# Item 3.1 City Manager's COVID-19 Update

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June 30, 2020

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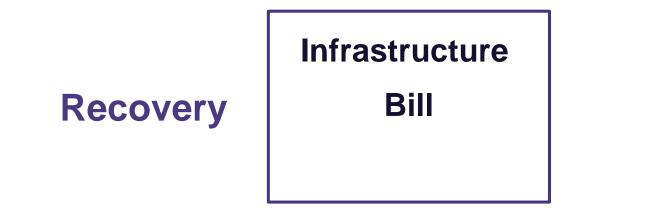
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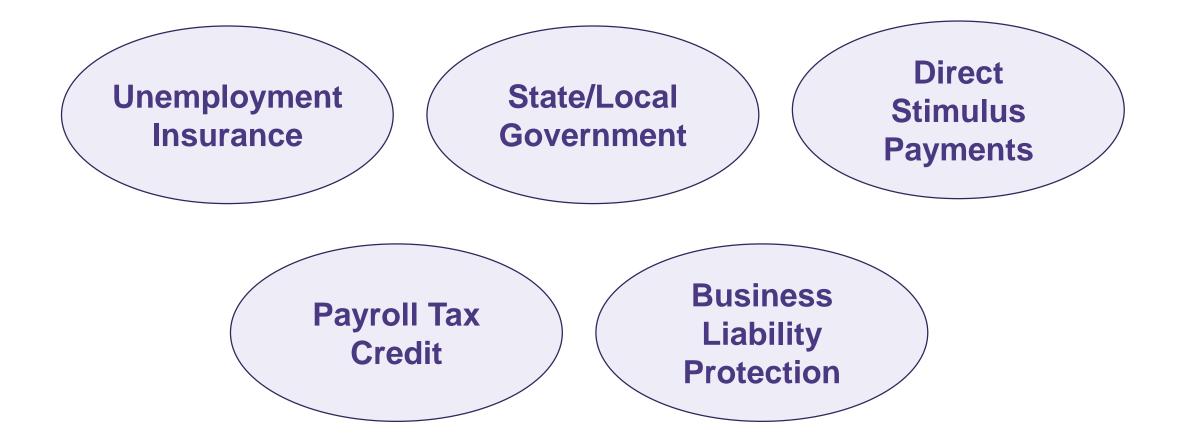
Bena Chang, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

### Federal Update

COVID	Package 3.0	PPP and	Package 4.0
Response	CARES Act	Health Act 3.5	
	PASSED	PASSED	In Negotiation



### Package 4.0: Potential Elements



### **House Moving Forward Act** (\$1.5T)

Key Focus Areas Transportation

**Rural Broadband** 

Low Income Schools

Housing

**Clean Energy** 

Hospitals

**Postal Service** 

### State Update

**State Budget** 

\$550 million from State CRF *Hotel/motel acquisition and rehab* 

\$300 million Round 2 of HHAP \$130M to Big Cities

\$50M for PSPS Events

# State Update

State Policy	Revenue	<ul> <li>Excess ERAF</li> <li>Board of Equalization / SB1431 Property Tax Valuations</li> </ul>
	Timelines	<ul> <li>AB 900 projects (Downtown West)</li> <li>SB 1383 Organic Waste Enforcement</li> </ul>
	Regulations	Outdoor Dining and ABC

# COVID-19: Homeless Response BeautifySJ Response

Emergency Interim Housing Branch

Homeless

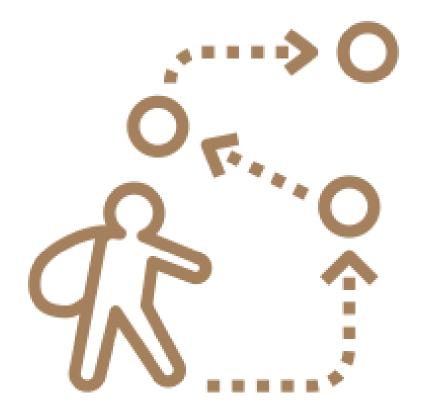
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### Pre COVID-19 Homelessness Crisis



6,097 are homeless in San José.

