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
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
Homeless Task Force – Enforcement

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)
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.
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

Enforcement

Policies & Programs

Engagement & Education
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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
1. Secure Your Valuables – Lock it up.
2. Protect Your Property – Alarms & cameras.
4. Practice Responsible Compassion - Give a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out.

www.lake-elsinore.org/help
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
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
What Can Businesses Do?

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.
Upcoming Action Items

• Resource Card for Distribution throughout Community
• Business Toolkit & Signage Package – Sign Up Today!
• New Deputy for Enforcement and Outreach
• Community Collaborative for Assessment & Gap Analysis
• Regional Resources – Homeless Outreach & Housing Locator