

# Addressing Homelessness in Alameda

Survey Results, Case Management Services and the Homeless Action Plan

# Steps Taken So Far

- Initial steps taken to address homelessness in Alameda, including Jean Sweeney Open Space Park:
  - Survey assessment by Operation Dignity Mobile Outreach Team.
  - Community meeting attend by over 80 neighbors and homeless people.
  - Social Services and Human Relations Board (SSHRB) – reviewed and made recommendations on the Homeless Action Plan.
  - Homeless Action Plan Committee – representatives from Alameda Point Collaborative, Operation Dignity, SSHRB, Police Dept, Recreation and Parks Dept, Community Development Dept.
  - Already having an impact, connecting people with housing services.



# Initial Survey Assessment Results

- Mobile outreach team engaged with homeless individuals during a 6-week period (late Sept – early Nov).
- 33 individuals were identified, all of whom are currently residing at Sweeney Park. Other encampments have been posted and cleaned up, such as below the Fruitvale and Park St. Bridges.
- All but 3 expressed interest in Case Management Services and all reported being interested in housing.
- 5 reported being veterans.

# Initial Survey Assessment Results

Ethnicity		Gender		Age		Mental or Physical Disability		
White	22	Male	22	20-39	12	Reported a disability	29	
African American	1	Female	10	40-59	17	Unknown or reported none	4	
Latino	2	Potential Income Sources		60+	3	Substance Abuse		
Asian/Pacific Islander	3			At least one source		21	Reported drugs, alcohol or both	21
Native American	5					Unknown or reported none	12	
Mixed	1	Unknown or reported none		12				

Duration Living in Alameda		Duration at Encampment	
Less than 1 year	14	Less than 1 year	13
1 – 5 years	16	1 – 5 years	15
6 – 10 years	5	6 – 11 years	4
11-15 years	7		
Unknown	1		



# Ongoing Case Management Services

- One-year agreement with Operation Dignity for 20 hrs/week. Includes 2 outreach workers and 1 case manager operating in 4-hour shifts.
- Includes:
  - Developing rapport, trust and building relationships.
  - Both street-based onsite and drop-in or scheduled visits at nearby offices, such as Alameda Point Collaborative, to guide, support and provide options for services with a focus on housing goals.
  - Assessment, referrals, navigation and advocacy.
  - Harm reduction outreach for basic supplies.
  - Linking clients with housing resources, public benefits, health care services, legal resources, clinical care management and other service resources.
  - Providing transportation assistance and accompanying clients as needed.

# Homeless Action Plan

- Initial survey assessment – *completed*
- Posting park timeline notices at Sweeney Park – *completed*
- One-year of case management services
- Post and evict in park construction zones
- Clear brush in phases from non-construction, undeveloped areas
- Maintain cleared areas
- Install solar lighting in undeveloped areas
- Once construction is complete, maintain and open undeveloped areas to the public.



# Homeless Action Plan Budget

▪ Operation Dignity 1-year agreement	\$122,242
▪ Solar lighting, brush clearing & ongoing maintenance	<u>\$120,000</u>
Total	\$242,242
▪ Funded from General Fund	