

Speaker Input – Homeless Webinar

The City of Morgan Hill

Rebecca Garcia, Housing Director

Favorite Hobby/Pastime: Walking and playing outside with my 18-month-old daughter Charli Marie.

Overview of the organization: Morgan Hill's primary housing mission is to continue the City's legacy to improve, preserve, and create safe, quality, rental and ownership housing in Morgan Hill for residents at all income levels. The Housing team continues to proactively create and preserve affordability in the City through a variety of programs that seek to serve all income backgrounds from extremely low income to moderate income housing. Morgan Hill is guided by the vision of its General Plan, a plan that is informed by the community and adopted by the City Council (July 27, 2016). The General Plan is a long-term plan for the physical development of the community. It represents the development criteria required to achieve the city's social, economic, housing, and environmental goals. The Housing Division follows the lead of the Housing Element, this is a chapter in the General Plan that is the City's comprehensive statement of its housing needs and goals. It identifies actions to meet the housing needs of the full spectrum of city residents at all income levels.

The City has a proud history of affordable housing production, coupled with 40 years of community support. The investment and development of the private and nonprofit development community, and the former Redevelopment Agency has created more affordable ownership units per capita than any other city in northern California. The community continues to create affordable housing making efforts for families, seniors, developmentally disabled, formerly homeless, forged through rich partnerships with non-profit housing providers, non-profit social service entities, the local development community, and the County.

Connection with homelessness – Preventing and ending Homelessness is a priority. The City works towards this goal through partnerships, programs, and the facilitation of new housing development.

How can YOU (the audience) get involved with Morgan Hill's Housing Element? Our Goals for planning for the next Housing Element Update (2023-2031) is to hear from everyone so that our Housing Element plan reflects the needs of the entire community, and provide housing regardless of social, race, or economic status... we want to provide housing opportunities for everyone! We have done a series of Housing Workshops and Town Hall meetings during the summer and held one Let's Talk Housing Santa Clara

County community meeting. Info regarding those past meetings can be found on our Housing Element Update website: <http://morgan-hill.ca.gov/2063/Housing-Element-Update>. To sign up for updates you can register under the Notify Me link on our Housing Element Update webpage: <http://morgan-hill.ca.gov/2063/Housing-Element-Update>
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Abode Services

Brian Malicdem, Mental Health Outreach Clinician

Favorite Hobby/Pastime: Working out and playing video games.

Overview of Organization: Abode Services provides a variety of services to individuals struggling with homelessness in Santa Clara and Alameda county:

Street Outreach- outreach workers provide street outreach services to homeless encampments throughout Santa Clara and Alameda county. Outreach links clients to housing, medical and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and domestic violence services.

Housing- Abode provides housing services and support for those who are currently experiencing homelessness. Once a person is housed, Abode provides ongoing support to ensure the client stays housed and is successful. These services include permanent and temporary housing subsidy as well as ongoing case management and mental health treatment.

Connection with homelessness: Abode Services is one of several agencies that provides direct services and support to individuals currently experiencing homelessness. It is Abode's goal to support clients in their journey to end their homeless situation.

How can you (the audience) get involved: please visit our website to see how you can support and contact Abode Services <https://www.abodeservices.org/>.

Outreach referrals please feel free to contact Brian Malicdem from Abode Services directly (408) 516-6176 bmalicdem@abodeservices.org

Consider funding or donating to your already active service providers like the ones on this call tonight. They serve your community in this capacity already, volunteer with them or donate funds so they can continue their good work

Also please be patient as we work with our unhoused community members, they've experienced trauma and it takes us time to develop a relationship and understand their story so we can move forward with the goal always being to end their homelessness, but this takes time.

Be supportive as cities and developers try to develop housing opportunities for the homeless.

South County Compassion Center

Tim Davis, Executive Director

Favorite Hobby/Pastime: Playing guitar, running and opening the door for my cat

Overview of the organization: Compassion Center provides for the immediate needs of South Santa Clara County residents who have lost their homes. We're also paving paths toward ending homelessness by helping dissolve the barriers that keep people on the streets.

Connection with homelessness: We support unhoused people in South County by providing for their basic needs. We also try to break down the barriers to, and strengthen the possibility of finding a home through one-on-one case planning, referrals to services designed to promote independence, and entry into supportive housing queues. Lastly, we help to prevent homelessness before it starts by supporting tenants with rental assistance through our partnership in the County-wide Homelessness Prevention System.

How can YOU (the audience) get involved? You can learn more about what we do, and sign up to receive updates at <https://www.thecompassioncenter.org/>

You can learn about our current volunteer opportunities and sign up at: <https://www.thecompassioncenter.org/volunteer>

To chat with me, Tim Davis, about South County advocacy opportunities, please contact me directly: tim@thecompassioncenter.org or (408) 763-7120 ext. 102

You can donate to help fund our work: <https://www.thecompassioncenter.org/donate>

South County Compassion Center

Eve Mata, Senior Case Manager

Favorite Past times: I enjoy meditation, hiking, biking, camping , fishing, serving the unhoused community on the weekends, and whenever possible horseback riding.

