



Office of the Mayor, City of Riverside

# City of Riverside Housing First

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# Housing Readiness



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# Riverside's Process

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- Law Enforcement Team + Outreach + Shelters
- Housing Element Update
- Identified 3 Sites Per Council Ward & Needed Changes to Zoning Codes
- 100+ Community Meetings
- Communications Campaign
- Strong Elected Engagement

# Homeless Veterans



- Lessons Learned – Mayors Challenge To End Veteran Homelessness
- Housed 89 Veterans Via Housing First
- Continue To Maintain Functional Zero
- Neighborhoods Not In Crisis
- Who Is The VA For Chronic Homeless?

**First City In California To End Veteran Homelessness**

# Love Your Neighbor Initiative



- Led By Mayor
- Re-Engage Faith Community
  - Common Vision
- Faith Based Engagement
  - Faith Cabinet
  - Faith Summit
  - Issued Challenge
- Prioritized Engagement and Housing
- Support
  - SW Internship Program
  - Regional Grant - WRCOG
  - Capacity Building



# Current State – 1.5 Years



- Sites Approved
- Zoning Changes Made
- Generated Site - 553 Units
  - 250 On Faith Campuses
- 1 Project Completed
  - Four 600 sq. ft. homes
  - Pre-Approved Plans
  - Jobs & Support Services

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Faith Site To Council
  - February 2019
- 1 RFP – Foster Youth – RCCD
- 1 RFP – Tiny House Community – Habitat for Humanity
- Expansion of Hulen – Transitional Housing

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# How Is This Funded?

## Existing Units



- Rental Assistance
- Landlord Incentives

## Development



- Private Developer Leads
- Nonprofit Investments
- Federal Tax Credits or Subsidies
- State Tax Credits or Subsidies
- City – Gap Funding
- Rental Assistance
- Philanthropic Funds

## Barn Raising



- Land Donation
- Development Fees may be Waived or Subsidized
- Private Funds
- In-Kind Trade Labor
- Rental Assistance





# How Do We Know It Works?



# Sample Housing First Results



- Rhode Island (12<sup>th</sup> Year)
  - 38/41 Remained in Housing (1 Died & 2 Location Unknown)
  - Reduced Costs from \$31,617 to \$23,672 per Client
- Study in Journal of Community Psychology (2016) Found:
  - Housing First vs. Usual Care Approach in Seattle
  - 90% Housing First vs 35% Usual Care Still Housed After 1 Year
- Hawaii
  - 9.6% Reduction in Homeless in Year 1
  - Additional 9% Reduction in Year 2
  - Oahu – 97% Retained In Housing 1 Year Later



# Riverside's Lessons Learned

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- Staff Can't Solve This Alone
  - Political Will & Technical Expertise
- Change Takes Time
- Limited Resources Require Innovation & Focused Efforts
- Engage An Incremental Approach
- Progress Goes A Long Way
- Dedicated Resources Provide Returns



# Lessons Learned



- Strategic Messaging & Dialogue
- Prioritize Projects Based On Funding
- Poverty Is A Culture
- Balance Planning & Progress
- Focus On Replication

