

Homeless Solutions Vision and Strategies

“Helping People to Help Themselves”

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Homeless Solutions – Today’s Item

“Helping People to Help Themselves”

Recommend Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Homeless Solutions Vision and Strategies



What Causes Homelessness?



1. Addiction
2. Poverty
3. Lack of Housing
4. Lack of Affordable Health Care
5. Domestic Violence
6. Mental Illness



Source: National Coalition for the Homeless - NationalHomeless.org



Homeless Solutions Activities 2014-present

- May 2014 presentation of initial draft Vision and Strategies to City Council
- Homeless Summit, June 2014
- Multiple meetings with Homeless Issues Partnership, shelters, stakeholders and partners
- Crisis Intervention Training for Police Officers
- Pilot Pathways program – Police and Behavioral Health Center
- Continuous “best practices” research
- June 2015 presentation of updated Vision and Strategies to City Council





Partners and Stakeholders Engaged

- Homeless Issues Partnership
 - Individual homeless service organizations
 - Downtown Management District
 - Uptown Neighborhood Initiative
 - Clergy Alliance and other churches
 - Behavioral Health Center
 - Charlie's Place
 - County and Hospital representatives
 - Individuals interested in serving those in need
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Homeless Solutions Vision

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Vision:

Corpus Christi is a community that addresses and prevents homelessness while enhancing the overall community’s quality of life.

We will achieve this vision working together through public/private partnerships.



Homeless Solutions Strategies (5)

1. Advocate for the City to enact the proper tools and resources to achieve the vision
 2. Support acquisition of a location for coordinated provision of support services.
 3. Solicit new revenue streams to achieve the partnership's vision and strategies.
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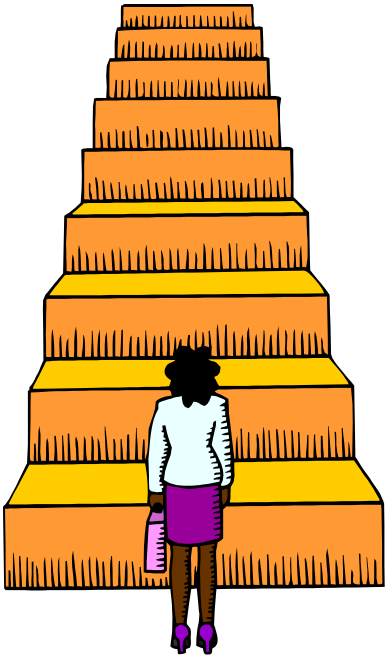
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4. Educate the public, showcasing success stories.
5. Establish a Sobriety Center/Crisis Stabilization Center



Next Steps after Adoption of Vision and Strategies

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1. Provide information about facilities in other cities (Dallas, Houston, Salt Lake City, etc)
2. Work with Homeless Issues Partnership, other partners and stakeholders to develop ideas and craft proposed ordinances
3. Bring ordinances and zoning recommendations for Council consideration
4. Identify and seek funding sources



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Thank you



Homeless Solutions

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Homeless Solutions Strategies:

1. Advocate for the City to:
 - enforce existing ordinances more vigorously and enact additional Quality of Life ordinances as needed to limit or prohibit loitering, panhandling, vagrant behaviors or illegal activity.
 - develop appropriate zoning and other regulations regarding the location of facilities serving the homeless population.
 - make changes to City Hall property to enhance business image and public access to City services, while reducing opportunities for loitering, vagrant behaviors or illegal activity.
 - create pathways and incentives to increase the availability of affordable, accessible, integrated permanent housing.
 - concentrate City and federal funding toward achievement of the partnership's vision and strategies.
 2. Support acquisition of a location for coordinated provision of support services through homeless service providers. The location of this service hub will be located away from Downtown/Uptown to facilitate integration of social services and promote revitalization of these areas.
 3. Solicit new revenue streams to achieve the partnership's vision and strategies.
 4. Educate the public regarding these strategies to reduce homelessness, showcasing stories of those who have successfully transitioned from homelessness into productive society.
 5. Establish a Sobriety Center/Crisis Stabilization Center (operated by a healthcare organization) as a jail diversion program for individuals typically arrested for public intoxication or mental illness-related minor offenses. Secure support for this jail diversion program from City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Behavioral Health Center, Nueces County Hospital District, the Courts and other parties with a role, responsibility and/or interest in these functions and services.
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