



**HOUSING OUR PEOPLE EFFECTIVELY**

**HOPE**



**Ending Homelessness In San Mateo County**



# Historical Context

- In the 1970's, there were 300,000 ***more affordable housing*** units in the nation than households that needed them
- In 2005, there were 4.4 million households who ***needed affordable housing*** and were unable to find it



## Why Create A Plan?

- The HOPE Plan is a ***blueprint for action to end homelessness*** in San Mateo County, with specific action steps leading to concrete results.
- Supervisors Mark Church and Jerry Hill initiated HOPE by bringing together representatives from all sectors of the community with a mandate to create and implement the plan.



Who is Homeless or  
At-Risk of  
Homelessness in San  
Mateo County?



# Estimate of Homelessness

<b>2009</b>	<b>Point in Time</b>	<b>Annual</b>
<b>Total Number of Homeless Persons</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>2,712</b>
<b>Total Homeless Households</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>2,238</b>
<b>Homeless Households with Children</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>199</b>



# Estimates of Households At-Risk of Homelessness

Type of Household	Number
Total Households in San Mateo County	254,103
<b>“At-Risk of Homelessness” Households</b> (those earning below 30% AMI and paying more than 50% of income for rent)	<b>9,375</b>



# Total Homeless and At-Risk Households

Type of Household	Number
Homeless Households	2,238
“At-Risk of Homelessness” Households	9,375
<b><i>Total Households: Homeless and At-Risk</i></b>	<b><i>11,613</i></b>
<b><i>Total People: Homeless and At-Risk</i></b>	<b><i>12,087</i></b>



# The HOPE Plan: Key Concepts

## **1. Prevention: “Closing the Front Door”**

Reducing the number of people who become homeless through resource collaboration

## **2. Housing: “Opening the Back Door”**

Creating affordable housing to low income residents and providing services to help them to sustain their housing

## **3. Planning for Outcomes**

Understanding who is homeless, why, and what they need to end their homelessness



# The HOPE Vision: Key Recommendations

## ➤ *Housing Solutions*

**By 2015, make available:**

- ❑ **4,700 units of housing for extremely-low income households**
- ❑ **1,600 units through tenant-based housing subsidies**
- ❑ **1,600 units through master-leasing by county or service provider**



# The HOPE Vision: Key Recommendations

## ➤ *Homeless Prevention*

**By 2015, make available:**

- Coordinated, short-term services for 4,300 homeless and at-risk households to help maintain or access appropriate housing**
- Affordable and/or supportive housing upon discharge from institutions (jail, hospital, foster care, etc.)**



# Housing Element Update: General Recommendation

- Unique opportunity for our community to advance its goals as articulated in the HOPE Plan
- Partnership between city and county plans to address housing issues
- Appeal to incorporate HOPE Plan specific recommendations into the Housing Element Update



# Housing Element Update: Specific Recommendations

- Following an analysis of local housing needs, identify available resources (suitable sites, financing, etc) for affordable/supportive housing for extremely low-income households and mitigate identified governmental constraints
- Adopt common methodology for identifying and analyzing housing and service needs of homeless persons based on the framework used in the HOPE Plan



# Housing Element Update: Specific Recommendations

- Adopt a program to ensure that zoning treats transitional and supportive housing as residential use
- Support policies that encourage financial and other incentives for including supportive and extremely low-income units in *all new affordable* housing projects



# Housing Element Update: Specific Recommendations

- As a specific action of the Housing Element program, hold a study session to consider endorsing the HOPE plan



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