

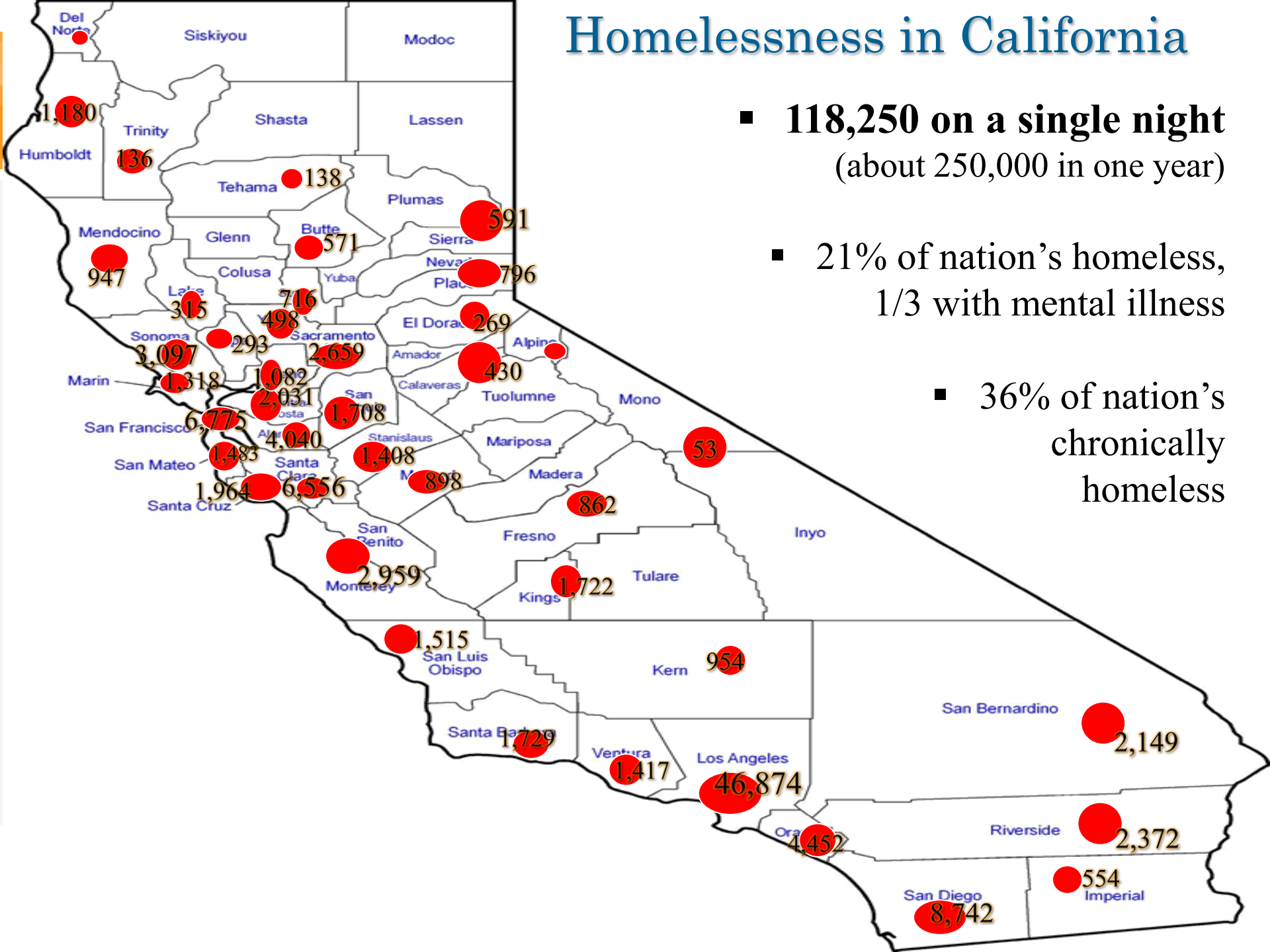
Updates: Legislation to Address Housing Affordability & Homelessness

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Homelessness in California

- **118,250 on a single night**
(about 250,000 in one year)
- 21% of nation's homeless,
1/3 with mental illness
- 36% of nation's
chronically
homeless



Solutions: Housing Affordable to Those in Deep Poverty, Services to Access Housing Stability

Most Families, People w/o Barriers

Rapid Re-Housing

- Housing search assistance
- Assistance with security deposits, back utility payments, etc.
- Rental assistance for 3-24 months, but no limit on length of stay
- Short-term case management



Supportive Housing

- Long-term rental assistance
- Long-term *voluntary* intensive case management to—
 - Promote housing stability (working with landlords to avoid eviction, money management training, etc.)
 - Coordinate care

People w/Barriers to Hsg Stability

Affordable Housing

Decent, safe, permanent housing affordable to people in deep poverty.

Need
CAPITAL to
Build,
RENTAL
ASSISTANCE
to Operate

Emergence of Housing First



Anyone is ready for housing.



Housing is necessary for recovery from physical, mental health, substance use conditions. Homeless people must be linked to housed first, before services effectively improve health.



Services must be face-to-face, offered where the person lives, and designed to help maintain housing stability, prevent eviction, address behavior.



Tenant participation in services is voluntary: Housing is not contingent on compliance, or discontinued when client uses drugs/alcohol.



Legislative Solutions Considered this Year: Budget

“No Place Like Home” Budget Package (Senate Pro Tem de Leon):



**\$2 Billion Bond
in Capital for
Supportive Hsg.**

**Repayment: Prop.
63/Mental Health
Services Act**

**Status: Passed,
AB 1618**



**\$200 Million
Rental Assistance**

**General Fund
Status: Replaced with
\$45M for Emergency
Solutions Grant
(Rapid Re-Housing)**



**\$57 Million
for Families**

**General Fund
Status: \$10M for
new “Bringing Families
Home” Program, \$47M for
Housing Support Program**



**Increase State
SSI Payment**

**General Fund
Status: Passed**

Legislative Solutions Considered this Year: Budget

Assembly Housing Package (Asm. Chiu & Thurmond): General Fund for Housing

Status: Passed with “By Right” Contingency



Capital:
Fund Multifamily
Housing Program,
Increase in State
Housing Tax Credits,
Joe Serna Program
Increase



Health Home Program
(Services)



Home Ownership:
Self-Help Housing
Increase, CalHOME
Increase, “Workforce
Housing” Proposal

Legislative Solutions Considered this Year: Bills

AB 2821, the Medi-Cal Housing Bill:

Would Create a Rental Assistance Program for Homeless People Through Grants to Counties, Linked to Whole Person Care & Health Home Program Services (Collaboration between HCD & DHCS)

Also in Assembly Housing Budget

Housing

Health

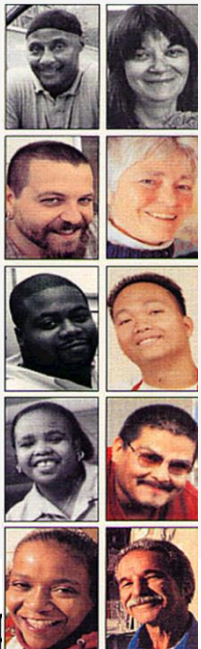
“By Right” Trailer Bill:

Any Housing Developer Could Build “By Right” if Project Includes 5% for Moderate Income Households



SB 1380, the Housing First Bill:

Would Require All Housing Programs California Funds with Intent to Address Homelessness to Follow “Housing First” Elements. Would Also Create an Inter-Agency Coordinating Council on Homelessness.



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