

Community Town Hall Housing

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What are the needs in the community?

Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic crisis hit housing hard • Foreclosures • Housing options • Seniors living independently • Transportation and housing • Growth in region • Family housing • Seniors living in community • Foster youth • Transitional living • Not enough housing, housing options all at capacity • Too expensive • People losing housing quickly (foreclosures, timing out of shelters, etc.) • Process very cumbersome (need help navigating) • Access to public transportation • Lack of prevention resources (for losing housing) • Homelessness rising (14% since 2007) • Services to keep folks in current housing/homes • Help transitioning up market (gap)
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Who is meeting the needs and serving as the Safety Net?

Housing	<p>Sacramento Mutual Housing Association Habitat for Humanity Sacramento Self Help Housing Housing Now Eskaton Cottage Housing Mercy Housing* Shelters, housing programs Private community members, Churches, Kinship Tent City – folks finding alternatives to meet own needs Social service agencies linking folks to housing options Schools as liaisons between children and community resources Bank Programs Government (federal and local) – Stimulus money on the way</p>
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* Sources: CSPC Community Survey and Town Hall Forums – *Community Perspectives 2009*; United Way California Capital Region Community Impact Report; Capital Region Healthy Futures Project-CSPC

What are challenges and infrastructure barriers to meeting unmet needs?

Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property tax decreases will impact city services – we’re facing cuts • Transportation • Lack of and cuts to resources • Nonprofits that can’t meet needs or are losing government funds and are cutting services
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How can University and Community partner to better support existing community assets and address unmet needs with a measurable impact?

Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteerism • Provide education in financial literacy, etc. • Leverage existing partners to bring resources to existing agencies • Advocacy – unique position for [Sacramento State] • Workforce development
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