



# City of Palm Springs

Discussion on Homelessness  
Mizell Senior Center  
May 4, 2015

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# Agenda

- Who are we talking about?
- Who are we talking to?
- Several activities in progress
- Cleanup activities in progress
- Public comments

# "Homeless" Populations

*How many homeless in Palm Springs are we talking about?*

- 2013 "Point in Time" count interviewed **60**
- 2013 "Point in Time" sheltered homeless **72**
  
- 2015 "Point in Time" count interviewed **66**
- 2015 "Observed" but not interviewed homeless **52** } New
  
- 2015 "Sheltered" Homeless (still being calculated by Riverside County)

# “Homeless” Populations

- **Not-Homeless.** Some people that use services like the hot meal programs or food distribution programs, but are merely poor.
- **Situational Homeless.** People that are not chronically homeless but find themselves without housing through adverse circumstances.
- **Invisible Homeless.** Often situational homeless, people temporarily sharing housing, or moved in with friends or relatives, or otherwise “housed” but not in a home they control or with a long-term potential.
- **Homeless families.** Some are intact, two-parent families, but statistically they are one-parent households.

# “Homeless” Populations

- **Employed homeless.**
- **Mentally ill and/or substance abusing homeless.**
- **Habitually homeless.** Both men and women, this population sometimes resists the label of homeless and many reject the idea that they need assistance into housing and/or other services.

# “Homeless” Populations

- **“Roy’s-eligible” men and women** (ratio is 70 men-30 women). These include homeless who are not active drug or alcohol users and who do not have a record of violent felonies, and who do not have pets, and can make it to the Roy’s bus pick up sites.
- **“Roy’s-ineligible” men and women.** These include homeless who may be active drug or alcohol users or may have a record of serious or violent felonies.

# Homeless Resources

- Riverside County Department of Social Services
- Riverside County Department of Mental Health
- Jewish Family Services of San Diego (Roy's Desert Resource Center and Desert Vista SOS)
- Riverside County Housing Authority
- Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
- Martha's Village and Kitchen
- Well in the Desert
- Shelter from the Storm
- Other Service Providers....

# Activities in Progress



- Increasing funding for Roy's to expand services at their site
- Partnering on additional outreach: Mental Health, Social Services, JFS, CVRM, Well in the Desert



# Activities in Progress

- Partnering with the County on Mental Health services at The PATH, the mental health facility located next to Roy's.
- Possible substance abuse services



# Activities in Progress

- Developing additional transitional housing and permanent supportive housing for homeless/formerly homeless
- Implementing the Community/Homeless Court Program
- Improving Transportation to Roy's, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, other resources and appointments

# Cleanup Activities in Progress

- Adding additional cleanup capacity for Police Department and Public Works to ensure the safety, cleanliness and quality of public and private spaces



# Cleanup Activities in Progress



- Enhancing other policies on vacant lot cleanups, including partnering with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and the Bureau of Indian Affairs on Indian land cleanups

# Cleanup Activities in Progress



- Hiring 2 additional Community Service Officers and a Lieutenant to assist with outreach and monitoring/patrol activity
- Expanding shopping cart ordinance
- Expanding liquor law enforcement

# Public Comments

- Please limit comments to the topic of discussion tonight
- 3 minute time limit
- Please be respectful of different points of view