

Why Empowerment Villages?

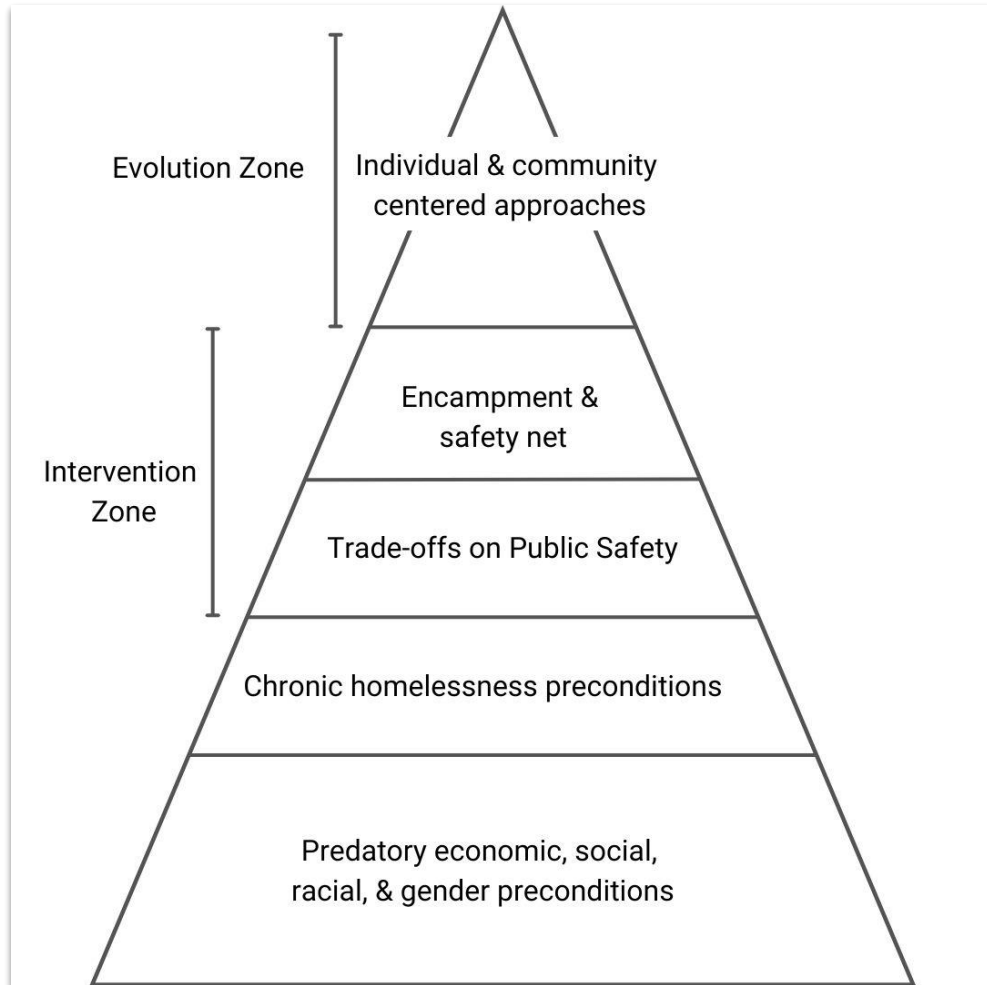


When asked what housing options people would accept, many say ***they would accept a shared home with other encampment residents that they knew/liked.***

- Research collaboration by San Jose State University, UC Davis, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District, and SOS Richmond

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Individual & Community Power



Equal Voice



A Whole Person Approach

- People empowered to take action
- Addressing complex homelessness
- Housing First needs ongoing contact
- People's experiences & perspectives matter most



Safe, Street-Level, & Dignified



- Small steps mean fewer barriers
- Being a stakeholder means accountability
- Community environments are more efficient for service delivery
- Peer support is the norm
- Daily schedules mean more motivation
- Community culture invites new behaviors
- Personal growth is seen and honored

Stages of Empowerment Villages

- No-barrier emergency front door
- Villages are for people on personal change journey
- Stable housing offers residency with no end date
- Homeownership



More Ideas Needed!

Build power together

- Partner organizations
- Incentivizing participation
- Funding
- Inter-sector
- Housed neighbors
- Care enhancement

