



Housing

Declaration of a Shelter Crisis, Proclamation of Local Emergency and Adoption of Ordinance Amending Title 5

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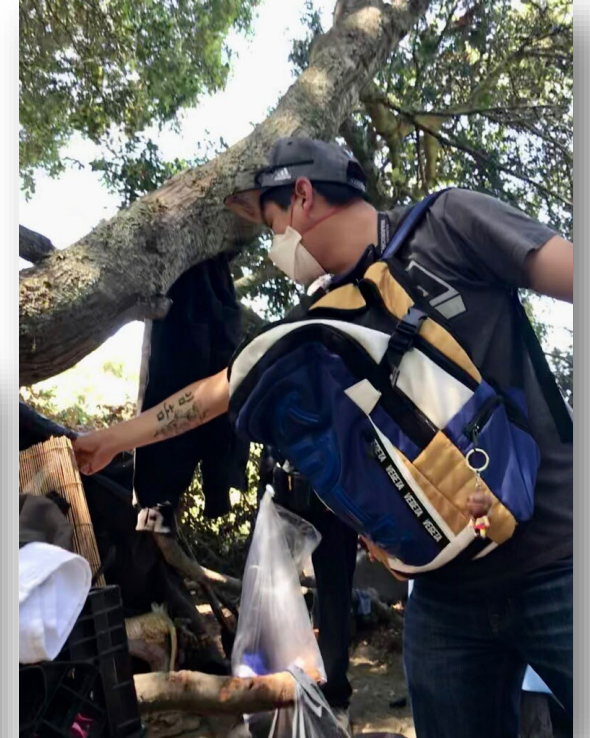
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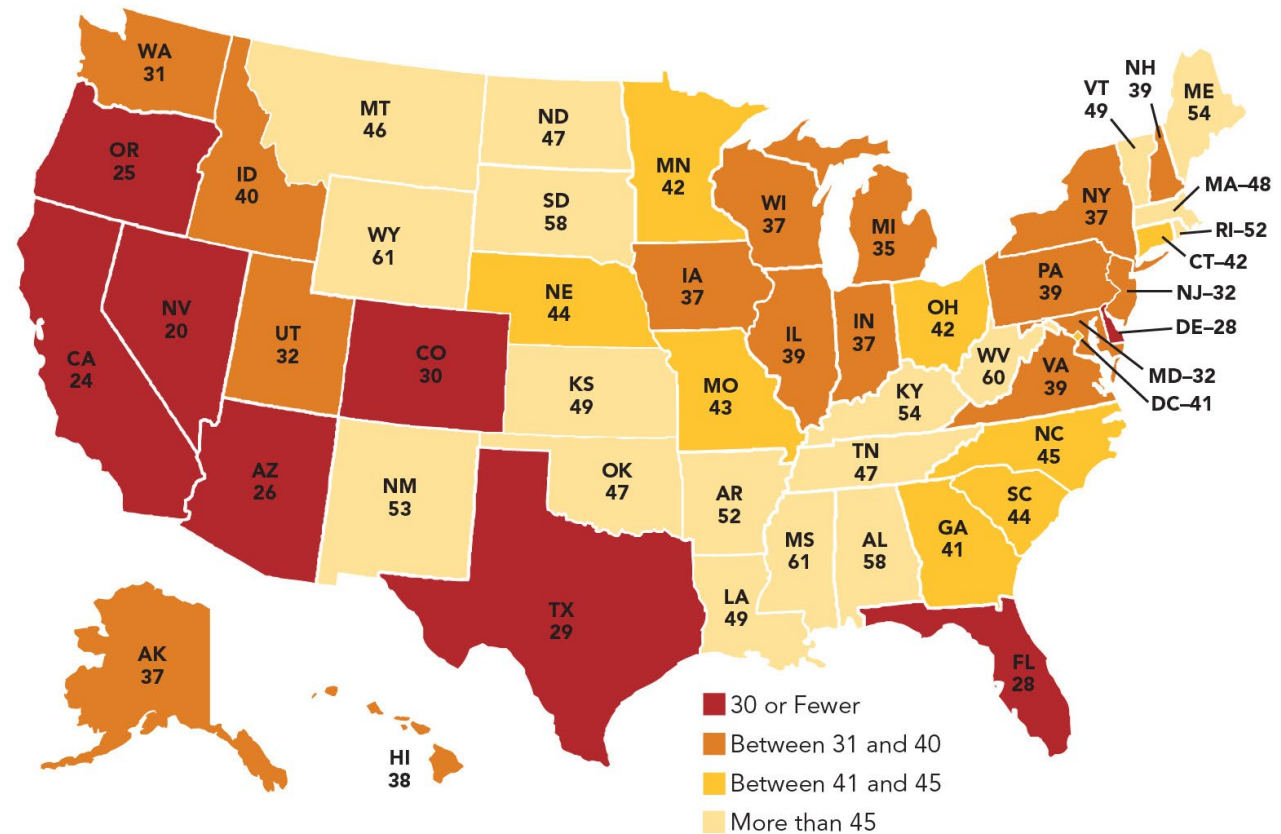
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The Emergency of Homelessness



The Gap: Shortage of Affordable Homes

FIGURE 7: RENTAL HOMES AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE PER 100 EXTREMELY LOW INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BY STATE



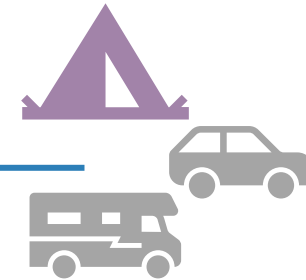
Note: Extremely low income (ELI) renter households have incomes at or below the poverty level or 30% of the area median income. Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2019 ACS PUMS Data.



2023 Point in Time Data

6,266

Individuals
Experiencing
Homelessness in
San José



4,386
Unsheltered



1,880
Sheltered



Recommendations

- Adopt a Resolution declaring the continued existence of a shelter crisis in the City of San José and proclaiming a local emergency pursuant to, caused by conditions and threatened conditions of homeless in the City of San José
- Adopt an ordinance amending Title 5 of the San José Municipal Code to add a new Chapter 5.12 adopting reasonable local standards for the design, site development, and operation of homeless shelters and their structures and facilities in lieu of existing state and local standards and standards for emergency



Reasonable Local Standards

- ◆ Shelters need not comply with any conflicting or more restrictive requirements of the City such as Municipal Code, City General Plan. Ordinance does not override City Charter;
- ◆ Authorizes mobile shelter communities (tents, RVs, vehicles);
- ◆ Establishes reasonable local standards and procedures, in lieu of the California Building and Residential Codes for the design, site development, and construction of temporary shelters not currently defined under the City's Emergency Bridge Housing ordinance;
- ◆ Flexibility for City as the enforcing agency to develop and adopt alternative design standards not otherwise addressed in the shelter, including reasonable fire and life safety standards.



Flexibility

- Site Selection: running water not required, alternatives allowed (portable toilets, mobile showers)
- RV Supportive Parking: functioning heating systems not required
- Provides flexibility under the San José Municipal Code – to allow for alternative procurement standards for emergency shelter/interim housing projects.
 - In lieu standards for procurement (Chap 4.12 & Title 27) must be developed and approved by the City Manager



Next Steps and Progress

- Progress reports and status updates during the City Council quarterly reports of the Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness Focus Area





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