



Final Report & Recommendations: Transient and Homeless Issues

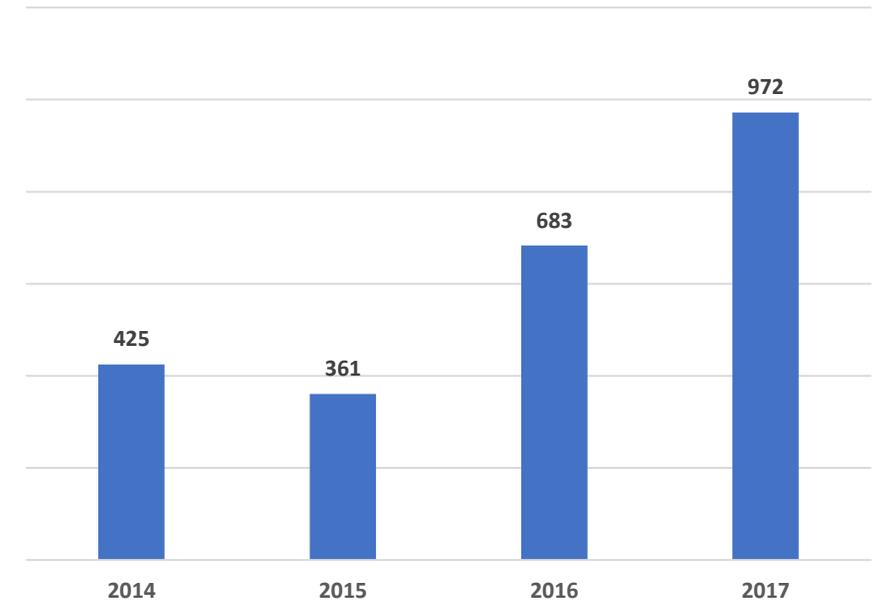
Auburn Homeless/Transient Taskforce

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Homelessness and Transient Concerns

- **Growing issues in community**
 - Homeless & lack of affordable housing
 - Transient crime, quality of life issues
- **Recent history:**
 - 2013: Panhandling Campaign/Tip Card
 - 2015: Marbut Report/Emergency Homeless Shelter
 - 2016: Placer County drafts ordinances to address quality of life issues

Police Contacts - Address Unknown



Task Force Goals

- **Goals:**

- Asses the population and current crime stats to better understand the target group related to the homelessness, transients, and panhandling.
- Create a process and forum to solicit ideas from the Auburn community and identify related problems.
- Review the County and other local cities ordinances related to the issues to ensure the City is consistent or as stringent.

- **Task Force Team**

- 5 residents
 - 2 city council members
 - 3 business leaders
 - 1 APD representative
- Provide report to City Council in 120 days

Timeline



Recommendations

- 1. Adopt a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Program**
- 2. Amend municipal ordinances**
- 3. Create a public education program**
- 4. Increase Code Enforcement efforts**
- 5. Improve engagement with other organizations**
- 6. Implement measurements and measure initiative success**

1. CPTED - *Overview*

- **Method to deter criminal behavior through environmental design.**
- **Intended to influence offender decisions before a criminal act occurs**
- **A tool to improve quality of life and crime prevention in a community, not the complete solution**
- **Strategies:**
 - Natural surveillance
 - Natural Access
 - Territorial Reinforcement
 - Maintenance & Management

1. CPTED - *Recommendations*

- **Adopt CPTED as a public safety policy & define strategic approach to implement**
 - Audit city owned property to identify problem areas
 - Prioritize quick fixes & long term projects
 - Incorporate CPTED principals into city processes
 - Integrate with other local jurisdictions
- **Support Education on CPTED**
 - **City personnel:** Program administration and execution
 - **Business Owners & Residents:** Develop a brochure explaining CPTED and steps that private citizens can take to promote a safe environment
- **Organize for success**
 - Clear roles and responsibilities

1. CPTED – *Roles and Responsibilities*

Resource	Major Roles & Responsibilities
City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorize implementation of CPTED Program• Define strategic approach• Approve specific initiatives• Promote CPTED program in community
Support Team (task force, advisory group, or city resources)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide program implementation support• Identify & recommend specific initiatives• Perform review of CPTED initiatives: benefits realization & facility maintenance
City Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accountable for implementation of the CPTED program• Direct Department Directors to execute CPTED program
Department Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for implementing specific initiatives as directed by City Manager

Similar roles are recommended for other larger recommendations (public education & metrics/measurement)

2. Ordinances – *Recommendations*

- **Camping:** Amend the City's camping ordinance (Chapter 102) - require written proof within 48 hours that the property owner has consented to overnight camping.
- **Loitering:** Amend the City's loitering ordinance (Chapter 130) - restrict remaining on public or private property beyond the conclusion of a legitimate purpose.
- **Panhandling:** If the July 2018 ruling (re: Sacramento) is successfully appealed, the draft ordinance should be amended to ensure consistency
- **Campfires:** Maintain the June 2018 adopted amendment to City's fire preventing; burning ordinance (Chapter 100) to prohibit open burning and recreational fires (campfires) without a permit.

3. Public Education – *Recommendations*

- **Create public awareness and education effort to provide information to community members on:**
 - How the community can help
 - Reporting code compliance issues
 - How the impact on homelessness is being addressed
 - ***Campaign to be focused on available services and City ordinances, and not an effort to eradicate homeless individuals***
- **Use community events to distribute information on services & agencies serving the homeless community**
- **Update & reimplement the city's 2013 Panhandling campaign**
- **Develop a communications plan to support specific initiatives and define communication methods**

4. Enforcement – *Recommendations*

- **Code Enforcement efforts**

- Increase code enforcement efforts related to public nuisance issues
- Review staffing levels
- Enforce existing vegetation requirements
- Strengthen public complaint process

- **Law Enforcement efforts**

- Increase dedicated enforcement time on relevant ordinances & continue to perform routine multiagency “Proactive Team” patrols
- Hire a CSO to work with code enforcement and APD
- Publish weekly municipal code cites with locations, as well as arrest logs.

- **Education**

- Train APD, Public Works, and Code Enforcement on updated ordinances and best practices for dealing with transient & homeless issues

5. Engagement with Other Organizations

- Assign a police officer to liaise with PCSO's POP Team.
 - Train with the group and bring back best practices
- Assign City representative to participate in the Placer County Consortium for the Homeless, as well as the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras
 - Ensure coordination with other jurisdictions, non-profits & related organizations.
- Coordinate with other land owning organizations within the City
 - ARD, Union Pacific, ASRA, Auburn Union School District, Auburn Cemetery District, etc.

6. Measuring Success

- **For Individual Initiatives:** During planning, define metrics and how they will be collected
- **For Law Enforcement:** Establish a matrix to measure police call reports and then review on an annual basis to determine if the effort is producing positive results
- **Reporting:** Monthly & quarterly reporting to monitor progress & communicate to the community.

Follow Up

- Who plays the support role for CPTED, Public Education, and Measuring Success efforts?
 - Extended task force
 - Advisory/support team
 - City employee
- Cost analysis will be needed for some initiatives
- Recommend that city staff return to the City Council within 90 days on a plan or response to implementing the recommendations

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