

10-MINUTE QUICK HITS

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

2019 Forum on Homelessness

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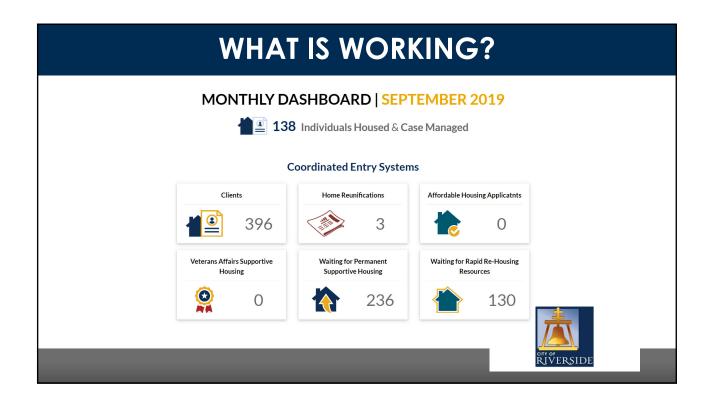
STATE OF HOMELESSNESS LOCALLY

- County: 2,045 unsheltered (21% increase from 2018)
- City: 439 unsheltered (20% increase from 2018)
 - Sex: 63% Male / 25% Female
 - 75% Non-chronically homeless
 - Age
 - 74% Adults (>24 years old)
 - 13% Youth (18-24 years old)
 - 3% Children (<18 years old)
 - 11% Unknown









WHAT IS WORKING?

Public Safety and Engagement Team

- Program developed in response to the ongoing challenge of homelessness and its impact on quality of life in the City
- Balanced approach
 - Proactive: maintaining order in the public realm
 - Holistic: provide individuals experiencing homelessness a path to exit the condition
- Team composition: OHS, PRCSD, RPD, Code Enforcement, and contractor for clean-up services

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

- 1. Development and funding of affordable housing
- 2. Integrating housing with wrap-around services
- 3. Homeless drop-offs from other communities
- 4. Mental health and substance abuse programs and resources
- 5. Community's generosity



WHAT CAN THE REGION OFFER YOU?

- 1. Homelessness is not unique to any City we must all do our part
- 2. Improve collaboration participate in the Continuum of Care
- 3. Develop resources shelter beds, supportive services, affordable housing
- 4. Be aware of how local actions create regional impacts



WHAT CAN YOU OFFER THE REGION?

- 1. Regional convener to discuss best practices
- 2. Staff available to discuss local experiences, and offer guidance
- 3. Ride-along with the City's homeless outreach and PSET staff
- 4. Cottage homes Grove Village Plans

