



**ELECTION 2022: CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HOMELESSNESS & AFFORDABLE HOUSING CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
APRIL 28, 2022**

Note: The four organizations came together to ask the 19 candidates for city council and county board of supervisors key questions on two intertwined crises in our community: homelessness and affordable & accessible housing. Our initial email to the candidates was April 4, 2022, with several email reminders, with the deadline being April 25, 2022, 5 pm [pdt]. We present their responses [or not], unedited below. They are listed in district numerical order by jurisdiction [city first, then county]. The candidates are listed alphabetically horizontally by last name per each district in order to provide a side-by-side comparison of their respective responses to the homeless and housing questions.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

HOMELESS QUESTIONS

- Why do you think people are homeless and what are your top 3 policy proposals aimed at ending and preventing homelessness in Sacramento?**

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	There are many reasons why people become homeless, from drugs, alcohol, mental health, loss of income etc.... We need to increase housing which is tied to treatment options, make sure City / County work with school districts on taking care of homeless children and their families, and increase services to address mental health.	Did Not Respond	Those members of our community that are experiencing homelessness are often struggling with life issues that are often out of their control: mental illness, drug addiction, or other extenuating circumstances. It is our duty to help those that find themselves in these situations and to help those than are not able to help themselves. My top three priorities aimed at ending and preventing homelessness in Sacramento: 1) work to achieve a coordinated

			<p>approach (community-wide coordinated approach to delivering services, housing, and programs), 2) rapidly build housing options that include wrap-around services that help them to be self-sufficient again; and 3) provide assistance for the most vulnerable (longer-term rental assistance and services, permanent supportive housing, etc.).</p>
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District 3: Candidates		
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Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
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<p>Homelessness is a direct result of poverty. Other factors like lack of family support, ability to sustain a decent wage-paying job, mental health or disability status, substance abuse-related issues, and veteran status just to name a few are all contributing factors. We cannot end homelessness unless we address all the issues listed above and more.</p> <p>Preventing homelessness is possible and would require policymakers who care to change it. We need to create more affordable housing units that are supportive to the individual or family, strengthen crisis response systems that connect individuals or families to housing, and ultimately ensure partnerships at the local, state and federal level to narrow the approach to preventing homelessness. Prevention is the key to keeping people off the streets which requires reducing the risk of homelessness completely.</p>	<p>There are many reasons people become homeless including lack of affordable housing, unemployment, poverty and inability to access mental health and substance abuse services. Nobody's pathway to housing is linear.</p> <p>There are no one-size fits all solutions.</p> <p>My top 3 proposals address homelessness are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need to be much more aggressive about building Affordable Housing throughout the city. We need to be laser-focused on going after state tax credits and resources like Project Homekey that allow us to build traditional affordable housing and convert hotels into units for the unhoused while simultaneously investing more in innovative housing types that can be built quicker and cheaper. 2. We need to better coordinate our system and end the finger-pointing between the city, county, and Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF). SSF leads our Continuum of Care but is not empowered to operate effectively. We need to ensure regional elected officials are meeting with SSF to improve coordination of our regions resources. This will allow us to create a truly coordinated entry system to track data, resources, and 	<p>Did Not Respond</p>
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	<p>services for our unhoused population.</p> <p>3. We must expand prevention resources like shallow rental subsidies that keep people from becoming homeless, create new relationships with landlords to increase housing options, and ensure that people who have vouchers are able to find the housing opportunities they need without being discriminated against</p>	
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Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
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<p>Well there can be several factors that we would need to look at as to why they are homeless or became homeless and then once we identify the reason [s] then we must go to work to get them back in shelter and make it a continued process to check in on them..My top 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. bring to the table all developers and really ask what is in the way of building more affordable housing e.t.c. while most of us know what it is. 2. set goals and priorities in which my first goal would be better housing and programs for mental health homeless individuals and families and to create a permanent follow up program to help them... 3. look for incentives in order to work with owners e.t.c. create some type of financial program in which we can make sure there rent , utilities and other things are getting paid the focus should be on preparing them for the future once the program ends and the only way to do that is to continue to work with them not just get them housing and then thats it!! 	<p>The root causes of homelessness are often but not limited to: economic instability, mental illness, and substance abuse. My top policy priorities are working with the County to expand and improve wraparound services, supporting efforts to secure additional state funding, and supporting more efforts to build more permanent supportive housing.</p>	<p>We are in a housing crisis, which is the primary driver of homelessness in our city. We have a severe lack of affordable housing and the price of ALL housing is skyrocketing across the region.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We must significantly invest in affordable housing and input tenant protections to ensure people can stay in their homes. 2. We must act as a REGION to create a shared action plan and pool resources. At a minimum, the city and county should be working in tandem to provide supportive housing and wrap around services. 3. We must create economic mobility to reduce poverty and prevent people from ending up on our streets. We can do this by bolstering apprenticeship programs and other pathways to quality jobs with benefits. 	<p>Poverty gentrification mental health. Policies to address poverty. Policies for affordable housing rent control, and policies to address mental health. Policies to provide more resources to address the crisis</p>
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District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

2. *What is the status of homelessness in your district and where is the issue in your list of priorities and why?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	<p>District 1 is at the very north end of the city. Homelessness is often not seen, but it is here if one looks and doesn't turn a blind eye. Homelessness is a top priority, because the City of Sacramento can not be the city we want it to be safe, vibrant and welcoming if we can not address the homeless problem.</p>	Did Not Respond	<p>The unhoused are living across our entire city and region - no district is exempt. Just a few months ago, I had someone living 20' from my back door, just over a 6' wall and in the bushes and vines surrounding my development. This person disappeared a couple nights later, although I have no idea if they received any kind of professional support or services to help them with their immediate or long term needs. We now have tent encampments and RV encampments just down the road from my home. This is an issue that is impacting our entire city, not just one or two city districts.</p> <p>This is the biggest issue faced by our city, our residents, and our businesses - and it impacts us all, directly and indirectly. We must identify this as our city's biggest issue and appropriate resources to reflect that priority and the urgency that it deserves. As mentioned above, we must help those that are not able to help themselves, regardless of who they are, how they got there, or their willingness to ask for help.</p>

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
<p>Homelessness in District 3 is awful and apparent. Many of the individuals are clearly experiencing substance and mental health crises, especially near W El Camino Ave and Northgate Blvd. and Truxel Rd. near the Levee. Homelessness is a top priority of my campaign simply because many of the families in our community do not feel safe. The community deserves to feel safe. I have three children myself and want my children to be safe in our community. I have personally been affected by unhoused individuals on my property and the unexpected behavior is enough to make people feel unsafe. This must change. I would like to see Northgate Blvd implement a clinic for rehabilitation services.</p>	<p>Anyone who lives in District 3 knows that far too many people live on the streets, in parks, or under freeway overpasses. There are large-scale unsanctioned encampments along Garden highway and several homeless encampments off of San Juan Blvd. Addressing the homelessness and housing crisis will be one of my top 3 priorities on the City Council.</p>	Did Not Respond

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
<p>Well in my district I have personally spoken with alot of them and what is amazing lots of these folks have jobs and families but just cant seem to qualify for an apartment and then i heard stories of some being charged between 35-50\$ for a credit check-application fee and we got to change that some how, so the status would probably fit in with other surrounding areas so then my priorities would to look for some incentives to offer and work with owners that are willing to be part of the process..</p>	<p>Many people are just one paycheck away from being homeless. That's the case across our city and in D5.</p> <p>In District 5 - we have a range of unhoused needs - from general - those in encampments, parked cars and RVs, to needs of specific populations such as transitional aged youth, women and children seeking permanent and stable housing. D5 has a range of housing options but not nearly enough - from our Navigation Center, Homekey site at La Mancha family and youth shelters, and more. D5 also has service providers who are limited by state and county resources. We need more options for those most vulnerable.</p>	<p>Homelessness is the number one issue cited by residents that I have spoken with and the number one priority for me if elected. Nearly 200 people died on the streets of the Capitol city of the fifth largest economy in the world last year. That is incomprehensible. We must act with conviction and compassion to get people the help they need.</p>	<p>There are many homeless spread out through the district. I'm a renter, it is a top priority for me as I don't want to end up in that situation. Rent control is a problem for folks living in single family homes</p>

	Addressing homelessness in our city is critical to the safety and security of our neighborhoods. Its one of my top priorities to work in partnership with our community and public agencies.		
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Rick Jennings [Incumbent]			
Response			
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3. *In August 2021 the City Council passed the Homeless Comprehensive Siting Plan: How do you think the implementation of this plan is going in the city and your district specifically? Are there elements of the plan you support? which ones and why? are there elements of the plan you oppose? which ones and why?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	The implementation of the plan is slow. District 1 did have a site, but because of redistricting an additional site will need to be planned and implemented. I support increasing the rate of adding safe places for our homeless to live.	Did Not Respond	The Plan was a good start, although there appears to be a disconnect between the severity of the problem and the level of attention it is receiving from some city council members. The plan only includes housing options (when fully developed) for less than a tenth of the unhoused in our community - we must do more. I support having housing options throughout our community, specifically in areas that provide 1) easy access to the services the unhoused folks need and 2) easy access to public transit options. We need more solutions like what we've built up here in Natomas (and elsewhere in the city) with the hotel conversion project: a temporary housing option that caters to the unique needs of one segment of the unhoused population, includes wrap-

			<p>around services, and provides them with a plan and path to self-sufficiency (to the extent that they are able to be self-sufficient). I do not support putting massive amounts of the unhoused in one location; this essentially creates pockets of poverty and issues with the surrounding neighborhoods.</p>
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District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
<p>Clearly, the Homeless Comprehensive Siting Plan has not been successful. Progress is slow meanwhile there has been federal dollars poured into our city that have not progressed plans such as this. The fact there are so many people living on the streets of Sacramento proves just how bad our homeless issue has become. We need to do more as a city and quickly. Safe Grounds have received a lot of push-back from neighborhoods and I don't support them. We need permanent housing solutions. I would like to see more housing solutions for families as many people aren't aware there are plenty families experiencing homelessness too.</p>	<p>I support the comprehensive siting plan and its goal to create new housing units, shelters and safe camping spots as soon as possible. However, progress on the siting plan has been too slow.</p> <p>In District 3, the Staybridge Hotel conversion project has demonstrated how hotel conversions can offer a path to creating transitional and permanent housing units for people experiencing homelessness much faster and much more affordably than from building new housing from the ground up. We should be looking to identify additional opportunities to work with the state and Sacramento County on similar projects.</p>	Did Not Respond