**5,117** are unsheltered.

### Pre COVID-19 Homelessness Crisis

### Supportive Housing System Progress 2015-2019

Thanks to the collective efforts of partners throughout the community, over the past five years, we have done the following:









Despite collective successes, facing significant challenges

- Inflow 3:1
- Delivering permanent supportive housing can take 3-5 years
- Need more and new interim strategies

### **New Community Plan to End Homelessness**



Address the root causes of homelessness through system and policy change



Expand homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the need



Improve quality of life for unsheltered individuals and create healthy neighborhoods for all

3-Strategy Approach for Collective Impact

# **Coming to Council late August 2020**

COVID-19 Pandemic Layered on Top of Existing Shelter Crisis

- Santa Clara County Shelter in Place Order
- CDC Guidance
  - Shelter as many unhoused as possible
  - Allow unsheltered to remain in place
- City Suspends Abatement Program
- Emergency Actions
  - Stand up housing
  - Support encampments

COVID-19: Responding to Public Health Emergency through Community Plan Lens

# <u>Strategy 3</u> Improving quality of life for unsheltered individuals and create healthy neighborhoods for all

Double the number of year-round temporary housing beds and offer a variety of welcoming temporary housing options throughout the county Increase mental health and substance use services

Ensure that community spaces are safe and welcoming for housed and unhoused residents

Increase street outreach, hygiene services, and transportation options to match the needs of unsheltered residents

Engage a cross-section of community partners to address the needs of unsheltered residents EOC Organizes to Respond to Intersecting Crises Homeless Support Branch

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### **COVID-19: Responding to Public Health Emergency**

### **Increase Temporary Housing Beds**

- Created shelter hotline to centralize and facilitate housing placements (408) 278-6420
- ✓ Expanded temporary housing and shelter capacity
  - Over **731 motel/hotel rooms** across 12 sites in 7 cities
  - Over 375 new temporary shelter beds across Parkside Hall, South Hall, and Fairgrounds
  - 40 new beds for families at Camden Community Center
- Expanded operating hours of 10 shelters, Safe Parking, and Overnight Warming Locations
- ✓ \$2 million in motel vouchers for families

### **COVID-19: Responding to Public Health Emergency**

# **Emergency Interim Housing**

- Monterey Rd at Bernal (78 units)
   Late July
- Rue Ferrari at 101 (120 units)
  - Late August
- Evans Lane (108 units)
  - Late August



### **Evans Lane – A place for families**

### **COVID-19: Responding to Public Health Emergency**





### **Pilot Encampment Support Program**

### Hygiene

- Handwashing
- Portable restrooms
- Mobile showers
- Trash pick up

### **Housing Solutions**

- Shelter Hotline
- Housing Assessments
- Housing Problem Solving

### **Street Outreach**

- COVID-19 Support & Education
- Social Distancing
- Random COVID-19 Testing

### Under Development...

- Housing Problem Solving
- Systematized waste management service
- Enhanced Outreach

# **EOC Scaling Response**

- Blight
- Illegal Dumping
- Encampment Trash



### COVID-19 Impacts on BeautifySJ Services and Conditions

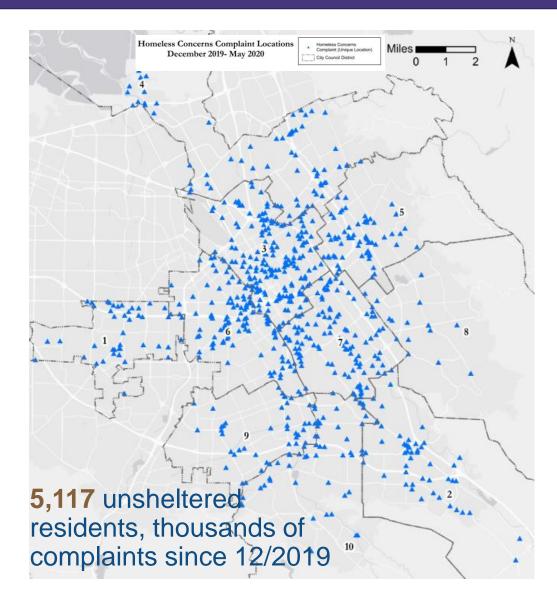
### **Public Health Order and Guidance**

