



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
AGENDA ITEM  
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**Item Number: 2.3**

**MEETING DATE:** 08/09/2022

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Yolanda Beltran

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Tracey Belton

**SUBJECT:**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T. BELTON**

Receive presentation of the 2022 San Benito County Homeless Census Executive Summary Report and provide staff direction.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 939

**AGENDA SECTION:**

REGULAR AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

As an official member of the Salinas/Monterey/San Benito County Continuum of Care (CoC) since 2011, San Benito County is required to conduct a point in time "Homeless Census" every two years. The point in time "Homeless Census" took place on January 27, 2022 in collaboration with community partners and approximately 20 volunteers and staff members. This year's count included homeless individuals in emergency shelters, living on the streets, in encampments, in RV's/vehicles and other locations deemed as unsuitable for human habitation.

Attached is the final executive summary report of the 2022 Homeless Census for San Benito County and as a comparison, the results from the 2019 Homeless Census. The highlights of the 2022 report include

- 1) the homeless count changed from 283 to 357 homeless individuals reflecting a increase of 74 or 26%,
- 2) a finding that 95% of the homeless population were prior residents of San Benito County,
- 3) a finding that 20% report they are first time homeless,
- 4) 37% (41) reported that financial issues (job loss, eviction...etc.) was the primary event or condition that

led to homelessness;

5) 6 homeless individuals reported being a veteran who have served on active duty in their lifetime,

6) 12% (29) comprised of children under the age of 18; and

7) 28% of the homeless are employed, Of the unemployed, 42% were unable to work, 40% were looking for work.

The Homeless census is an important planning tool for San Benito County to assist in planning for programs to alleviate homelessness within the County.

**RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

N/A

**CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

N/A

**CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:**

N/A

**LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:**

N/A

**STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community**

Yes

**BUDGETED:**

N/A

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**UNFUNDED MANDATE:**

N/A

**SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:**

240.80.2555.1000.

**CURRENT FY COST:**

\$0.00

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[2022 San Benito County Executive Summary](#)  
[2022 Homeless Census Summary 08.09.22](#)