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
<p>Bottom line to me is lets stop putting a band aid on some of these issues and come up with some permanent solutions and put it to work, I would have to review the sitting plan again another thing i would say is making sure the money is going to the program and not to big salaries or any nonprofit to run..</p>	<p>The plan was adopted by Council without a true implementation plan, but with lots of momentum. The Comprehensive Siting Plan had no realistic implementation plan or resources to sufficiently address the sites identified, or other potential sites. As someone who works in public sector infrastructure and budgets, it was set up to</p>	<p>Many elements of the plan have been stalled and/or unable to move forward due to jurisdictional red tape, community pushback, and other unforeseen issues. In reality, this incremental approach would not have even been able to shelter near the number of people that were estimated in the 2019 PIT count, let alone the much larger number we</p>	<p>I SUPPORT THIS PLAN. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY IMPLEMENTATION IN DISTRICT 5. I LOVE THE TINY HOMES AND SAFE GROUND AND SAFE PARKING AS WELL.</p>

	<p>fail. Many of the sites proposed are no longer feasible.</p> <p>I support every council district working to find solutions in their own district, even more when we can work to get sites up and running quickly. That hasn't been the case. I also believe the resources to address homelessness are disproportionately allocated - they need to address the most vulnerable - in our black and brown communities.</p>	<p>anticipate to be announced in the coming months.</p> <p>While there may be no perfect solution, most of the elements proposed offer very limited, short-term solutions. I would much rather see the bulk of the funding allotted for the Siting Plan go toward the immediate development of housing with dignity for this population specifically. Imagine the number of micro-apartments that could be constructed with \$100 million.</p>	
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District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

4. *As you know, the City's Code Enforcement Dept has recently increased tagging, towing and impounding homeless peoples vehicles. Additionally, law enforcement continues to do sweeps of encampments, displacing people experiencing homelessness. What is your position on this issue and why?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	<p>There needs to be safe places for people to live in their cars and vehicles. If an area is not safe then unfortunately it needs to be moved. However, the city should be doing all it can to find safe and appropriate places for individuals to live in their vehicles if an encampment is moved.</p>	Did Not Respond	<p>The city should not be confiscating the belongings of the unhoused, especially their vehicles (which often serve as their homes). The city must do a better job of identifying places for the unhoused to go PRIOR to moving or confiscating their shelter and belongings.</p>

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
I do not support sweeps. They provide no solution and create bigger concerns with unhoused individuals moving elsewhere in the city. If there is no where for these individuals to go, why move them? I would like to see more solutions attempted before code enforcement is called out. We need to create the adequate housing needed to get people off the streets. Sacramento is lacking affordable housing and chooses to perform sweeps while failing to use funding quickly enough to provide options for housing.	The City and County need to do much more and move much faster to create more places for unhoused individuals and families to get help, shelter, and housing. I do not think it is right or compassionate to let people who need help and support services live on the streets in fear of violence, constant harassment, and uncertainty.	Did Not Respond

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
my position would be to look at the specifics of what the ordinance says and were does law enforcement play a role , and to why a decision was made to tow these folks transportation because there transportation is there home in most cases.	We need more safe camping and parking sites. There are no easy solutions. Ultimately we need to be compassionate towards those experiencing homelessness and also to the neighbors living with encampments which presents a multitude of public safety and public health issues. No one wants to have encampments in front of their home or business.	We must stop the sweeps. Moving people from one sidewalk to another with nowhere to go is not only expensive and counterproductive, it's traumatic. Let's instead work with the county to ensure people have the resources they need.	I am against it. It further traumatizing the unhoused.

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

5. *Not In My Backyard or NIMBY is a significant barrier to siting homeless programs as well as low income housing. What specifically will you do as a City Councilmember to overcome this barrier in your district?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	Sometimes you can't overcome a barrier or change people's minds, I have done this and seen it as a 20 year school board member. My job is to do what is right, gather the facts and make a decision, no matter how loud the opposition is.	Did Not Respond	Like most public policy issues, it comes down to public education and helping residents and business owners better understand how being part of the solution is better than no solution. I will do everything I can to educate residents and ensure that residents of D1 and Sacramento understand how the issue impacts each and every one of us and that in not addressing the problem and implementing solutions, we are making the problem larger, more expensive, and more difficult to resolve. Residents need to better understand the scope of the problem, what needs to be done now, and how we can work together, take action, and work to resolve the issue.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
As a councilmember, I would advocate that everyone deserves a place to live. It's a basic human right to have shelter, food, water. These are our basic needs that must be met before we can accomplish anything else in life. My district struggles with a huge homeless problem therefore I would have to see how much of a barrier NIMBY imposes in this district where many residents would be happy to see the homelessness issues addressed. As a councilmember I would ensure that land use was appropriate while also working with stakeholders and developers to ensure developments are placed into our	We cannot afford to waste time when it comes to addressing homelessness. Every district must do its fair share regarding siting housing, shelters, and services that serve our unhoused population. As a City Councilmember, I will be committed to conducting robust outreach and communication with my constituents about the importance of moving urgently to site the facilities and services we need. Ultimately, we need to elect leaders to lead and address the most difficult challenges facing our city. Sometimes that means pushing through misguided NIMBYism to benefit our	Did Not Respond

district with good intent. Many residents would be happy to see additional senior living as an example. District 3 is more or less underdeveloped and there is opportunity for inclusive housing. While continuing to improve the safety for all residents in the district.	unhoused population, our district, and our city.	
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District 5: Candidates

Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
Have continue on going discussions , but this is a high priority and sometimes we have to do things that folks wont like but with NIMBY its gonna happen regardless but my motto is would we want that vacant land to continue collect weeds and trash or do the humane thing and get families and individuals off the streets, but we do need to keep others concerns in my mind , but what i say to that is have strict rules once affordable housing is ready..	Every neighborhood is experiencing the difficulty of homelessness and each community needs to be part of the solution. Many D5 neighborhoods already support and are proximate to shelters, services, and affordable housing. I would work with every community and neighborhood to develop functional proposals to address our homeless challenge.	<p>We are in an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. People on our streets lack access to even the most basic needs -- food, water, shelter and sanitation. To me, these needs must be met first and foremost. We must measure ourselves not by our wealth but by how we treat those who have the least among us.</p> <p>I have found in my years navigating state and local government that it is literally impossible to please everyone. Good leaders listen to all sides and make judgements based on what's best for their community with the understanding that the decisions they make will upset some people no matter what. I commit to convening these tough conversations and ensuring that unhoused voices are at the table.</p>	We all must compromise and sacrifice we need to come to the table and come to an agreement on making compromise

District 7: Candidate

Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

6. According to the SRCEH Homeless Deaths Report, between 2002-2020, approximately 30% of the 1,500 homeless people who died, died violent deaths – blunt force head injuries, gun shots, stabbings and hangings. Do you support including homeless people as a protected class locally? If yes, why? If no, why not?

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	I do not understand this question. What comes with being a protected class. Human beings have a right protections set for in the Constitution and laws on the books. I support those laws.	Did Not Respond	Yes, I support including homeless people as a protected class locally. If serving as a protected class allows them to get the services that they need to get themselves back to where they are able to support themselves and be self-sufficient, then I'm in complete support. We must come together as a community and lift up those residents that are not able to provide for themselves or take adequate care of themselves.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
Yes, I would support including homeless people as protected class locally because being homeless is risky and dangerous. Many individuals who experience homelessness are veterans, the mentally disabled, and youth especially LGBTQ+. Many are targeted and unable to protect themselves. The discrimination alone against homeless individuals deserves special protection under policy or law.	The number of individuals who have died on our streets due to violence, exposure to the elements, or other impacts arising from being unhoused is unacceptable. People experiencing homelessness deserve the full protection of the laws afforded to us because we are all human beings with inherent rights. I do not believe it is right or should be legal to discriminate against an individual based on their housing status.	Did Not Respond

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
Certainly yes why not include them, regardless of what ones status is they have a right to be protected	Being considered a special class presumes that it comes with enhanced penalties. Seeing how much of the	I do. We must always ensure that those who disproportionately impacted by violence are protected.	Yes, they are a very vulnerable population they need protection from discrimination.

just as anyone of us do just because a person [s] is homeless it gives no one the right to harm them and or take advantage of them and if done the perpetrator needs to be prosecuted just as anybody else would..	violence committed against the homeless is perpetrated by other homeless may not serve as a sufficient deterrent to addressing the problem. While I'm not opposed to the concept, focusing energy on resolving the conditions which facilitate violence on homelessness would be a higher priority for me than seeking enhanced penalties for something that is already a crime.		
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District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

7. *What is your position on the city ballot initiative "Emergency Temporary Shelter & Enforcement Act of 2022"? why are you supporting or why not?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	I support it. It may not be perfect but it is a start, and the voters will decide.	Did Not Respond	I support the Act only as a temporary solution (while work occurs on a better long term solution), and only for the reason is that it is a better option than that provided by the mayor's "Housing for All" proposal. I believe that the City was put into a difficult situation, that not enough time was provided for council members to make informed decisions, and that there were not enough opportunities for the community to provide input on the proposal.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
<p>We need permanent housing solutions in Sacramento. I am unsure about this ballot initiative. While it provides a shelter bed to keep an individual off the streets, what other case management services will the initiative provide to prevent the person from ending up on the streets again? It seems more complicated than expected. I don't see the city coming up with enough shelter spaces as the city hasn't been able to before? It's an optimistic measure. I can't say I support it at this time. We haven't received the homeless count numbers and to expect 75% of the total count is huge percent to provide shelter. I do support being compassionate and preventing deaths of individuals on Sacramento streets and agree we need to move more quickly than the current city council has in providing spaces.</p>	<p>I believe the proposed ballot initiative offers a potential pathway to compel the city to do more to address homelessness than ever before. As I mentioned previously, progress on addressing homelessness has been too slow, and the proposed initiative will force the city to move faster. This ballot measure appears to be based largely on ideas that founded the basis for the Mayor's Right-to-Housing proposal, and while imperfect, I believe the proposed ballot measure is better than the status quo.</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
<p>Well i am not all there on this issue because what i dont like is when it says increase homeless shelter space but in the same time dont allow living in parks e.t.c. i just think we can do better , i would bring businesses to the table and ask them to help us with this , now as far as sidewalks i have to admit that has become a safety hazard for the homeless and the people walking down that sidewalk..</p>	<p>I support finding ways to address the unhoused population in our City. The success of the measure depends on if the other challenges to addressing homelessness are also resolved. That is going to take time, resources, and better collaboration with all stakeholders.</p>	<p>This measure was brought forth by a group of residents and hastily debated at City Council under pressure. It does nothing to identify where funding should come from and puts an unknown financial burden on the city. I support the concept of getting people off the streets as quickly as possible and ensuring the government is accountable to that goal, but I believe that energy should be directed at the county, which is primarily responsible for public health, human services, mental health, and the implementation of homeless services.</p>	<p>i don't support that it would make camping illegal and enforcing this policy is controversial.</p>