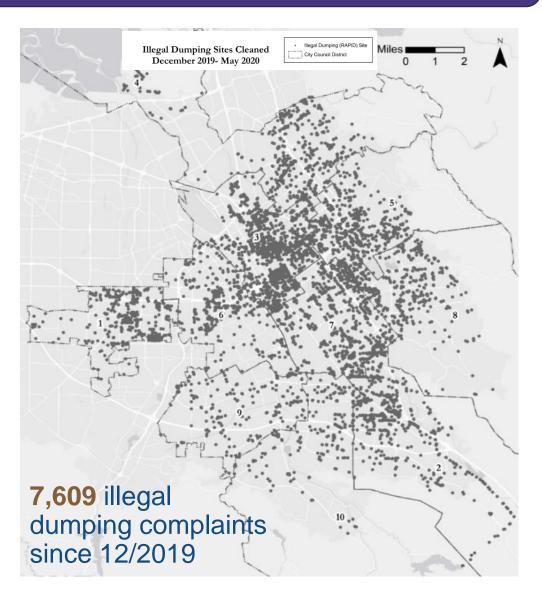
Service Continued	Service Suspended & Restarted	Remains Suspended
Anti-Litter/Graffiti	Illegal Dumping (RAPID)	Encampment Abatements
Free Junk Pick Up/Litter Cans	SJBridge	Dumpster Days
Landscape/Median Maintenance	Vehicle Abatement	Cash for Trash
Priority 1 Illegal Dumping (ROW)		Beautify SJ Grants
		Neighborhood Beautification

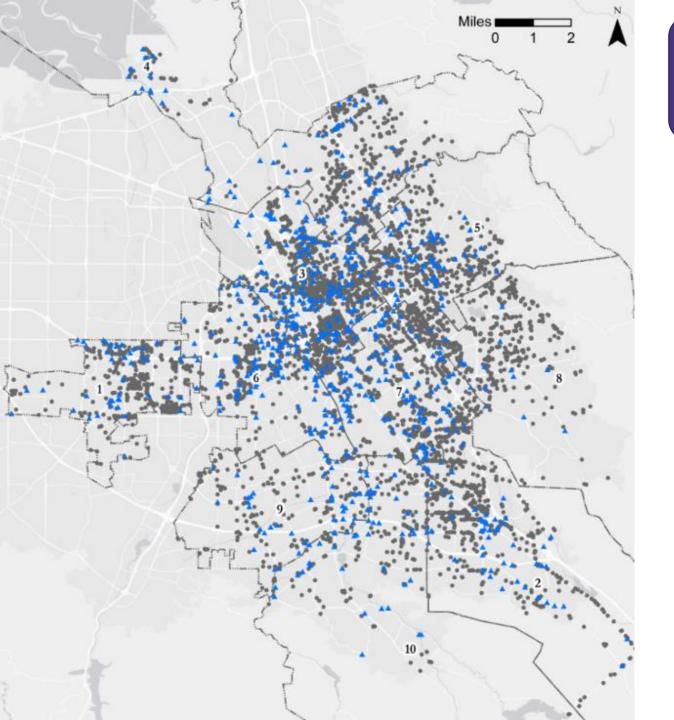
### **Resulting Conditions**

- Increased service request backlogs
- Increased trash from encampments (e.g. no abatements)
- Increased "resident spring cleaning" (e.g. limited illegal dumping pickups)
- Protest damage and graffiti cleanup

