

Tackling the Santa Ana Homelessness Crisis

Our challenge: How to utilize a \$1.4 billion budget to ease the homelessness crisis in California, specifically the Santa Ana area where homelessness is prevalent (first start small then if successful, expand idea). This is a challenge because of NIMBY, possibly resulting in people to oppose the idea and solution altogether.

\$1.4 BILLION

The Goals of our Project

-  Create low income, transitional housing communities
-  Tackle the NIMBY problem
-  Start a service based club on campus
-  Monitor the success of our housing, as well as civillian perceptions on our work
-  Have a social media and email presence to keep those wanting to help involved, updated and engaged

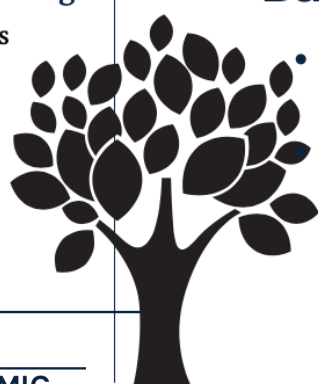
What the communities would provide

- Access to:
- The shelter
 - Mental health facilities
 - Therapy Offices
 - Job fairs
 - Financial advising
 - Drug and alcohol rehabilitation
 - Various necessities

"The bridge between homelessness and independence"

Introduction

- Why the Homelessness crisis is concerning:
 - Over 59,000 people are currently homeless in LA county alone
 - Over 2,000 in Santa Ana as of now
 - Underlying alcoholism, drug addiction, and mental health problems
 - Increasing prices for housing in CA



The NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) issue

- Location of potential shelter may cause uneasiness among certain audiences
- May draw in homeless population to destination that is already inhabited (perhaps close to suburbs, schools, etc → may seem as dangerous)

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Involving the Community

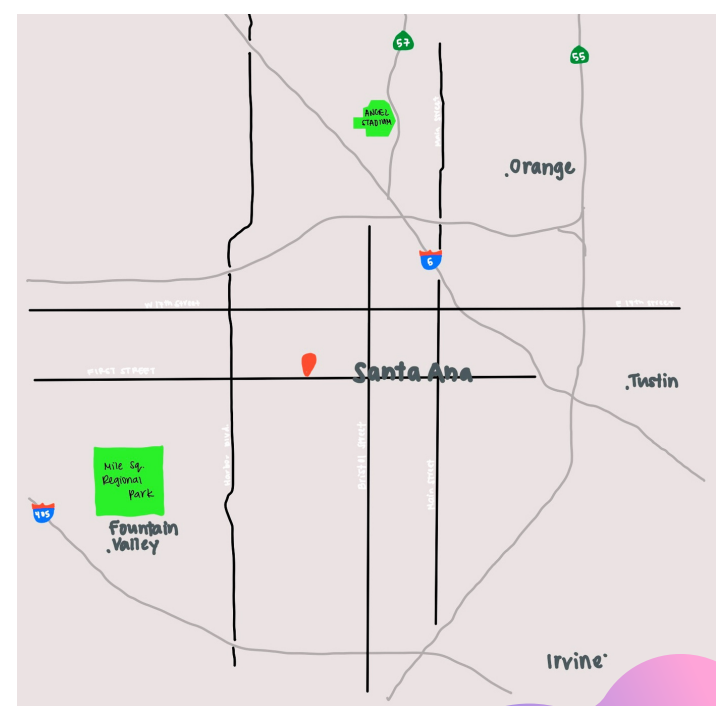


Survey Results:



- Demographics
 - Age, gender, ethnicity, location, occupation, dependency (if applicable), employment
- Santa Ana Project opinions
 - Do you think homelessness is a pressing issue that needs to be addressed?
 - Would you be supportive of this project?
 - Would you be more supportive of permanent housing, such as apartments, which would provide on-site services (job training, counseling, mental health, child care, etc.)?
 - How likely would you be to donate to help fund this project?
 - Would you be interested in getting more information about this topic, and the benefits to it?

POTENTIAL LOCATION



Students Against Homelessness Coalition

This Fall 2021 we plan to bring S.A.H.C to campus.

This would be a service club that partners with local organizations to help tackle the issue hands on with the information we know.

Many students indicated a willingness/desire to help, hence the need for such a club

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Our Plan:



- Create floor plan for housing to accommodate up to 400 people
 - Will include resident rooms, recreational room, clinic/therapy offices, cafeteria, and administrative office
- Hire individuals to work at the shelter
 - Will include financial advisors, job recruiters, therapists, psychiatrist, nurses, primary care physician, security guards, administrative staff, cafeteria workers, and custodians
- Find a lot/building to begin plan
 - Possible location would be 2323 W 1st St, Santa Ana, CA 92703
 - Near millennials so NIMBY may be less of a problem
- Track participants (as well as background/history)
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): program that tracks participants if they have participated in other programs or are planning to join a different one after
 - Important to be connected to other surrounding projects similar to ours
 - Coordinated Entry System (CES): program that tracks participants regarding who gets put into housing and the participant's level of need for the shelter
 - VISPD: assessment tool needed in order to be a part of HMIS and CES
- Assess progress of participants
 - How long they need to stay at shelter, change in income before and after the program, progression in physical/mental health, etc.
- Spread awareness
 - Via (hopefully) starting a service-based club next fall semester on campus

What we have done so far

- Contact experts in construction and other similar projects
 - Haven for Hope in San Antonio, Texas
- Create survey about our challenge and asking for opinions on NIMBY
 - Sent link out to neighbors and past SCI professors who passed on survey to their current students
 - Posted link to social media

Other potential problems:

- Some homeless people may choose to not want help at all (can't force them to do something they don't want to do)
- Whether housing will be temporary or permanent (unless we do both)

- Begin looking at parameters for starting our own club