District 7: Candidate	
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]	
Response	
Did Not Respond	

8. *What is your position on the city and county signing a partnership agreement and engaging a range of stakeholders in creating a comprehensive regional plan to end and prevent homelessness? Why do you take this position?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	I support this plan. To end and prevent homelessness we can not operate in a silo, so all stakeholders need to participate.	Did Not Respond	I'm absolutely in support. We are one region, one community, and must act together on a solution that doesn't just shift the problem from one corner of the region to another. This is our approach on some problems and should be our approach on this very important issue.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
I fully support a partnership between the city and county and question why this wasn't created sooner. We have to work together to achieve a solution to preventing homelessness. We shouldn't just engage stakeholders, everyone can play a role to ensure the success of preventing homelessness in Sacramento. A comprehensive regional plan will give the city and county the same vision for prevention of homelessness whereas it was viewed differently before. I take this position because every individual who has the ability to make decisions at the local level needs to be on the same page in terms of goals, objectives and actions to support Sacramento's homeless crisis.	As I mentioned previously, coordination between the City and County and other cities throughout the region has not rendered the results our community needs and deserves. I support formalizing a partnership between the City and County and engaging with appropriate stakeholders to develop a comprehensive regional plan.	Did Not Respond

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Response			
with those two entities finally working together maybe we can move much faster but my concern is i dont want to see all the money going to big salaries and wasted on committees and why i take this position is because it is not right and we can do better..	The city has created several 10 year plans to end homelessness all of which have not either worked or been implemented. Bringing in more groups to align work and support efforts to end homelessness is essential, with specific outcomes and metrics and clear roles and responsibilities. This is a regional issue and having a regional coalition would be ideal. However, our time to plan was 10 years ago. Now we must act.	This is something I have openly advocated for and written on, which you can read here: https://caitymaple.medium.com/our-unhoused-neighbors-deserve-compassion-and-collaboration-	Yes please. We need partnerships to provide wrap around services I believe they should have a partnership and share the burden of solving this problem. we need to remove government barriers to provide needed services and with a partnership more services could be delivered with more options on how to deliver and expedite the delivery.

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

AFFORDABLE HOUSING QUESTIONS

1. *What do you see as the greatest affordable housing need in your district and how will you prioritize addressing those needs? City/County? Which income groups would you prioritize?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	All housing is needed. Affordable, small housing units. A variety of housing units are needed.	Did Not Respond	Our community has had less than a month's supply of homes available for nearly two years straight. This low inventory pushes prices for available homes incredibly high, often out of reach of most folks in search of housing options in our region. For those in need of low income, affordable, or inclusionary housing options: even fewer options exist. The lack of affordable housing options is a massive issue in our district and citywide. The city must prioritize the creation of incentives for developers to build housing options that meet the needs of all residents, not just those that are able to afford the most expensive options.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
Inclusive housing is needed all across the district. Priority must be given to the neighborhoods who show the biggest need for housing. Gardenland and Northgate areas have the lowest incomes in our district. I would ensure there are housing types for all the ranges of incomes in the district. Sacramento in	Throughout our city, we need additional housing across the affordability spectrum. However, the greatest needs in our city and district are for well-integrated housing for low-income and extremely low-income units so that we can create additional opportunities for the families who are on the brink of homelessness. I do not believe this is	Did Not Respond

totality needs to focus on inclusive housing.	an either/or situation and the city must create an environment where all types of housing - including workforce, affordable-by-design, and deed-restricted Affordable Housing - can be built as quickly as possible. This is critical if we are going to address the housing needs of our community.	
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District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
mainly i see lots of families struggling such as family of 3 living in a 1 bedroom because that is what they can afford and keep in mind they are barely affording that...this is a hard decision because would like to get all in housing .. but i would prioritize the families especially with minor children, and the next high priority would be homeless mental health.	Housing is becoming less affordable and housing supply continues to not meet demand both citywide and in D5. It is becoming harder for current residents, especially low- and middle-income families and individuals, to afford housing. The most vulnerable communities in D5, including low- and middle-income households and communities of color, are disproportionately affected.	TRULY affordable housing (rather than 80% AMI as defined). People need places they can afford, period. The housing crisis is continually exacerbated by the lack of supply. I would prioritize low-income housing, which is desperately needed in my district.	rent control for single family homes. more tenant protections. this is a priority for me as I am a renter. I would prioritize low income groups. this needs to be addressed by city and county. subsidized housing that benefits both landlord and tenant.

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

2. *The most successful inclusionary programs require the production of affordable housing. Both the City and County are evaluating their inclusionary programs, which only require payment of a minimal fee. Do you support updating the inclusionary programs to mandate development of affordable housing? Why or why not?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	I do support updating a program if it is not addressing the problem.	Did Not Respond	I support the creation of incentives by the city so that developers build to meet the needs of all residents. I also support a system of fees that are equitable and reflect the

			<p>true costs of building units; my understanding is that the fees currently being charged do not accurately reflect the costs that a developer would otherwise pay to build an inclusionary unit. I support updating the programs to reflect amounts that are reflective of the costs of building inclusionary units - doing otherwise leaves money on the table for the city and doesn't allow us to meet the needs of our community. We must do a better job of meeting the needs of our community!</p>
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District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
<p>Yes, because Sacramento has a huge need for affordable housing. Public policy defines affordable housing as spending no more than 30% of total gross income on housing cost. Many residents in Sacramento become displaced because they can not afford their rents or mortgages. If we had more affordable housing, individuals and families could retain their housing at a more affordable rate.</p>	<p>The city is currently conducting a review of its mixed-income housing ordinance in addition to a workforce housing study in collaboration with SACOG. I look forward to reviewing those studies and participating in the debate on the best way to produce large amounts of affordable housing without slowing the development of quality housing across the affordability spectrum.</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
<p>most certainly i support this especially if it is gonna bring more affordable housing it is the right thing to do and do it quickly..</p>	<p>I support building more housing and more affordable housing. A combination of policy and funding mechanisms can do that, which can include inclusionary programs.</p>	<p>Yes. Sacramento formerly required affordable housing as a component of new housing developments and that was done away with for an "in lieu of" fee. I believe that is one of the many reasons we have not seen anywhere near the number of affordable units we currently need.</p>	<p>yes, often developers do not build enough affordable housing. it provides below market rent and assists with racial equity and more affordable housing. i support inclusion. it reduces the risk of gentrification.</p>

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

3. *Both market-rate and affordable housing costs are skyrocketing, amplifying the need for public funding resources, especially at the local level. How will you prioritize developing local funding sources to build affordable housing?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	Continue to support the funding streams available to increase affordable housing.	Did Not Respond	The City must identify local funding sources and build affordable housing. The City must take a leading role in the development of housing units, gather the resources to do so, and ensure that enough affordable housing units are developed. The housing crisis and the issue of the unhoused are the two top issues for the City and must be prioritized accordingly. I'll work with City and community stakeholders to identify ways to streamline the approval process, lower fees to the extent possible, and work to remove any impediments that are restricting more rapid development of housing, specifically affordable housing, in Sacramento.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
All housing is skyrocketing, unfortunately. Public funding resources like funding from local, state, and federal sources need to be prioritized and given to those who need it most. District 3 compromises many low-income families, many of who	For years, the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund has been underfunded and the city has fallen woefully short of meeting housing goals. Part of the promise voters was told during the Measure U campaign was that funds	Did Not Respond

are renters. I would ensure affordable housing units are made available to our most vulnerable populations.	would be used to create new housing especially for low and extremely low-income individuals and families. As a City Councilmember, I would want to see a substantial portion of Measure U resources used to create housing, focusing on ELI housing. Additionally, I think the City and County need to be aggressive about going after state LIHTEC funding and do a better job pushing our Housing Authority to develop deed-restricted units. This includes ramping up the use of Project-Based Vouchers to create more permanent housing units, especially because there appear to be so many individuals who cannot actually use their vouchers once they receive them.	
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District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
We got to look deep into why developers are fleeing and not wanting to build and my belief is the prevailing wage and project labor agreement is a major road block from what i am understanding so my question would be to call it back to the table with some ammendments in order to create more affordable building .	Building affordable housing is expensive. Developer fees alone will not yield enough revenue to build the housing we need. We must identify a local source for housing funding, and use it to leverage state funding - including very competitive state programs and state tax credits.	Our housing crisis and homeless crisis are intertwined. The rapid production of truly affordable housing is a top priority in order to make an impact on both of these issues. Developing new funding sources is critical to that mission and I am interested in talking with experts in the field to develop creative solutions. For example, looking into modeling after San Francisco's Housing Accelerator Fund.	tap into revenue sources, examine budget to find a place for funding, create new revenue sources

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

4. The state is now emphasizing affordable housing development in areas of opportunity to affirmative further fair housing, how would you propose identifying sites in our city and successfully encouraging such development?

