

# **Homeless Solutions Vision and Strategies**

#### A Proposal for City Council Feedback



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#### Vision:

A centralized and coordinated approach that prevents and reduces homelessness while enhancing the overall community's quality of life.



#### Corpus Christi's Current Homeless Situation

In 2014 – There were 912 homeless persons surveyed:

822 adults, 90 children

68% Male, 32% Female

Average adult age 41, average child age 6.4

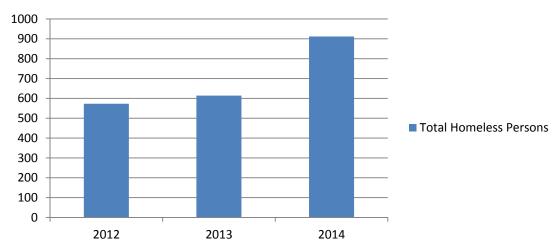
518 Single adult individuals

Source: Homeless Count and Characteristics Survey Results 2014, Texas Homeless Network



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#### **Total Homeless Persons, 2012-2014**



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# The City's Three Tools to Address Homeless Situation:

- 1. Zoning
- 2. Ordinances
- 3. Funding





#### **Strategies:**

- 1. Hold shelters accountable
- 2. Enact Quality of Life ordinances
- 3. Make changes to City Hall property to enhance business image



#### **Strategies (continued):**

- 4. Update Zoning regulations for homeless shelters
- Create Sobriety Center (public intoxication dropoff center) - Requires <u>partnerships – Nueces</u>
   <u>County and others</u>
- 6. Create single location for coordinated services away from downtown/uptown



#### Strategies:

- 7. Concentrate funding toward services aligned with City's vision; discourage funding to services not aligned
- 8. Create a coalition of public, non-profit and private agencies to achieve vision and strategies



#### **Expected Outcomes (a partial list):**

- Corpus Christi is seen as an attractive community...
- Residents and businesses are free from unwanted behaviors
- There are a minimal number of homeless on the streets.
- Homeless individuals have a safe place to go for services and a safe place to sleep.
- Social service agencies are cooperating to solve the root causes of homelessness - not competing or duplicating efforts.



#### **Next Steps:**



- 1. Identify and convene stakeholders and partners for ideas, input
- 2. Create an Action Plan
- Bring forward ordinances, zoning and policy recommendations for Council action
- 4. Seek funding sources



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