Overview of the organization:

Compassion Center provides for the immediate needs of South Santa Clara County residents who have lost their homes. We're also paving paths toward ending homelessness by helping dissolve the barriers that keep people on the streets.

Connection with Homelessness: Seasoned Case manager with 21 years of experience. I've been working with the unhoused community for 10 years. My experience as a case

manager consists of Lead Case Manager for a Rapid Rehousing Program in San Jose where I oversaw four Case Managers and a Housing Specialist. As a case manager, I provided direct services and client care. I facilitated groups, and coordinated activities for clients and my team, collaborating with surrounding agencies for resources referral purposes, provided client transport and advocacy, assisted in housing and employment search, set goals and budgets, and assisted in training with new hires.

I have a passion for working with our unhoused community that started by the passing of my father. I never knew what he did in his spare time. I just always believed he just hung around with the unhoused. Five years ago, I started a group called Homeless Not Hopeless. We provide meals, hygiene and the basic essentials for Gilroy and Morgan Hill Community. We were a small group of about 35 and have grown to about 800 members to date.

Community Solutions

Aida Zaldivar, Director of Intimate Partner Abuse and Housing Services

Favorite Hobby/Pastime: Enjoy spending quality time with family and friends, and listening to music. Good conversations and music are good for the soul.

- 1) **Who am I/my organization** - Community Solutions - Solutions to Violence Division. Community Solutions provides urgent care to youth, families, and adults in crisis who are facing issues related to intimate partner violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, mental illness, substance use, severe family dysfunction, and homelessness. As the most comprehensive human services agency in South County and the surrounding areas, we serve more than 6000 individuals each year with a broad spectrum of crisis intervention, case management, counseling, advocacy, medication support, housing, and prevention & education services.

- 2) **What is a connection between our work and preventing/ending homelessness** – Gender-Based Violence is a leading cause of homelessness for survivors, particularly for women and children. The lack of safe and affordable housing often keeps survivors in violent home situations or, propels them into being unhoused and homelessness. As an organization, we are committed to improving the quality of life for survivors by increasing the number of housing units we can provide while actively seeking partnerships to address the many needs of unhoused individuals and families.

- 3) **How can an audience member get involved** - Through existing state and county partnerships, Community Solutions oversees the Rapid Rehousing and Rental Assistance Programs, which are dedicated to providing safe and affordable housing to survivors of abuse. The success of these programs depends on identifying local landlords

who are willing to work with Community Solutions to provide safe and affordable housing for survivors. We encourage local landlords and realtors to reach out so that we can bring the physical asset (housing) and the human asset (survivors) together helping families to thrive and be safe.

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Catherine's Church in Morgan Hill

Carol Lillig, President

Favorite Hobby/Pastime: gardening and hiking

Overview of the organization: 24/7 voice mail Help Line (408-778-2928) for MH, SM and Coyote residents offering bill pay assistance, food, clothing, transportation, etc.

Connection with homelessness: working directly to prevent homelessness and offer support for the unhoused

How can YOU (the audience) get involved? Financial or other assistance: In person at the Church Office 17400 Peak Ave. Mark envelope SVdP. Or contact myself: Carol Lillig 408-857-4516 lillig.carol@gmail.com

Interfaith Community of South County (ICSC)

Aziz Baameur—(azizb36@gmail.com), Council member & Facilitator

Favorite Hobby/Pastime: - Photography, Travel, Community service

Overview of the organization: On February 4th, 2016 a group of dedicated individuals from diverse faith communities met to organize and launch the Interfaith Community of South County that became known as ICSC. ICSC is committed to creating inclusive compassionate communities through educational, social, and service programs

Connection with homelessness –supporting. As a collective of several faith-based communities we provide logistical and material support to several local organization to further their mission in alleviating poverty and homelessness.

The ICSC community is a key partner in the Morgan Hill Safe Car Project since its inception. This pilot program provides meals to unhoused families during the Covid pandemic. ICSC also provides various supplies needed for the families in the Project. In addition, we provide support to multiple charity organizations like, but not limited to,

Edward Boss Prado Foundation, Saint Joseph Family Center, Gilroy Compassion Center, Home First, and Saint Catherine’s “Reach Out Food Pantry program”.

How can the audience member get involved?

The ICSC Steering Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month hosted by one of the 18 faith organizations (zoom meetings during the COVID-19 period).

Interested people can join us at the monthly meeting of our council (4th Monday at 7 pm of each month), or at one of our community-wide events (Thanksgiving, MLK Day celebration day, and at our “Faith of Our Neighbors”) educational programs.