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	Yes.	Did Not Respond	We must identify where the greatest need exists, where the services are located that would support residents, and where the best transit options exist that would allow them to move freely around the city, county, and region. We must also consider any cost differentials related to development within any particular districts, should any exist.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
District 3 is unique in that it still has some underdeveloped areas that could see more housing developments. However, I would strongly listen to all developments presented and use precaution. The projects we will see in the future will determine how much land use will be preserved in our city. Sacramento's population is continuing to grow and we want to make sure we leave the city in good condition for future generations without causing too much influx of housing that will result in our city seeming more like the bay area or other cities with many housing developments.	<p>The city and state have created a database of publicly-owned property that can be used to develop affordable housing. More needs to be done to utilize those parcels. The City needs to be intentional about seeking partnerships with non-profit developers to build the lasting affordable housing we need. Additionally, we should be seeking to utilize innovative housing types that can be built faster and cheaper on smaller parcels.</p> <p>Just as the Mayor called for each council district to site 100 shelter beds in their district, I believe a similar fair share approach to creating affordable housing is needed, with each council member responsible for creating a specific number of units in their district.</p>	Did Not Respond

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
i would propose by taking the developers on a tour to the areas that have the land and talk about incentives with H.U.D. and others that play a major role and bring in other surrounding businesses and community people so all can have some say and then we can all be on the same level.	I would look to the City's adopted Housing Element and work with staff.	One of the great challenges our city faces as a result of many years of zoning and development decisions is the concentration of both wealth and poverty in certain areas. We know that when neighborhoods have a mix of incomes and experiences, opportunity grows and it creates a more vibrant community for all. I believe it is important for the city to invest in affordable housing throughout the city, but especially in areas that are nearby transit, retail, and services.	map out areas have town hall meetings get public input work with developers to ensure affordable units

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

5. *Studies show that ones zip code is correlated with health, social and economic outcomes. Sacramento's neighborhoods reflect those disparities. How would you improve equity and outcomes based on zip codes?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	I can not do it alone. It takes the vote of other council members to prioritize the health and safety of communities. I would work to advocate and educate my fellow councilmembers so that a majority want to address disparities.	Did Not Respond	We must first understand what factors are impacting residents' health and then work to ensure that the needed services exist and cater to their needs and location. We must ensure that city programs take equity into account and provide services to those that have the greatest need and stand to benefit the most from city support and services.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
<p>As a public health advocate, I have studied the health disparities that affect quality of life. District 3 has many vulnerable zipcodes including: 95833, 95834. To improve disparities we must address the issues at hand including air quality, access to healthy foods, healthcare options, access to clean drinking water, reliable transportation and decent housing. All these disparities require solutions which I intend to address as the next councilwoman. District 3 is ready for a healthy food store where we don't have to drive to the CO-OP or North Natomas for Sprouts.</p>	<p>This is why I am running. A ZIP code should not be the number one determinant of health, social, or economic outcomes.</p> <p>I am the co-founder and CEO of the youth nonprofit Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT), which is focused on increasing the number of young men of color to attend and graduate from colleges and universities. IYT serves 3,000 students across Northern and Central California, nearly 300 in Natomas USD. 99% of IYT scholars graduate high school on time, and 82% attend college.</p> <p>I am running because I believe the City must invest in neighborhoods and create environments where every individual, family and child has an opportunity to thrive. As a personal mentor to hundreds of students, and through my own experience living in South Sacramento and attending Valley High School, I have seen firsthand the abysmal conditions in neighborhoods that have lacked investment and corresponding opportunity.</p> <p>As a Councilmember, I will ensure a direct and intentional investment in neighborhoods with a specific focus on communities that have been left behind for too long. I will also ensure the City makes youth services a priority so that we can achieve positive education, health, and economic outcomes for the next generation.</p> <p>I will also be a fierce advocate for improving community health and will champion policies and solutions that directly address the economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, strengthening our neighborhoods and ensuring our community is safe for everyone.</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
take a look at what those disparities are and why they are there and from that point work on some positive solutions to get rid of them and find the best programs with a positive track record of results to assist in the process, the problem is we award grants and other monies to organizations that are not meeting those expectations and it needs to stop..	These zip codes are D5 zip codes. This is a priority for me as a Councilmember and elected representative. As an Active Transportation commissioner, I advocated for and helped create the Commission's equity statement - the first ever adopted by a City Commission. I will fight for D5 neighborhoods to ensure equitable and healthy outcomes.	<p>We must focus our resources where they are needed most. I am running to be a voice for the poor and working class in our city, with a focus on poverty reduction, equitable access to services, quality public transportation and childcare, walkable and bikeable communities, and pathways to quality jobs.</p> <p>District 5 is an 80% low income district where several neighborhoods are making on average less than \$20,000 per year. My focus will be uplifting those areas first.</p>	pour more resources into the zip codes who need it most. Create health care systems and invest in economic growth.

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

6. *Social services are key to the successful operation of affordable housing development. Such services are generally administered by the County. How would you go about coordinating service delivery in affordable housing development within the City?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	Work in collaboration with County Supervisors.	Did Not Respond	The City and County must work hand-in-hand, cooperate on every level, and ensure that those with the greatest need are getting the services they need. We must also have a system of mutual accountability: we must hold each other accountable for the provision of services that we are legally obligated to provide.

			We must proactively identify each others' greatest needs, data that supports those needs, and help each other with the provision of the services that will meet those needs.
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District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
As a councilmember I would create partnerships with the county because Sacramento deserves a collaborative connection between the city and county to address successful operation of affordable housing development. I agree that social services are key. Housing should be accessible, affordable and supportive.	The County is a Health and Human Services Agency and should be at the table when there is an opportunity to create supportive housing. The County has the resources and the expertise to ensure supportive services are robust and long-lasting. However, if for some reason the County cannot or will not provide those services at a specific development, the City can work with the Housing Authority to identify resources, either from the local level or from the state, and contract directly with certain providers to provide services at an affordable housing development. We cannot afford to allow past disagreements or bad feelings from our local government entities to get in the way of addressing the major challenges in our city.	Did Not Respond

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
Work within our part and the county and others involved to make sure those services are being implemented and have a accountability system that is very stern also i would implement surprise visits to insure..	For D5, this is crucial. It's not traditionally the City's role, but I would continue to encourage and support partnerships between the county, SHRA, affordable housing management, and our community based organizations. I would be a bridge between the support services my constituents need and those who deliver services.	The city and county have a strained relationship, but I am hopeful that will change as new leadership comes in. It is imperative for all residents that the two entities work together to deliver quality services and affordable housing in the city.	support social services, affordable housing development and rental assistance programs

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

7. *Affordable housing developments frequent incite opposition among neighborhood residents. Will you advocate for affordable housing in your district in the face of such opposition?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	I will advocate for increasing affordable housing.	Did Not Respond	I will advocate for equitable distribution of affordable housing across the city - all councilmembers must participate and support the development of affordable housing in their districts. We must also ensure that the affordable housing solutions meet the needs of those that require affordable housing in regards to proximity of social support services and transit options.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
The concern typically relates to safety and the downfall of the neighborhood. Provide solutions to keep neighborhood liveliness and keep residents safe. I would provide crime prevention measures and ensure areas in neighborhoods stay well-lit, well maintained, and patrolled when needed. Developers like SHRA can incorporate security on-site to keep these developments safe.	Our city needs more housing. Rents have skyrocketed, vacancy rates are nearly zero, and people continue to move to Sacramento from the Bay Area and other states seeking a lower cost of living and Sacramento's great lifestyle. Given all these factors, Councilmembers must be willing to push through neighborhood opposition to projects when those objections get in the way of the progress our city and our districts need to make. I will be an advocate for building quality affordable housing that our neighborhoods need.	Did Not Respond

District 5: Candidates			
Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
Response			
Most definitely will do so.	Yes	Yes. We must be bold to address our housing crisis.	Absolutely i am an advocate for affordable housing. we have a problem with affordability leading to more homeless it will be a continuing cycle if we don't find solutions for this affordability issue

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

8. *Housing being the top issues in local county and government as well as nationwide what's more important for our city right now? Is building new homes better at utilizing our resources or do you feel that rehabbing vacant homes, commercial space or old storefronts be just as critical to meeting our end goal?*

District 1: Candidates			
Robert Alvis	Lisa Kaplan	Alyssa Lozano	Nate Pelczar
Response			
Did Not Respond	The answer lies in implementing a variety of options not just one.	Did Not Respond	The data should help us identify the best options for our limited resources. I support proceeding with whichever option will allow us to best meet the growing needs of our community in regards to the provision of housing units.

District 3: Candidates		
Adrienne Gonzales	Michael Lynch	Karina Talamantes
Response		
This could be a combined effort. To address housing, Sacramento needs to establish firm goals that are attainable with all organizations. We need to build more homes but that isn't the only solution because population influx affects those numbers. We need to ensure housing is sustainable to all people living in Sacramento at different income levels. If we could help retain individuals	I do not believe this is an either-or situation. This is a both-and situation. We need to be willing to do anything and everything to build more units, rehab vacant homes, and commercial spaces, invest in	Did Not Respond

and families that would greatly help with deciding what housing needs are most prevalent.	innovative housing types, go after state resources, make public lands available, forge new partnerships, and push our local governments to be creative and aggressive about creating new housing opportunities if we are going to address the affordable housing and homelessness crisis.	
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District 5: Candidates

Chris Baker	Tamiko Heim	Caity Maple	Kimberly Sow
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Response

I think they all can play a roll in what we are trying to achieve but make sure there is a plan per area but again i think all plays a role.	<p>We must do both. One solution will not solely solve the problem.</p> <p>New residential construction, higher density construction and affordable by design in addition to affordable housing all need to be built if we are to begin to address our housing shortage. Rehabbing vacant homes or commercial spaces require additional resources (much of which aren't the priority of state or federal funds) and may not yield the units needed.</p>	<p>I believe the answer lies in all of these. We're going to have to take a multi-faceted approach to see results. There are organizations that have increased density by turning single family into shared living spaces -- this is especially practical for students, low-income residents, and recently unhoused individuals. Such a model has worked well in the Bay Area and is worth exploring as we already have the infrastructure in place. I also believe we need to build more dense housing, including apartment buildings, all throughout the city. I am open to exploring transitioning under-utilized existing commercial space in opportunities for residential -</p> <p>- cities like Denver have done this in creative ways that have revitalized languishing areas.</p>	i feel that rehab and restoration using commercial space or old storefronts are a great options for housing and we should use those options before building new homes
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District 7: Candidate

Rick Jennings [Incumbent]

Response

Did Not Respond

QUESTION FOR INCUMBENT CANDIDATE[S]:

What specifically have you done to address the crisis of homelessness and affordable housing in your district during this last term?

District 7: Candidate
Rick Jennings [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

HOMELESS QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think people are homeless and what are your top 3 policy proposals aimed at ending and preventing homelessness in Sacramento County?

District 1: Candidate
Phil Serna [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>People become homeless for a variety of reasons outside of their control from domestic abuse, lack of livable wage jobs, even from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. My top 3 policy proposals to combat homelessness are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Rent control to stabilize rent costs - Ban on homeless sweeps/ investment in public health solutions - Regional Collaborative on homelessness: engaging cities and counties in the Sacramento region to share data, information, and leverage our resources to create a long term pipeline out of homelessness. 	<p>There is no one answer to why people are homeless. However, in my experience on the Board of Supervisors, I have learned that most people experiencing homelessness fall in one (ore more) of three categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Those experiencing economic difficulties and / or not able to locate affordable housing; 2. Those experiencing drug / alcohol addiction and/or mental health issues; and: 3. Those who choose homelessness as a lifestyle - the smallest proportion of the three categories by far. <p>Three policy Proposals aimed at ending homelessness:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify what county and SHRA policies and practices are impediments to building more affordable housing, particularly multifamily infill projects, and develop incentives for builders who want to develop these projects. 2. Secure more state and federal funding for residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs as well as short-term respite centers to assist those seeking sobriety, and mental health services including but not limited to acute care beds. 3. Identify opportunities for short term shelter (congregate settings, tiny homes, safe parking sites, etc.) to get our unhoused neighbors off the streets in a safe and dignified environment while long term solutions can be found and developed.

