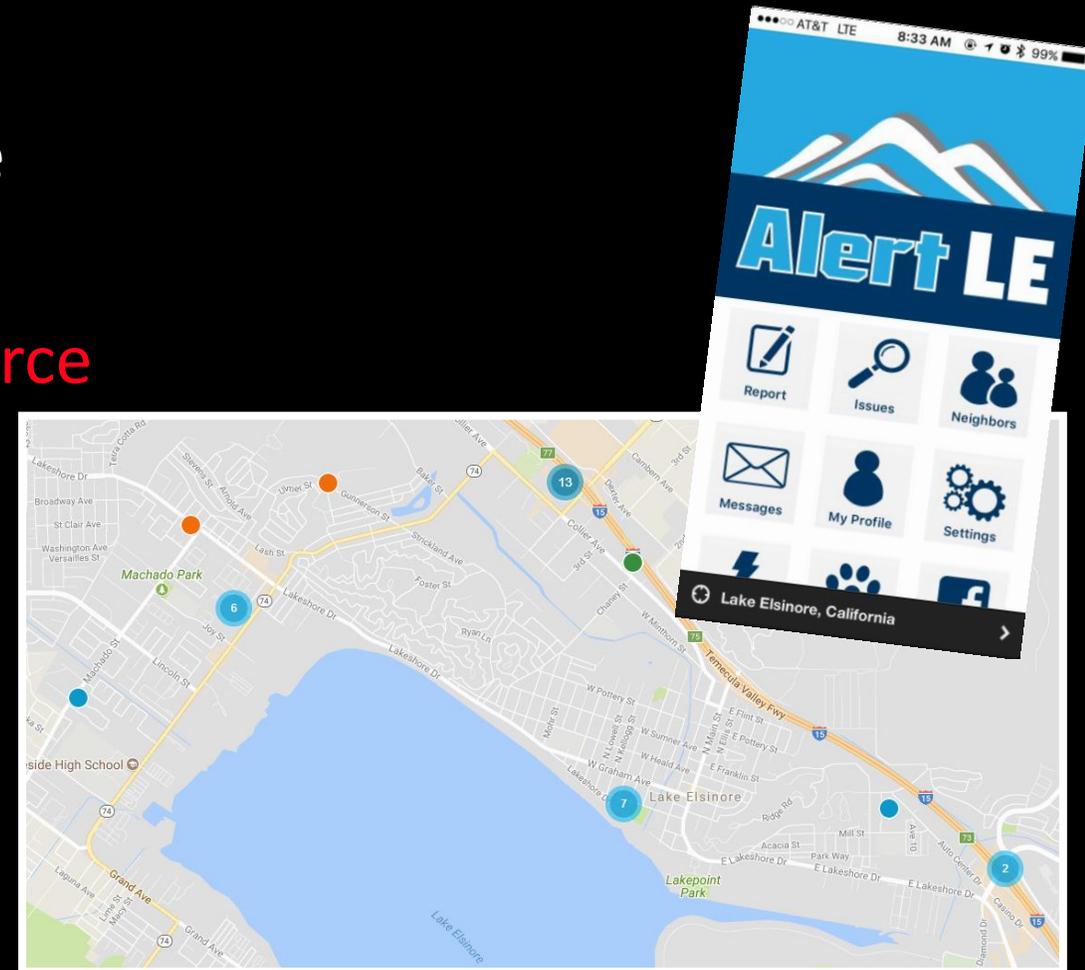


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Actions To Date



- Alert LE Issue for Public – Report Homeless Concerns
- Public Outreach & Social Media Posts
- Media Outreach – The Press-Enterprise
- Website Resources
www.lake-elsinore.org/homelesstaskforce
- Homeless Population Assessment Tool
- New Park Ranger (City's First)
- Quality of Life Patrols
- Resources to Help



Homeless Task Force – Engagement & Education



What Can Residents Do?

1. **Secure Your Valuables** – Lock it up.
2. **Protect Your Property** – Alarms & cameras.
3. **Join Neighborhood Watch Groups** – Keep a look out.
4. **Practice Responsible Compassion** - Give a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out.
5. **Report, Report, Report!** – 911, Non-emergency line and Alert LE.

www.lake-elsinore.org/help

RESPONSIBLE COMPASSION FOR THE HOMELESS

DO'S & DON'TS

Let Your Generosity Be a Part of the Solution

DO respond to solicitation requests with a firm **NO**.