For like-minded people, ICSC community can be reached via email at: interfaithcommunity.org@gmail.com or via our newly designed website: icscfaith.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithCommunityofSouthCounty/> All faiths and denominations are welcome.

Housing Trust Silicon Valley

Noni Ramos, Chief Executive Officer

Favorite Hobby/Pastime: Spending time with family enjoying coastal California

Overview of the organization: Housing Trust raises capital from private and public sources to create and preserve affordable and sustainable housing opportunities for all of our neighbors, from those experiencing homelessness to renters to first-time homebuyers.

Connection with homelessness – preventing, ending or supporting: Housing Trust provides loans to nonprofit and mission aligned affordable housing developers to create housing for those experiencing homelessness as well as loans that developers can use to preserve housing and protect residents from becoming displaced and/or becoming homeless.

How can YOU (the audience) get involved? (Provide contact information.): Folks can support the work of Housing Trust by advocating for more public and private financial resources for the creation and preservation of affordable housing as well as policies that make it easier for affordable housing to build in their community.

Silicon Valley @ Home

Alison Cingolani , Policy & Research Associate

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Favorite Hobby/Pastime

Hanging out with family & friends, hiking, cooking- and eating!

Overview of the organization: SV@Home is the voice for affordable housing in the Silicon Valley. We advocate for policies, programs, land use, and funding that lead to an increased supply of affordable housing, preserve existing affordable housing, and protect residents from displacement.

Connection with homelessness: We are working together with local communities on long-range plans to help solve homelessness through housing. The Housing Element is an eight-year plan each city must create for how housing will be built, for people of all income levels. This includes people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness. While cities don't build the housing themselves, the Housing Element lays the groundwork and creates the conditions to make it feasible for housing to be built. Cities need to analyze housing needs of people experiencing homelessness, barriers to housing them, and create specific action steps the local government will take to implement its policies and achieve its goals and objectives. This includes addressing racial disparities in who is unhoused.

New laws passed since the last Housing Element cycle create more requirements to make sure cities' plans include real, meaningful actions, and have more consequences when cities don't comply. This is one of the best chances housing and homelessness advocates have to make real, lasting, systemic change in their city or town.

How can YOU get involved? Morgan Hill will need to plan for 1,037 new homes over the 8-year planning cycle beginning in 2023, with at least 262 of those for people with very low incomes. You are here because you're deeply engaged in your community- you know the unique needs, advantages, and challenges that exist in Morgan Hill, and have great ideas about workable solutions. We can help with policy tools and resources you can use to advocate for the policies and solutions that will work best in Morgan Hill. Together, we can show City Council that there is broad community support for housing for people experiencing homelessness! [Sign up for Housing Element updates, resources, and an invitation to organize!](#) If you have questions or want to connect with housing element tools and resources, email me at alison@siliconvalleyathome.org

Another way to answer the question on how we prioritize extremely low income (ELI) housing is that we need to have much more land that is zoned for multi-family housing (i.e. where apartment buildings are allowed to be built). Your advocacy can help us all make certain we get there!

Destination: Home

Robert Stromberg, Community Engagement and Advocacy

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Favorite Hobby/Pastime Enjoying loves music from around the world, and the Cleveland Browns

DESTINATION: HOME can be found online at <http://destinationhomesv.org>

WHO ARE WE? Learn more about our initiative, and sign up to get involved: <http://housingready.org>

THE PLAN - Learn about our Community Plan to End Homelessness: <http://destinationhomesv.org/community-plan>

NEW TO OUR WORK? Join our introductory workshop, held regularly in English and Spanish: <http://intro.housingready.org> and <http://taller.housingready.org>

NEXT LEVEL - Join our every-other-month Action Meeting for up-to-date action opportunities: <http://action.housingready.org>

CONTACT US - We are here to be a resource for the community. Please reach out to my colleague Ingrid and me anytime by sending an email to action@housingready.org

URGENT - Take action today to support new Homekey housing throughout the county: <http://homekey.housingready.org>

SOUTH COUNTY - Join Destination: Home, South County Compassion Center, SV@Home, friends and advocates for a South County Housing and Homelessness Roundtable on Monday evening, October 11: <http://south.housingready.org>

Other Input from the CHAT

In case you missed the previous webinar on Ending Homelessness hosted by Leadership Morgan Hill, you can watch the recording at <https://vimeo.com/537813318/ae437f806f>

Know someone with income impacted by the pandemic who needs help with rent? Please send them to <https://www.preventhomelessness.org>

More information about the progress and successes of the County of Santa Clara 2016 Measure A Affordable Housing Bond and the thousands of new homes it is helping to create throughout our community (including in Morgan Hill and Gilroy): <http://measurea.housingready.org>

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