District 5: Candidates

Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
<p>Homelessness is a humanitarian, economic, environmental and public safety crisis. I have always said that homelessness is not an issue, but a group of people who need help.</p> <p>The primary cause of homelessness (particularly acute homelessness) is drug addiction and/or mental health issues. Sometimes, economic or other factors in-house people, but root causes keep them from breaking out of the cycle.</p> <p>I won't limit my effort to a top three list. My plan, in order of budget and policy priority includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Increased enforcement to protect the community from the negative impacts of illegal encampments, and crack down on drug sales and other crimes and use those interactions as intervention predicates to compel different behavior. 2) Increase required treatment options. This will include use of Laura's Law, Homeless Court, and other means to require treatment for those incapable of making the decision for themselves. 3) Increase support for programs that tackle core issues and help those who want to help themselves. Perhaps an aggregate triage center where assessment, diagnoses and paths to support can be mapped. 4) Increase access to treatment and counseling, 	<p>People are homeless for myriad reasons. Employment and family upheaval are contributory. There are reasons that have deep foundations and explanations. Each person has a story. Each person who became unhoused responded differently to these impacts on their lives. In addition, there are recent effects of the economic downturn creating losses that are insurmountable. In that regard, people find themselves one pay cycle of bills away from a choice to miss paying an expense that could result in their being unhoused. Adverse childhood experiences (ACE) can be causation for youth as they transition from home to society. Childhood brain development can be disrupted and cause imbalance in decision-making. In the case of people of color, discrimination and the effects of incarceration can contribute to their being unhoused. African Americans are subject to the impacts of slavery. These vestiges manifest in inferiority complexes. When combined with the prevalence of the assault of inequality, and the limited opportunity to thrive cause a loss of hope in society. My research and conversations with unhoused persons reveal they are not all drugged and mentally incapable. Many of them have legitimate questions about their service</p>	<p>People are homeless for a variety of reasons - sometimes it's due to bad luck - many of us are a paycheck or two away from this outcome. Sometimes, people are homeless because they do not have a safe place to call home - maybe they are running from a domestic violence situation or maybe an LGBTQ+ youth hasn't been accepted by their parents. Sometimes people are homeless because an addiction or mental illness has prevented them from finding consistent work or consistent shelter.</p> <p>My top three policy proposals to address homelessness are as follows:</p> <p>Move toward a case management approach. Every single county and city that has had success in reducing homelessness has incorporated the use of this model.</p> <p>Work on a regional approach to homelessness - incentivize and support jurisdictions in the region to create siting plans. Right now, the City of Sacramento is the only jurisdiction that has implemented a siting plan and it's time that other jurisdictions do their part as well.</p> <p>Focus on the expansion of mental health care and substance abuse programs. Right now, the county has about 150 people receiving</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>

<p>including tapping the innovation and motivation from non-governmental programs and rebuilding mental health network to take the strain off law enforcement and local hospitals.</p> <p>5) Transitional support for those who have completed drug treatment/mental health counseling and have a network to build on their success.</p>	<p>disruptions and delays in contacts with support staff. Many cite the lack of coordination with support personnel as contributing to their prolonged homelessness.</p>	<p>residential care for substance abuse disorder and over 400 people on the waiting list. That doesn't include those on the waiting list for psychiatric care. We need more beds and more services.</p>	
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2. What is the status of homelessness in your district and where is the issue in your list of priorities and why?

District 1: Candidate	
Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
Response	
Did Not Respond	

District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>South Sacramento currently lacks the tools to address the needs of our homeless neighbors. This is one of my top priorities. It is not as easy enough as adding a few affordable housing units or even opening a shelter. We need permanent housing first solutions that come with wrap around services.</p> <p>The housing crisis is becoming both a humanitarian and environmental crisis as camps have begun to expand near the levees and along the river. The solution is to address the reason people are becoming homeless in the first place through community investment and public health focused resources.</p>	<p>Homelessness in District 2 continues to grow. While most encampments are in the city limits (approximately 60% of district 2 is in the City of Sacramento), this is a humanitarian crisis and political boundaries have little meaning. I am committed to provided social services and navigation to every homeless person in the District whether in the City or unincorporated county. In the unincorporated county, we need to find more opportunities for shelter and in the long term permanent supportive housing and affordable housing.</p>

District 5: Candidates			
Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
Homelessness is the #1 issue on my agenda - especially being a voice for the community and our neighborhoods who are most	The unhoused are in many areas of Sacramento county. Major thoroughfares are a place for creating personal space. Many door fronts and	District 5 contains Galt, the Delta, Elk Grove, Rosemont, several unincorporated communities, and the west side of Rancho Cordova.	Did Not Respond

<p>heavily impacted by homeless encampments and their spillover.</p> <p>The current mishandling and focus on the wrong issues has turned homelessness into a public safety, economic, social, and environmental crisis. We're spending millions more than we ever have and yet the problems worsen. Its time for real action - crack down on illegal activity, and then focus on the core causes of homelessness.</p>	<p>park areas are used for shelter. The status of people living in public areas is at a high level of concern. Safety and health conditions are a concern and stand as reasons for addressing the matter as a priority of leadership. Addressing the legislative obstacles that limit full participation in a recovery program is one area where change can be created. The appearance of complacency seems to present the current response to the problem of unhoused people and families in the county of Sacramento.</p>	<p>We know that 30 percent of the unhoused live outside of the city of Sacramento and we also know that homelessness is on the rise everywhere. Addressing homelessness effectively and compassionately is my top priority.</p>	
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3. ***In August 2021 the City Council passed the Homeless Comprehensive Siting Plan: How do you think the implementation of this plan is going in the county and your district specifically? Are there elements of the plan you support? which ones and why? are there elements of the plan you oppose? which ones and why? What is your position on the County signing a partnership agreement with the city and what do you think the County's role should be [if anything] in this partnership?***

District 1: Candidate
Phil Serna [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>The City of Sacramento has embarked on an ambitious venture to tackle homelessness single handedly. However, it needs the County to be involved if we are ever going to see success. The County has the public health dollars and infrastructure to adequately address the long term needs of our homeless neighbors. I believe the City and County need to come together and leverage their resources towards creating a sustainable pipeline out of homelessness. Any solution must have permanent housing as its metric for success.</p>	<p>I think the city's plan was a good one. Unfortunately it seems to have been hampered by politics and NIMBYism. I have directed county staff to identify every piece of property owned and/or controlled by the county and determine the potential for siting safe shelter for unhoused neighbors, and hold a public workshop to discuss these sites transparently. I am also working with staff to identify private property that can be leased or purchased by the county for this purpose. In fact, the first tiny homes project will likely be in District 2, which I support.</p> <p>As a member of the City/County 2X2, I have worked on negotiating the City / County Partnership. While it has taken frustratingly long, I believe it is the right thing to do. Having</p>

	an agreement that clearly delineates the respective roles of each jurisdiction will minimize the blame game and clearly spell out the roles and responsibilities of each jurisdiction, which will add to accountability and lead to better cross jurisdictional cooperation.
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District 5: Candidates

Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
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<p>First, I recognize the limitations the decision of Martin v. City of Boise constrains local intervention to address illegal camping. Having alternative sites to direct people toward is currently the only path to expand the results of our interactions.</p> <p>My problem is its not a comprehensive plan. Three quarters of the population of the County of Sacramento live outside the city of Sacramento, and the Sac-centric policy making has been an abject failure for them. It seems the only time the City of Sacramento talking about regional issues is when they want financial support. As a current Councilmember of the 2nd largest city in Sacramento County and a candidate for District 5 which incorporates 4 suburban cities, I think its time for actual regional solutions.</p> <p>Its time to scrap the City of Sacramento dictating the decision making on this issue, and instead, actually bring everyone to the table. Any regional agreement with the County should include Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Galt, Isleton, Folsom, and Citrus Heights - otherwise is not a regional plan.</p>	<p>The city did considerable research to report on unhoused populations. Efforts to adhere to the plan are of concern because of the broadening of the problem. The report shows vast areas of temporary housing in or near low-income neighborhood areas. What plans are there for wider distribution of unhoused people? More participation could lead to significant contributions in resolving this issue. Questions arise about the selection of individuals to live in the various areas of the city and county. What concerns are there for the unhoused to have access to family and friends? Patterns of life? Wholesale removal does not account for these concerns. What individual preference for these concerns are in place? The county participation in the HCSP makes the process more workable. It increases affordability as public entities take advantage of economies of scale. Community residents, local businesses, faith community members, and other interested parties in close proximity to these sites can input concerns too. More mention of successful programs excites promise in the document. Mixed-use</p>	<p>It appears that the implementation of the City of Sacramento's Comprehensive Siting Plan is going slowly, if steadily. Many of the identified sites have been sidelined or negated due to community opposition, and, once again, the proposed sites are highly concentrated in underserved neighborhoods of the City. One of the key pieces of the plan which I support is the housing-first perspective - which has been proven in numerous other jurisdictions to have the highest success rate when aiming to get folks off the streets.</p> <p>The County has not passed any kind of siting plan, nor has any jurisdiction in Sacramento County besides the City itself. The County's role in any partnership with any jurisdiction should be to provide exceptional and comprehensive services at various access points - increase the diversion treatment options within the criminal justice system, provide mental health care and substance abuse treatment directly within the scope of the siting plan, and share intake and progress data with jurisdictions so that we can all work together to make sure people are</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>
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	examples of housing, training and work could address how this document would successfully manage unhoused people Are local industry near the encampments alerted to the coming tide? Can they participate in training?	accessing the care they need.	
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4. Not In My Backyard or NIMBY is a significant barrier to siting homeless programs as well as low income housing. What specifically will you do as a Supervisor to overcome this barrier in your district?

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Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
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District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
There is a stigma around homelessness. Everyone can agree the issue needs to be solved, but no one wants to accept responsibility. My goal as Supervisor is to work with my community to find solutions that are both impactful and agreeable. However, as Supervisor, I am taking responsibility for the homeless crisis. That comes with a commitment to be creative and transformative even against NIMBY voices. We cannot afford to remain neutral or fail to act because of opposition to change.	LEAD. There is currently more affordable housing, including permanent supportive housing, planned in District 2 than any other district because I have made it a priority. As stated previously, the first tiny homes project is likely to be in District 2, and I will continue to seek out more opportunities. When it comes to NIMBYism, I have little patience. This is in fact a humanitarian crisis and we need to treat it as such.

