

# PROPOSED HOMELESS SHELTER FAQS

- **Office of Homeless Solutions, Lakeside Proposed Shelter Site: 9897 Riverford Road, Lakeside, CA 92040**
- Project Status: Research and Evaluation Phase
  - Sleeping cabins (up to 2 persons per cabin)
  - **24-hour on-site security & site operation staff**
  - Add'l staff will be on-site daily to **provide services such as housing navigation to more permanent housing options, case management and behavioral health services**
    - Clients will be referred and dropped off by County outreach staff in a coordinated intake process
    - **People will not be able to self-refer or walk-up to the site on their own**
  - **No alcohol or drug use will be allowed on-site**
  - Site will have quiet hour evening and night thus no foot traffic during those hours.
- The proposed shelter will alleviate homeless activity in Lakeside including riverbeds
- The proposed number of sleeping cabins will address the lack of shelter for those experiencing homelessness
- **Boise v. Martin Court Decision**
  - "Homeless persons cannot be punished for sleeping outside on public property in absence of adequate alternatives".
    - <https://homelesslaw.org/supreme-court-martin-v-boise/>
  - To legally clean-up an encampment or area, County must offer shelter
- **East County has the largest number of people experiencing homelessness in San Diego County outside of the City of San Diego**
  - There are no shelters in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County
- **Unincorporated Area Shelter Site Selection:**
  - Based on relevant laws and regulations
  - Accessibility of necessary health & social services
  - Availability of transportation
  - Access to grocery/ pharmacy
  - Availability of health/ social services

## What is the Point-in-Time Count?

The Point-in-Time Count (PITC) is an annual census and survey to identify the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population across the County.

PITC helps local jurisdictions and policymakers plan services and programs and track progress toward the goal of ending homelessness.

### 2020 - 2022 Point-in-Time Count Numbers Regional Unsheltered

2022	% of Region	Total Homeless Persons
City of SD	57%	4801
N. County Inland	8%	676
N. County Coastal	9%	745
South County	6%	493
East County	20%	1712

### 2020 - 2022 Point-in-Time Count Numbers East County Unsheltered

City	2022	2020	% Change
Lakeside	63	24	+162.5%
El Cajon	185	310	-40.3%
Santee	48	25	+92.0%

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## Lakeside Community Engagement Timeline

- **12/01/2021: Proposal of Riverford Road Site @ Lakeside Community Planning Group Meeting**
  - Suggested as an alternative site by a Lakeside Community Planning Group (LCPG) member and a community member at the LCPG who also served on the Water District Board
- **12/02/2021:** Office of Homeless Solutions, Community Input Session (virtual session)
- **12/10/2021:** Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) met with key Lakeside stakeholders on Vine St.
- **12/13/2021:** Office of Homeless Solutions, Community Input Session (virtual session)
- **12/15/2021:** Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) met with key Lakeside stakeholders on Vine St.
- **12/20/2021: Supervisor Anderson's Memo** to the Office of Homeless Solutions striking down initial Lakeside shelter locations
  - Hay Guy and Mapleview Rd due to feedback from community and suggestion of 2 new sites
- **01/05/2022:** Lakeside Community Planning Group Meeting
- **01/07/2022:** Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) met with key Lakeside stakeholders
- **02/01/2022:** Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) propose at Lakeside Water District Board Meeting

All feedback regarding proposed shelters will be shared with the Office of Homeless Solutions and consultants analyzing proposed sites.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of support for these projects and continued efforts. Please contact Ibrahim Ahmed at Ibrahim.Ahmed@sdcounty.ca.gov if you would like additional information regarding these efforts or would like to submit a letter of support.

## East County Initiatives

- **Approval of the Emergency Shelter Solutions Implementation Plan**
  - On February 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an implementation plan that includes:
    - **Shelter Concepts:** sleeping cabins, safe parking, and safe camping with wrap around services
    - **Expansion of Direct Services:** addition of human services and social workers staff in East County from 6 to 10 total
    - **Flexible-Funding:** to address barriers to housing stability and give staff more tools to assist individuals experiencing homelessness
- **Approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendments Related to Emergency Shelters**
  - Aimed at allowing the County to **expand opportunities for providing safe shelter and housing options**
- **East County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**
  - Aimed at developing a joint plan of action to address the issue of homelessness in East County cities, including the unincorporated areas of District 2
    - **Cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, & Santee have signed on**
- **Memo Requesting Action to Address Magnolia Avenue Encampment**
  - **Supervisor Anderson** sent a memo to the Sheriff and County CAO requesting they act to address the ongoing health and safety risks associated with the N. Magnolia Avenue encampment in El Cajon
  - Beginning March 19th, 70 people got connected to housing and by May 25th, everyone was helped and moved from the encampment