### Scoping the Encampment and Illegal Dumping Challenges







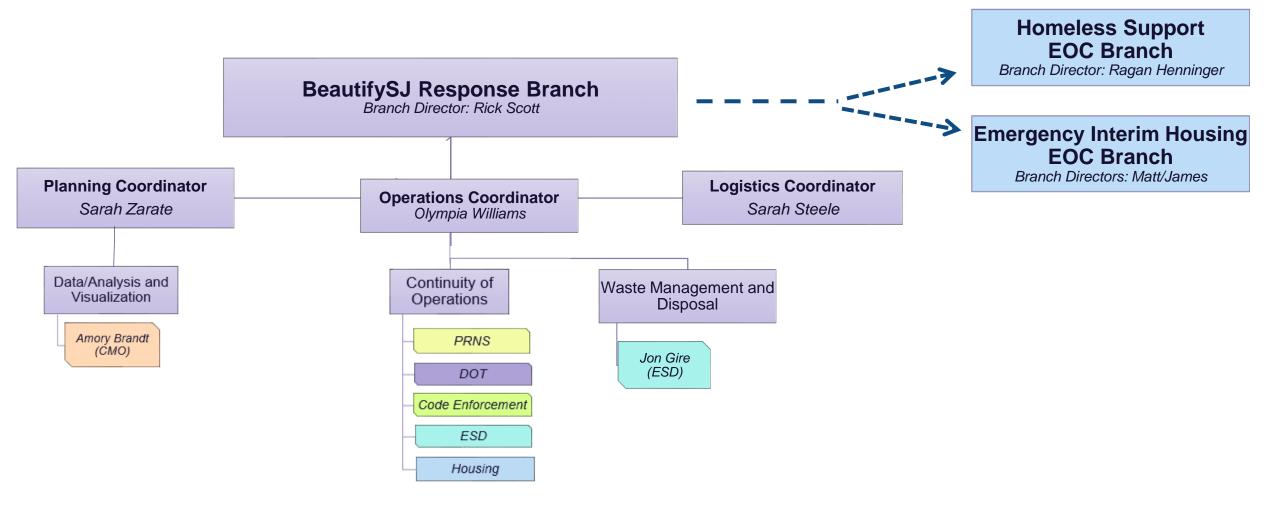
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The problems intersect, yet are distinct.

They are individually complex, widespread, and touch every part of City.

Limited resources creates service gaps, requires prioritized response, and results in poor conditions.

### EOC - BeautifySJ Response Branch



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### Strategic Goal 3

### Strategic Goal 2

### Strategic Goal 1

### Immediate (wks 1-8 scale effort, continue thru Dec.)

**SG1** Increase emergency trash pickup & develop systematic waste disposal for SJ encampment residents

**SG2** Ensure continuity of existing BeautifySJ initiatives and program

### Long-term (next 6mo)

**SG3** Redefine, Unify, and Deliver BeautifySJ programs & Develop Plan to address critical service gaps

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- Invest Coronavirus Relief Funds (\$4M)
- 60+ sites with regular waste disposal service
- Deploy pilot dumpster program (5 sites)
- Define ongoing needs & systematic solutions
- Safe re-deployment of resources (Stage 6/7)
- Identify and prioritize hot spots (need/equity)
- Responsiveness while addressing backlog
- Pilot, Measure, and Learn from SG1 & SG2
- Redefine program purpose, goals & success
- Define service delivery gaps and recommend unified resource and service plan

### **COVID Encampment Protocol Update**

Guiding principle remains: Prevent community spread of COVID-19

# **Protocol Purpose**

- Public health guidance
   Abatement suspension/shelter in place (SIP)
- SIP supports County testing and tracing
- Certain conditions create public safety issues
- Address impassable public right of way (e.g. streets, sidewalks, trails, etc.)