District 5: Candidates			
Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
"Ironically, its the City of Sacramento that has biggest NIMBY problem, while the suburban cities have made progress. Every year we hear about a new, bold plan by the City of Sacramento that never really seem to materialize. Every year	Research shows this attitude to be best addressed by a homeless czar. That individual could do the bidding for leadership and seek county counsel guidance in carrying on those duties. Community meetings will be the source of concern by county residents leading to a better	While I do intend to engage closely with the impacted communities early in the site identification process, it will be important to maintain focus on the programs ultimate goal: housing people. Often, it's the loudest and most persistent voices who step in with their concerns: the people with	Did Not Respond

<p>nothing happens and the problem gets worse.</p> <p>For nearly 20 years, I have built relationships with the officials and community leaders from across party lines and throughout the district and the county. I will work with those relationships to forge solutions that have support and work in each unique jurisdiction but I wont just follow Sac City directions.</p>	<p>understanding of the problem. Depending on the sustained advancements in addressing the issue of unhoused persons in the community at large, people who are barriers to reasonable progress will become advocates for the recovery of human potential that many of the unhoused represent. These process are accomplished over a period of time because of the nature of lifetime investments that are important and must be acknowledged as dear to the hearts of people in the cities and in the county in general.</p>	<p>the time, access, and privilege to provide their opinions on whether or not they will allow change in their community.</p> <p>We don't have time to go through endless rounds of consultation. With projects like housing for the homeless or low-income housing, it's incredibly easy for groups who see themselves as being impacted negatively to organize. It's much harder for the folks who will benefit from it to organize - the individuals who will have a roof over their heads for the first time in years and the families who can't afford to live in market-rate housing. I'm prepared to be their voice on the Board of Supervisors.</p>	
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5. **What is your position on the city and county signing a partnership agreement and engaging a range of stakeholders in creating a comprehensive regional plan to end and prevent homelessness? Why do you take this position?**

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Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
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District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>I fully support a regional plan to address homelessness. I am amazed that under the current leadership we have not seen this type of partnership. Homelessness cannot be solved by any one group, we all need to come together and share data, resources, and chart a new course towards a pipeline out of homelessness. As Supervisor, this will be one of my top priorities.</p>	<p>As stated previously, I support a partnership agreement and M one of the four architects working on it. Once expectations are clearly laid out, accountability will be increased. I, along with Mayor Steinberg, created the first countywide homeless policy council because, I truly believe that without a broad representation of stakeholders, we will not be successful.</p>

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Response			
<p>"This again fails to acknowledge the need for actual REGIONAL solutions and input from those who represent 3/4 of Sacramento County residents.</p> <p>The City of Sacramento's unbroken record of big promises and little accomplishment on this issue is matched only by their unbroken record trying to dictate their agenda to everyone else. Jurisdictional collaboration is the only path to making a meaningful impact, but there must be regional equity in the decision-making process.</p> <p>Moving forward, I will bring people together to forge a real solution that acknowledges the dangerous impact homeless camps have on our residents and neighborhoods, focuses on the core causes of homelessness, and includes metrics to measure the success - or failure - of every program.</p>	<p>The establishment of combined approaches and funding power to address the problem is the best way to start a recovery process for the city and county of Sacramento. This district includes the cities of Rancho Cordova, Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton, and east Sacramento. Several unincorporated, yet well placed, communities are within the 650 square miles of District 5. Addressing the whole of the city and county is best handled through partnership to get more done with "many hands" making issues less dominant in the engagement to address all of the stakeholders in the regional plan. In the question "to end and prevent homelessness" is a difficult goal to achieve without more support from the federal government to make the underlying problems people suffer less impactful. The attempt to address the problem of unhoused people at the city and county level can be achieved and result in a level of permanence for the unhoused.</p>	<p>This is absolutely necessary. We need a regional plan which will align jurisdictions to the same desired outcomes, create short-term and long term goals, and decide how the process will be monitored. This plan should be used to help keep both the County and other jurisdictions accountable for outcomes.</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>

6. *What is your position on the county providing substance use and mental health treatment to people experiencing homelessness as well as low income people? One alternative is forced treatment while another alternative is treatment on demand. Where do you land on this continuum and why do you take this position? Where do you stand on the issue of long waiting periods for care; fragmentation of the current behavioral health system and inadequate funding?*

District 1: Candidate	
Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
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District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>The County has a duty to provide public health services to all of Sacramento County whether you are housed or unhoused. This includes mental health and substance abuse treatment. However, I believe that you cannot force someone to get help. Our duty is to provide resources and services when they are asked for. That means having them on demand and not handing out a voucher leading to a year long wait for services. We fail every time someone asks for help and there is no help available.</p>	<p>The provision of greater mental health and substance abuse services is the most important thing the county can do on a countywide basis. We need to aggressively go after state and federal funding, particularly now that MediCAL is now reimbursable for residential care programs. We also need to work with community partners and the Continuum of Care members to identify ways to grow our programs. Offering help in 60 days is tantamount to not offering care at all.</p> <p>Regarding AOT (Laura's Law) it can play a role, which is why I supported its adoption. However as formulated, it will help a very small fraction of unhoused neighbors in need. We need to press the state to change laws regarding conservatorship. As a society, we need to come to grips with the harsh reality that there are too many homelessness people who will never be self sufficient or have the ability to live independently.</p>

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Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
<p>Drug addiction and mental health issues are the root cause that trap people in homelessness, and those must be addressed or we are wasting time and money.</p> <p>I would advocate a revision to the various Lanterman Act provisions adopted in the</p>	<p>Taking mental health treatments to the people experiencing homelessness is one of the approved ways of addressing the condition that may be paramount in their homelessness. It is recommended for low income people to the extent they will remain healthy and</p>	<p>I've been a mental health care provider for over 20 years throughout our region. I know how long, uncertain wait times impact people who are in desperate, immediate need of both psychiatric and substance abuse treatment. In fact, this has affected me in a very</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>

<p>late 1960's that limit the scope of intervention on behalf of an individual. The severity of the issue and the abuses occurring are not the same now as they were then chronic alcoholism has been replaced by meth and fentanyl. There has to be a solution that respects civil liberties, but not at the expense of the health of the individual or the impact on society at large.</p> <p>We cannot focus on just county/government support. Programs like Grace House and St. Johns Shelter for Women provide support and a real path out of homelessness for those willing to work for it. We should be helping programs like them grow and succeed.</p>	<p>actively engaged in society. Situations and conditions of health are variable requiring approaches that serve to correct and cure maladies as within the scope medical staff for an individual. Homeless people receive one group of services while low income people represent a different faction and may not need the same form of recovery support to operate successfully in society.</p> <p>Long waiting periods for care exacerbate, or worsen, the condition suffered and may lead to sickness and death. Healthcare should be administered as soon as the condition is recognized. Unhoused persons do not have credentials to receive healthcare treatments. Their ability to recover would be enhanced if there were programs in place to keep them healthy and ready for the challenge of housing responsibilities and employment opportunity.</p> <p>It is in our collective best interest to strive to encourage all members of society in the city and county to be available for the contributions they could make to improve conditions for other stakeholders, residents and concerned interests. We need each other more than is currently shown. The swelling number of unhoused persons in various locations in our communities are a reflection of our thinking.</p>	<p>personal way - my husband's uncle, diagnosed with schizophrenia, left home as an adult and became homeless. He didn't receive the care he needed on a timely basis, and his own family was unable to contact him. After a decade, we received the phone call that every family dreads. He had passed away. There's no question that if he was obligated to receive care for his psychiatric condition, this outcome would have been different. He'd be alive today.</p> <p>His story, along with the thousands of others I've encountered during my career as a mental health care provider, led me to the conclusion that requiring care for some may be a necessary step. But first, we need to make sure we have actual treatment options available: we need more beds and more access to both inpatient and outpatient care. We need to meet folks where they are, not expect them to travel across the County for help. I'm cautiously optimistic about Governor Newsom's recent CARE Courts proposal, which would mandate psychiatric care while providing oversight and funding to the individual counties.</p>	
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7. If the ballot initiative "Emergency Temporary Shelter & Enforcement Act of 2022 is placed on the County ballot for November 2022 why are you supporting or why not?

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Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
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District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
I will be opposing this measure and any similar measure brought forward by Sacramento County. A shelter bed is not an adequate metric for acceptable housing. An extreme measure such as this should only be considered when there are enough permanent housing options to offer our homeless community. This measure completely ignores the systemic policy and funding issues that lead to homelessness and focuses on criminalizing those without stable housing. Our focus should be on combating the issues leading to homelessness not penalizing those forced on the streets.	I am supportive. In fact, I am working on a proposed at the County that will largely align with the city's efforts. Homelessness brings with it a level of urgency, but government in general, across the spectrum, is not acting out of urgency. A measure like this will assure unhoused neighbors have a safe place to stay while protecting public spaces like the American River Parkway.

