

# Blue Ribbon Commission & San José Homeless Program Update



*Community &  
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Committee*

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# Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC)

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## **2007 Activities:**

- Top-Flight Leadership Group
- Working groups
- Development & adoption of specific initiatives to end homelessness

# Lessons Learned

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- Homeless Services in Santa Clara County are fractionalized and difficult to access
- After discharge from hospitals, jails or other institutional settings – people are not receiving the services they need to become self-sufficient
- Barriers to housing and benefits, and the lack of sufficient rental subsidies and case management services perpetuate chronic homelessness

# Ending Homelessness – BRC Recommendations

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- Create Outreach & Benefits Teams
- Institutional Outreach & Discharge Planning
- Implement Medical Respite Facility
- Establish “One-Stop” Homeless Prevention Center
- Provide Permanent Housing w/Services

# Next Steps

- Leadership Team
- Dedicated Program Staff
- New Governance Structure



# Other Efforts

- Project Homeless Connect (PHC)
- Housing Services Partnership
- AmeriCorps VISTA members
  - PHC – Building Sustainability & Fundraising Strategies
  - Service Gaps Analysis
  - Public Education & Outreach Program



# Questions?