### BeautifySJ COVID-19 Team in Action











# **Trailer Report**

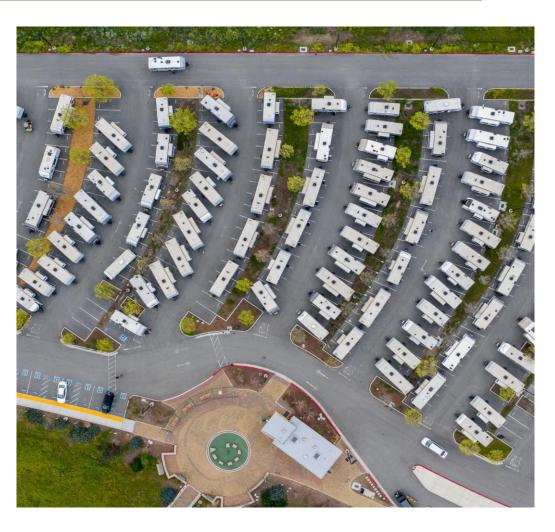
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# **CalOES Trailers**

- March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> City received 104 trailers from CalOES (24 hrs notice)
- Significant repairs required on 90, 14 unusable
- CalOES direction: trailers for 1) COVID positive, 2) persons under investigation or 3) high risk per CDC, homeless populations







# **Set-up & Operations**

Housing

6/30/2020

### Set Up \$530,000

- Utility infrastructure (electric, sewer, water)
- Supplies & Materials
- Trailer repairs
- Staff time

### Monthly Operations \$445,000

- Generators/Electric
- Site operator/services
- Showers/laundry
- Security/Fencing
- Maintenance





# Site Challenges & Client Safety

- Trailer malfunctions
- Plumbing/Sewer
- Power outages
- Fire(s)
- Client Safety
- Client mobility









# **Relocation of Residents**

- ▲ 35 people (29 trailers occupied)
- Advance Notice
- All residents were relocated into a Motel/Hotel NO ONE moved back into an encampment
- City is going to replace the capacity no loss of overall capacity





# **Relocation/Long-term Placement**

- ▲ Site identification: 15-20 acres needed
- Infrastructure/Utilities
- Approximate Cost \$8.2M



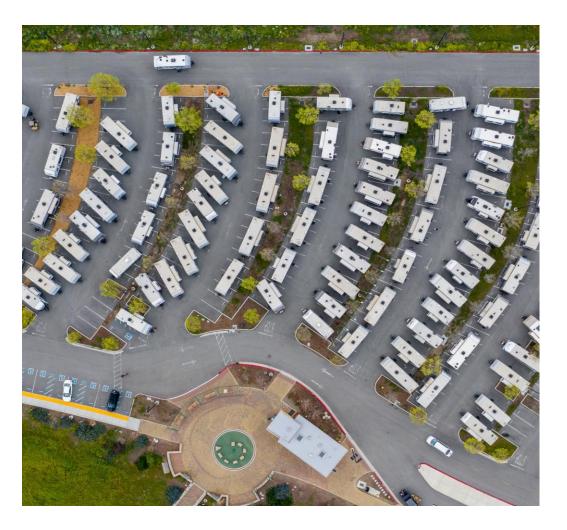








- Request to State to take trailers back & reimburse
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- Community re-use





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# July Priorities & Council Communications

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### The Month Ahead

### **Maintain Emergency Response**

Slow Spread of COVID-19, Support Our Most At-Risk People

- EOC Will Remain Active
- Key Efforts Will Continue: Food, Housing, Local Assistance, Community Engagement, County Coordination Related to Isolation

### **Chart Path Forward for City Organization**

Powered by People 2.0

- Keeping Staff and Public Safe
- Resuming Select Additional City Services, Delivered Safely
- Building Digitally Enabled Effective Teams and Processes

### **July Council Communications**

**EOC Wednesday Information Memos** 

 Council will have access to EOC Directors for updates and problem solving as needed

Liaison Branch Will Refocus

• Branch will shift focus to Community and Economic Recovery

Special Council Meetings if Required

Administration can request and/or Mayor/Council can set a special meeting

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