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Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
It is not on the Countywide ballot - it might be placed on the City of Sacramento ballot, but I do not represent any of the City of Sacramento. I understand the impatience for something to get done, but this measure just continues the housing-first policy that fails to address the core causes of homelessness. It also opens up a whole category of litigation which will consume dollars better spent on solutions than lawyers - and turns policy making over to the courts.. The problem is this plan promises a	N/A. This was a stimulus that served the purpose of creating action by the city.	The language for the ballot initiative has neither been finalized nor brought to a vote - and until we have an opportunity to see the initiative, I don't have a position on it.	Did Not Respond

specific number of units something that government cannot deliver.			
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AFFORDABLE HOUSING QUESTIONS

1. *What do you see as the greatest affordable housing need in your district and how will you prioritize addressing those needs? City/County? Which income groups would you prioritize?*

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Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
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District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>The greatest housing need in South Sacramento is for County investment in homeownership education, down payment assistance, and financial literacy. I will also prioritize partnerships with non-profit developers to give local residents opportunities at homeownership, rather than negotiating density bonuses to gain a small percent of affordable housing units. While my focus is on creating a pathway for individuals and families to build generational wealth through affordable housing, we need mixed housing with a variety of options for all incomes to ensure that communities get the resources they deserve.</p>	<p>Setting aside the obvious need for more permanent supportive housing, we need more affordable multifamily housing and "missing in the middle" options in infill opportunities. To do so, we need to incentivize projects and help cut costs and the time it takes to go through the planning and building process so public and private affordable projects pencil out. The most vulnerable in our community, typically those limited to government assistance need to be our first priority. This is my highest priority</p>

District 5: Candidates			
Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
<p>Look, at its most basic, all housing affordability, or attainability, comes down to a simple economic equation of supply and demand.</p> <p>The greatest need is the ability to build a variety of housing options in a reasonable time for a reasonable cost.</p>	<p>Affordable housing is a right that should be protected. In addressing the need, the county must look deeply into budget practices to find ways to address the need. As the assessment of the budget practices would show, there are areas where spending patterns favor certain programs. As that is the</p>	<p>Ranking the affordable housing needs of the different communities in District 5 is difficult - the housing needs in Elk Grove are very different from the towns of the Sacramento River Delta, and both are unique compared to Wilton, Vineyard, or Rancho Cordova. We need to</p>	Did Not Respond

<p>San Francisco County recently suspended some provisions of CEQA to speed housing construction and reduce cost. Sacramento County should be looking to streamline its processes as well.</p> <p>We need to ensure that Planning and Building Departments are able to coordinate so that projects flow smoothly, and we should be working with utilities and other agencies to help speed up project delivery. Once we make a good-hearted effort to address the backlog of market rate housing, we can look at our delivery methodology for capital Affordable Housing and how to use subsidies and other tools most effectively.</p>	<p>case, some adjustment in the prioritization would be necessary to allow the best division of resources to include the problem of affordable housing. The current marketplace is not conducive to solutions because of the shortage of units available for inclusion. This is a temporary problem that will be remedied by supply availability. There is an impact by the housing affordability that draws bay area individuals to Sacramento. The high income levels affect the price structure making sales a challenge for competing local residents. In this instance, it is best to prioritize support to marginal groups often left out of opportunities to stabilize and grow wealth. This is a difficult decision due to the heritage of redlining and other forms of affect causing people to struggle in keeping shelter. Encouraging the community to support a practice of this type involves engagement and the ability of the city and county to prioritize the effort in the best interest of growing another wealth base in the region. There are resources. Can the will be a match to make affordable housing a principled effort in the community? It is worthy of an attempt.</p>	<p>prioritize developing all levels of housing: fully-subsidized mixed-income social housing for some, missing middle housing for others, and mixed-use, transit-adjacent middle-income housing in places throughout Sacramento County.</p>	
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2. *The most successful inclusionary programs require the production of affordable housing. Both the City and County are evaluating their inclusionary programs, which only require payment of a minimal fee. Do you support updating the inclusionary programs to mandate development of affordable housing? Why or why not?*

District 1: Candidate	
Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
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District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
As Supervisor, I would support updating inclusionary programs to mandate development of affordable housing. We have tried the current system for generations and it has not served our community well. It is time to use every tool in our toolkit to address the affordability of housing.	I do. But, in tandem, we need to look at what barriers are in place that make affordable housing projects prohibitive. I have been approached by a number of private developers, who specialize in building affordable projects elsewhere, who point to fees, financing, and delays as the primary reasons they do not build in Sacramento.

District 5: Candidates			
Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
I'm not sure I would categorize inclusionary programs as successful, nor would I support expanding mandates that just drive up the cost of housing for everyone. Elk Grove has successfully used its Affordable Housing Fee to be at the forefront in the region for the delivery of affordable housing projects. Inclusionary programs exacerbate the problem of the cost of housing, which affects every economic level of supply.	The use of Mello Roos financing of schools has been a model that works to promote education. It is not always applauded because it costs some entity to make is successful. The inclusionary housing model provides for a mix of housing opportunity for people to enrich their lives through the resulting interaction. This is a benefit, though the cost is a payment not frequently praised. The general good should outweigh the cost of doing this for the community. Supporting a budget evaluation of inclusionary programs should be part of the duty of a city or county administration and should be championed by the elected	Yes - within strict guidelines. I support the County's inclusionary programs, and I support the update of the programs to spur and fund development of affordable housing. With that said, the County cannot implement an inclusionary program that makes market-rate housing unprofitable to construct. We need to strike a fine line in between the two extremes.	Did Not Respond

	<p>leaders as a way of supporting constituent concerns. Needless to say, there are reduced numbers of unhoused persons and there are more stable families contributing to the tax base and the development of a welcoming place to live.</p>		
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3. **Both market-rate and affordable housing costs are skyrocketing, amplifying the need for public funding resources, especially at the local level. How will you prioritize developing local funding sources to build affordable housing?**

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Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
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District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>As Supervisor, I would support additional funding for the Housing Trust program to support affordable housing development. The current fees charged to the developers funding the program haven't been updated since 1992. Including raising rates on non-residential developments like new retail buildings and warehouses. If we updated those costs to match current cost of living we would see a stronger funding stream to support affordable housing development.</p>	<p>As a member of the board I pushed through the approval of infrastructure financing mechanisms to bring down the costs of development of both market rate and affordable housing. Working with organizations such as the Sacramento Housing Alliance, SHRA, the BIA, SAR and financial institutions, we can continue to identify and develop opportunities to bring down costs and create incentives.</p>

District 5: Candidates			
Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
<p>The problem is inventory - the demand for housing far outstrips the supply. The inventory problem is exacerbated by increasing fees and rules. Currently, producing one unit of Affordable housing is in the \$400 - 500 thousand range per unit. That doesn't make sense and isn't sustainable.</p>	<p>Building affordable housing is necessary to the the required mix of home offerings in a city or county. Developing the appropriate level of affordability has to be a priority of city and county planning departments as directed by elected leaders and provisioned by county staff leaders. In</p>	<p>Currently, the County of Sacramento has very few options that are available to develop funding for housing - but soon, due to new State laws, we may have more. Soon, the County may be able to issue bonds, borrow against future revenue, and even directly fund construction of affordable</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>

<p>We have to look at how to bring down the cost of delivery, not just throw more public money at it.</p> <p>The County has to look inward at the barriers it has created and at the cost escalators driven by its public policies and implementation. A recent survey by an industry publication ranked Sacramento region as one of the hardest places to build multi-family housing. We should then be talking to the people who actually build the housing to determine what we can do to encourage and facilitate housing projects, to naturally drive down costs and increase housing options - that makes more sense than tap taxpayers to make up the difference.</p>	<p>making funding resources available, the city and county leadership delves into the recurrent resources and seeks other sources to increase the existence of funds for affordable housing. The need to rezone areas for development of housing is a clear path to creating more affordable housing. The use of zoning to achieve these goals can be expected to continue as a reaction to the development of affordable housing offerings. The well-placed community members often aspire to contribute to the community good. There should be every opportunity to request their considerable assistance in reacting to this priority.</p>	<p>housing more so than it can now. Developing these funding sources is one of my top priorities.</p>	
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4. The state is now emphasizing affordable housing development in areas of opportunity to affirmative further fair housing, how would you propose identifying sites in our city and successfully encouraging such development?

District 1: Candidate	
Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
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District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>To identify opportunities for fair housing development I would start by comparing income levels and average rent prices in precincts across the County. I would also cross reference historical redlining and under-investment as a main consideration. We should also prioritize those areas which are at risk of gentrification and lack enough affordable housing stock relative to income levels.</p>	<p>As I have stated in previous questions: 1. Identify properties that are controlled by local government or can be acquired by local government to incentivize projects, as we did at Cornerstone in District 2; 2. Identify and remove barriers in the planning and building process, including but not limited to fees and removal of red tape; and, 3. Work with SHRA, HCD, and HUD identify and secure funding for projects in South Sacramento.</p>

District 5: Candidates			
Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
<p>I don't represent the City of Sacramento and cannot address the problems they have created there. In Elk Grove we have a variety housing options which reflects the integrated diversity in our community.</p> <p>In addition, we have identified appropriate sites sufficient to deliver the number of housing units identified by our RHNA numbers.</p>	<p>There are many reasons to develop areas of opportunity for growing fair housing. The process is an extension of commitment to the benefits a community can achieve. It requires a considerable amount of time and cooperation by all parties to make success a reality.</p> <p>There are zoning and compatibility elements that must be addressed. In doing this for the community, all stakeholders must commit to provide necessary supports and serve to complete the process of making affirmative the promise of developing fair housing for the city and county of Sacramento. The necessary adjustments to any and all of the components of creating affordable housing must be followed and adhered to in order to accomplish the set goal of providing in conjunction with state emphasis.</p>	<p>Countywide, there are numerous areas where we can affirmatively further fair housing - we need to identify communities where rent costs are rising past the average household's ability to pay and strongly incentivize development of both affordable and market-rate housing. This can be accomplished through incentives, community action, relationship-building with developers, recruitment of construction businesses, and more.</p>	Did Not Respond

5. *Studies show that ones zip code is correlated with health, social and economic outcomes. Sacramento's neighborhoods reflect those disparities. How would you improve equity and outcomes based on zip codes?*

District 1: Candidate
Phil Serna [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>As Supervisor, I will be fighting to improve environmental quality and public safety resources. South Sacramento suffers from disproportionate rates of disease and other life threatening illnesses related to the poor air quality and water.</p> <p>I will be working to uplift these issues and find funding models that not only provide opportunities to living wage jobs, and education, but also enforcement of air quality standards, and alternative resources to 911 - focused on public health outcomes. When our community is in crisis and calls 911 they should have the option for a nurse, social worker, or mental health clinician to respond and provide services. In order to improve the public health outcomes for our community we must deliver services through a care-centered focus.</p>	<p>South Sacramento has some of the most diverse and low income zip codes in the County. Bridging this gap has always been a priority for me, in cluding during COVID, when I insisted that vaccines and testing be delivered to those zip codes hardest hit. I have also worked with organizations like the Sacramento Tree foundation and Walk Sacramento to ensure that low income zip codes have safe routes to schools and an improved tree canopy. As a member of the AMAQMD Board, I ensured that AB617 deliver services, including air quality monitors to our low income zip codes as well as public EV charging availability. And, I have taken on absentee landlords who take advantage of renters and negatively impact our neighborhoods. Finally, many of these neighborhoods have been used as unchecked illegal dumping grounds for trash and rubbish from other areas. I have successfully addressed this by forcing landlords to be responsible to the neighborhoods, increased funding for illegal dumping, and for the first time in the county, closed public access to alleys that were regularly illegal dumping sites.</p>

