

HOMELESS PROGRAMS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING: NOT IN MY BACKYARD

MYTHS	FACTS
<i>Increase crime</i>	NO --- when the Triage Center was located in CM Harris's district a year ago – law enforcement reported the crime rate went down Design and use of space has far more significant effect on crime than density or income levels
<i>Reduces property values</i>	NO – no study in California has ever shown that homeless programs & affordable housing developments reduce property values
<i>Increases traffic</i>	NO – people who live in affordable housing own fewer cars and drive less
<i>Strains public services & infrastructure</i>	NO – compact development offers greater efficiency in use of public services and infrastructure
<i>Residents in affordable housing move to often to be stable community members</i>	NO --- when rents are guaranteed to be stable, tenants move less often
<i>High density housing and affordable housing undermine a community's character</i>	NO--- new affordable housing can always be designed to fit into existing communities