DO report all illegal activity by calling 911 or non-emergency law enforcement number (951) 776-1099.

DO treat homeless with respect and dignity.

DO offer homeless information to get help, such as dialing 211.

DO volunteer with or donate to organizations that help the homeless.

DO be a part of the solution by practicing Responsible Compassion.

DON'T encourage panhandling by giving money, food, supplies, etc.

DON'T give them your address or take them to your home.

DON'T allow camping or loitering on your property.

DON'T assume you're making a difference when you are giving; you may actually be hurting, not helping.

Find out more at www.lake-elsinore.org/homelesstaskforce or
www.responsiblecompassion.com.

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Resources to Help Those in Need

City's New Helpline

(951) 291-0050

Webpage to Request Help

www.lake-elsinore.org/help

Resource Card Coming Soon

To be distributed in and around community.

Join Community Collaborative

RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS

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Connecting those in need to those who can give a hand up not a hand out.

The City of Lake Elsinore is currently developing a list of resources available for the those in need who are seeking to end their homelessness and/or to prevent homelessness. Listed to the right are some known available resources that are eager to help now.

Organizations and/or individuals who have the heart to serve and provide assistance will be invited to join a Community Collaborative. This collaborative is proposed to begin in late 2017 to develop a network of resources to end homelessness for those who want help.

If you serve or know of any organizations who serve those in need in our community and would like to be included in our resource list, please email the City at pio@lake-elsinore.org

If you are seeking help and looking for someone to give you a hand up and out of homelessness, please complete the form below, call (951) 291-0050, and/or [view this list of shelters for displaced individuals and families](#) that may be able to help you.

REQUEST FOR HELP TO END HOMELESSNESS

If you are homeless and looking for ways to help you end homelessness, please complete the form below and someone from the City's homeless task force will contact you to help.

1. Name:

2. Contact Information

Please Enter the Best Way to Reach You

Phone Number (if applicable)

Email (if applicable)

Other

3. Barriers Preventing You from Ending Homelessness

- Alcohol Use
- Drug Use
- PTSD
- Mental Health Conditions
- Physical Disabilities
- Developmental Disabilities
- Brain Injury
- Victim of Domestic Violence
- AIDS/HIV
- Jail (within 12 months)
- Other

Thank you for taking the first step. We are eager to try to find the right person who can help you address your needs and find a permanent place to call home.

RESPONSIBLE COMPASSION FOR THE HOMELESS
GIVE the homeless A HAND UP rather than A HAND OUT
www.lake-elsinore.org

SHELTER Corona-Norco Rescue Mission (951) 526-1200	VETERANS US Vets (951) 686-6893
SHELTER Path of Life (951) 683-4101	FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN LEUSD S.A.F.E.R. Program (951) 253-7000 ext. 5386
EMERGENCY HOUSING Project Touch (951) 677-9681	GENERAL ASSISTANCE Helping Hands (951) 821-6080

Homeless Helpline (951) 291-0050

Homeless Task Force – Policies & Programs

Business Resources & Outreach Program



- Partnership with Chamber of Commerce
- Business Toolkit Underway
 - Safety Checklist, Resources and Enforcement Options, Signage and Posters
 - Interested? Email the City at pio@lake-elsinore.org
- Group Presentations & Special Workshops
- Tips Online at www.lake-elsinore.org/businesscrimeprevention.



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What Can Businesses Do?

1. **Crime Free Business Program** – FREE training, inspection and recommendations to improve overall safety.
2. **Private Security & Security Systems** – Remember, crimes against businesses are usually crimes of opportunity. Alarms, Security Cameras, Lighting and More...
3. **Property Appearance & Maintenance** – The appearance you have is the clientele you attract.
4. **Trespass Letter of Authority (i.e. 602 PC Letter)** – Renew EVERY year.
5. **Proper Signage** – Right to refuse service and private property no trespassing signs.
6. **Discourage Illegal Activity** – When safe and appropriate.
7. **Report, Report, Report!** – Non-emergency line and Alert LE.

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Upcoming Action Items



- Resource Card for Distribution throughout Community
- Business Toolkit & Signage Package – Sign Up Today!
- New Deputy for Enforcement and Outreach
- Municipal Code Review & Revisions – Solicitation, Loitering with Emphasis on Enforcement
- Community Collaborative for Assessment & Gap Analysis
- Regional Resources – Homeless Outreach & Housing Locator