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Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
<p>I wouldn't - the issue isn't geographic, it's economic. Low-income residents have worse health, education, and opportunity outcomes, but often don't neatly correlate to zip codes.</p> <p>Government cannot mandate outcome equality, but we can tear down barriers to opportunity. We saw this is the economic build up prior to COVID, with record high employment for women, Latinos, and African Americans; soaring entrepreneurialship and small business startups. Much of that was lost during the COVID shutdowns. The virus and the shutdowns hit small business and the</p>	<p>Redlining is a process of identifying the areas in a community where people of color were limited to reside and limited to purchase housing. This process was practiced widely in the days of Jim Crow America. The remnants of the practice is now reflected in the zip code where people of color live. Traditionally, the area is depressed to include features like having a food desert, an increasing crime rate, low education rates, and the usual low health metrics leading to early death. This problem has been in the spotlight for generations in the lives of people of color and poor white people.</p>	<p>It's incredibly important to look at all policies through an equity lens. This means that every policy that passes through the board needs to be critically looked at in regards to the impact of the policy on the most marginalized in our community and then adjusted to make sure the needs of the most marginalized are centered and prioritized when setting our ideal outcomes.</p>	Did Not Respond

<p>working poor the hardest, yet they received the least amount of relief and are now bearing the brunt of inflation and high energy costs resulting from government overspending.</p> <p>I will focus on tearing down barriers to opportunity so more people can lift themselves out of poverty.</p>	<p>The zip code is the new redline. Really, it has evolved to serve the same purpose in these individual's health, social and economic existences. Their lives will change only when they are able to escape these disparities. Thousands of families and their intelligent children are able to escape and thrive in the American diaspora, which in many ways has been built on the disparities to gain family wealth.</p> <p>to improve the conditions, improve the ability of the people to access the wealth markers of this great nation. Start in the local and move to the state opportunity levels. Allow education, employment, housing, cultural, and other freedoms to exist by removing barriers to wealth. Take a serious assessment of the current conditions and move expeditiously to make improvements in the qualification process. Assist people to apply for benefits. Address ways children can apply to college. Etc.</p>		
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6. ***Social services are key to the successful operation of affordable housing development. Such services are generally administered by the County. How would you go about coordinating service delivery in affordable housing development within the City?***

District 1: Candidate
Phil Serna [Incumbent]
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Did Not Respond

District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
As Supervisor, I will prioritize the use of wrap around services to accompany any affordable housing development. I will work with local non-profits, CBOs, and County Public Health officials to create supportive networks.	I will continue to work with the county Department of Human Assistance and Department of Health Services to ensure we are delivering service to people in need, even locating services in more decentralized locations including affordable housing projects and schools. Working closely with the organizations on the ground, such as those serving on the Continuum of Care is a key to successful implementation.

District 5: Candidates			
Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
<p>There is an assumption baked into the first sentence that I don't accept as de facto truth. Social services are a component of programming offered by an Affordable housing development. Operation comes down to management and other environmental factors. Generally speaking, services are overseen, or funded by the County, but actually administered through subsidiary partnerships.</p> <p>1) Space. If it's onsite, there needs to be the appropriate common area or private consultation space planned in the design.</p> <p>2) Broadband capacity. The development needs to have the bandwidth to accommodate remote meeting and other communication needs.</p> <p>3) Transportation. Make sure that our CTSA partners are sufficiently funded and deployed.</p> <p>I would love to see greater</p>	<p>Communication between the county personnel is key to success in making improvements in social service delivery models. In streamlining the process, to address the growing number of individuals needing services, there will be opportunities to move people to better and more permanent housing. Doing something about the known discrepancies is the obvious solution to this problem in local government. Delays and miscoordination have persisted for years. Confusion has been the catalyst that slowed the transition of families to more stable housing opportunities. Setting housing achievement goals helps to coordinate and monitor progress.</p> <p>The Stockton, CA experiment conducted by former Mayor Tubbs clearly demonstrated the value of residents having cash on hand during the month. The model of giving \$500 to residents for a period of years made a difference in family stability. Sacramento's</p>	<p>Service coordination is extremely important to achieve desired outcomes. The County needs to invest in a database which can be shared with all jurisdictions in the region - one that documents the services received and other key individualized points of data. In addition, making sure we have teams assigned to specific sites in each jurisdiction is essential. These teams would be able to provide care directly on site, if needed.</p>	Did Not Respond

<p>cooperation between the county and ALL the cities in the County - especially the District 5 cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Galt, Isleton and the unincorporated communities like Rosemont and Wilton.</p>	<p>use of this model will work for families to allow growth in the direction of systems of affordability with the result of bringing families out of impoverished housing conditions.</p> <p>Of course, the argument will follow that this is tax-payer money and should not be given to anyone. People will use this argument to declare any program of increasing the service delivery of social services to the needy as detrimental to the city. This thinking contributes to systemic disfunction that is the process from which the coordination deficits exist to delay affordable housing development within the city.</p>		
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7. *Affordable housing developments frequent incite opposition among neighborhood residents. Will you advocate for affordable housing in your district in the face of such opposition?*

District 1 : Candidate	
Phil Serna [Incumbent]	
Response	
Did Not Respond	

District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>I commit to standing true to my values and advocating for housing as a human right in the face of any opposition. There will also be those who oppose change. The need for affordable housing must outway the initial discomfort from those with privilege.</p>	<p>I have and I will.</p>

District 5: Candidates			
Pat Hume	Alex Joe	Jaclyn Moreno	Steve Ly
Response			
<p>Residents oppose projects when government forces projects in to neighborhoods without regard to the character of the neighborhood. When my family built affordable housing, we worked with the community to site and scope projects appropriately.</p> <p>I will work with communities, builders, and advocates to encourage appropriate housing and housing choices. Furthermore, as a member of Elk Grove's Affordable Housing Committee, I have recommended the approval of projects delivering hundreds of units to the community.</p>	<p>Yes. Bring in the czar. The czar will have the opportunity to report to leadership the successes achieved and the areas of support needed to succeed in advocacy efforts for affordable housing opportunities in the district and the county in general.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>

8. *Housing being the top issues in local county and government as well as nationwide what's more important for our city right now? Is building new homes better at utilizing our resources or do you feel that rehabbing vacant homes, commercial space or old storefronts be just as critical to meeting our end goal?*

District 1: Candidate
Phil Serna [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

District 2: Candidates	
Duke Cooney	Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response	
<p>Lack of opportunity is the single biggest housing issue facing my community. No matter how many housing units are constructed and labeled affordable our community still struggles to transition from renter to homeowner. Our focus must be on transforming the current housing system to better support homeownership education, direct assistance, and financial literacy.</p>	<p>There is no one solution to this crisis. It will take all of the above.</p>

Regulating vacant commercial properties must also be a tool to support affordable housing. Sacramento County has a problem with commercial interests buying properties and not utilizing them. They must be held accountable to the communities the land is held within.	
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<p>Unfortunately, you are talking specifically about the City of Sacramento - which unfortunately ignores the issues of 3/4 of the population of our county who don't live in the City of Sacramento.</p> <p>When we get past the sloganeering, the issue is more nuanced. For example, Rancho Cordova has a larger proportionate share of lower-income housing than any other city in the region (much larger than the City of Sacramento) and they have the second largest jobs base. What is needed in Rancho Cordova is retail and recreation facilities and higher-end housing to match the jobs. Elk Grove has a solid balance of housing, but needs jobs-producing commercial development and destination facilities so more of our residents don't have to travel to earn an income. The whole region needs a greater supply of diverse housing stock to address differing needs and reduce the demand.</p> <p>Ultimately, the answer to your question is: both. However, it isn't about how we use our resources, but rather how we create the environment for the private sector to make the appropriate investments in the appropriate places to</p>	<p>There is a high success rate in making several forms of housing available for residents in a given city or county. The Sacramento model could easily be one that uses new construction, remodeled homes, rehabbing and retrofitting vacant homes as an appropriate approach. This lengthens the spread of dollars used in the process. Potential methods could include rail containers as used in some cities to create communities. The city of Sacramento announced the creation of a tiny home community coming on line by the fall of 2022. This is the type of help needed to enable progress in moving the unhoused to better living conditions. This progressive move must be combined with transportation supports, job training, and employment opportunities to make the transition a better path to permanence.</p>	<p>We need to work hard on encouraging the development of mixed-income, multi-use infill projects that provide key missing-middle housing while also doing what we can to rehab, improve, and densify existing spaces. However, it's more difficult than it might appear to convert non-residential space into housing. If a space is being renovated to accommodate residents instead of retail or office space, it often is more financially sensible to rebuild the property from the ground up. I don't think we should limit our development options, and I do think that rehabbing existing spaces will be a critical component of our overall housing strategy - but it can't be the sole focus of the County as we seek to improve housing stock.</p>	<p>Did Not Respond</p>
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<p>deliver the outcomes we desire.</p> <p>Being involved in public policy throughout the region has given me the experience, knowledge, and contacts to tackle these complex land-use issues, which is a major part of the job of County Supervisor.</p>			
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QUESTION FOR INCUMBENT CANDIDATE[S]:

What specifically have you done to address the crisis of homelessness and affordable housing in your district during this last term?

District 1: Candidate
Phil Serna [Incumbent]
Response
Did Not Respond

District 2: Candidate
Patrick Kennedy [Incumbent]
Response
<p>HOMELESSNESS: As I said previously, there are more affordable housing units, including permanent supportive housing online in District than all of the other districts combined - that happened through my dogged leadership. I have also proposed the first tiny homes projects in the County. Along with Mayor Steinberg, I created the first countywide Homeless Policy Council to provide unified policy direction to the Continuum of Care and Sacramento Steps Forward. I saw to it that a homeless navigator was dedicated to the Mack Road and Florin corridors, which provided stable housing for 125 people. I ensured that 39% of \$130M in ARPA funding be dedicated to homeless and housing programs, including \$500K directly to Sacramento Self Help Housing from District 2 discretionary funds. I have ensured social services are provided at existing shelters, such as the women and children shelter in Meadowview. And, I created the first encampment team in the county in District 2, which is a multi disciplinary approach to comprehensively provide services directly to residents in existing encampments. But homelessness is not a fleeting program for a County Supervisor, it is something I work on every day, typically spending 70% of my time on the crisis.</p> <p>AFFORDABLE HOUSING: First, I continue to work on lowering fees and red tape, and create incentives for builders of affordable housing. During my last term, projects that have either broken ground, or will soon do so include approximately 650 affordable and/or permanent supportive units in District 2 (this does not include the 125 units under Project Homekey, or Project Homekey units I am currently working on, which are state funded but still require local approvals). Typically, an affordable unit is available to those earning 30 - 80 percent of the median income and the rents are not to exceed 30% of their income. For permanent supportive housing, the rents are often 20% or less of their SSI income.</p>