

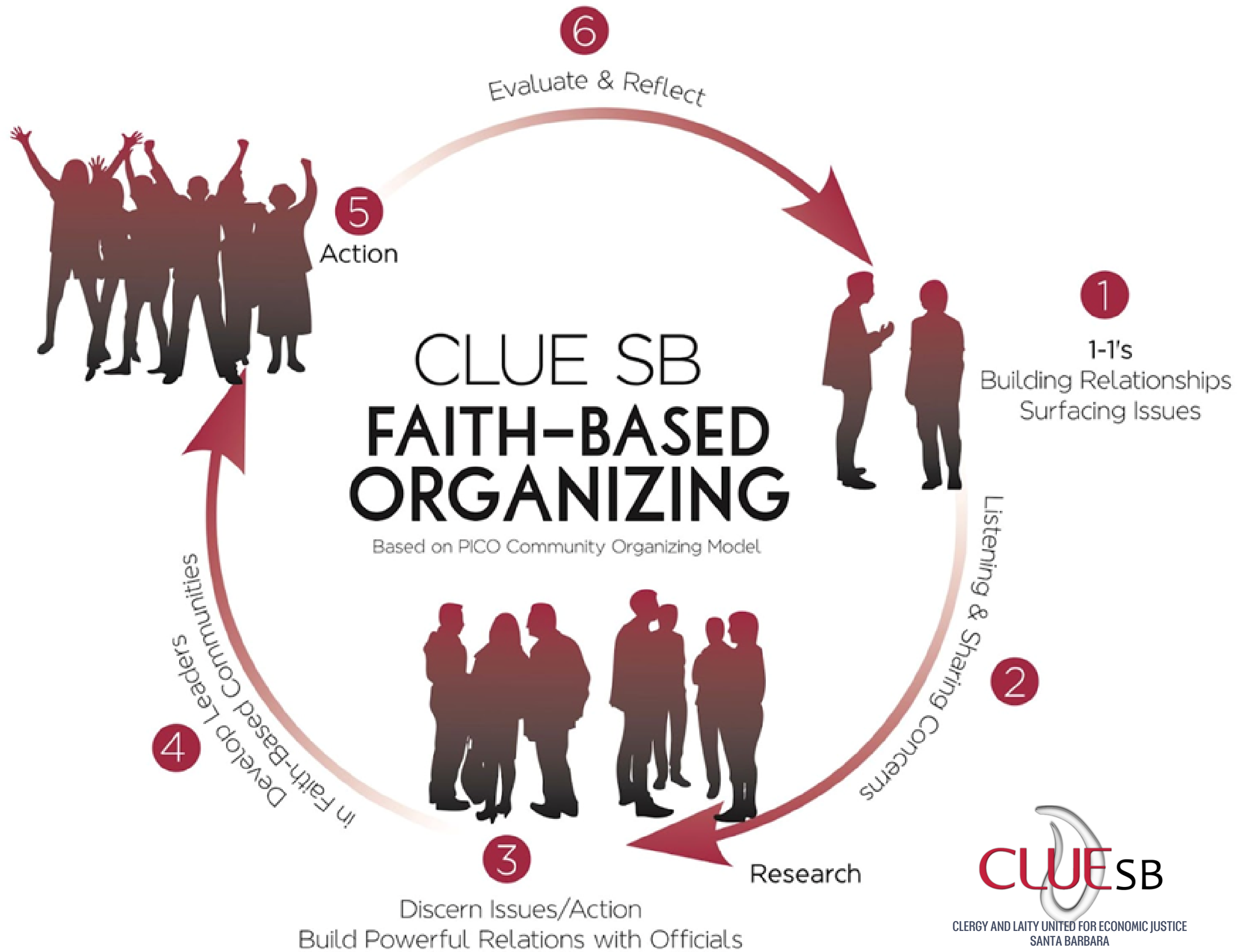


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SANTA BARBARA

CULTIVATING FAITH-BASED ADVOCACY

2023 ANNUAL WORKSHOP







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CLUE – Santa Barbara Annual Workshop

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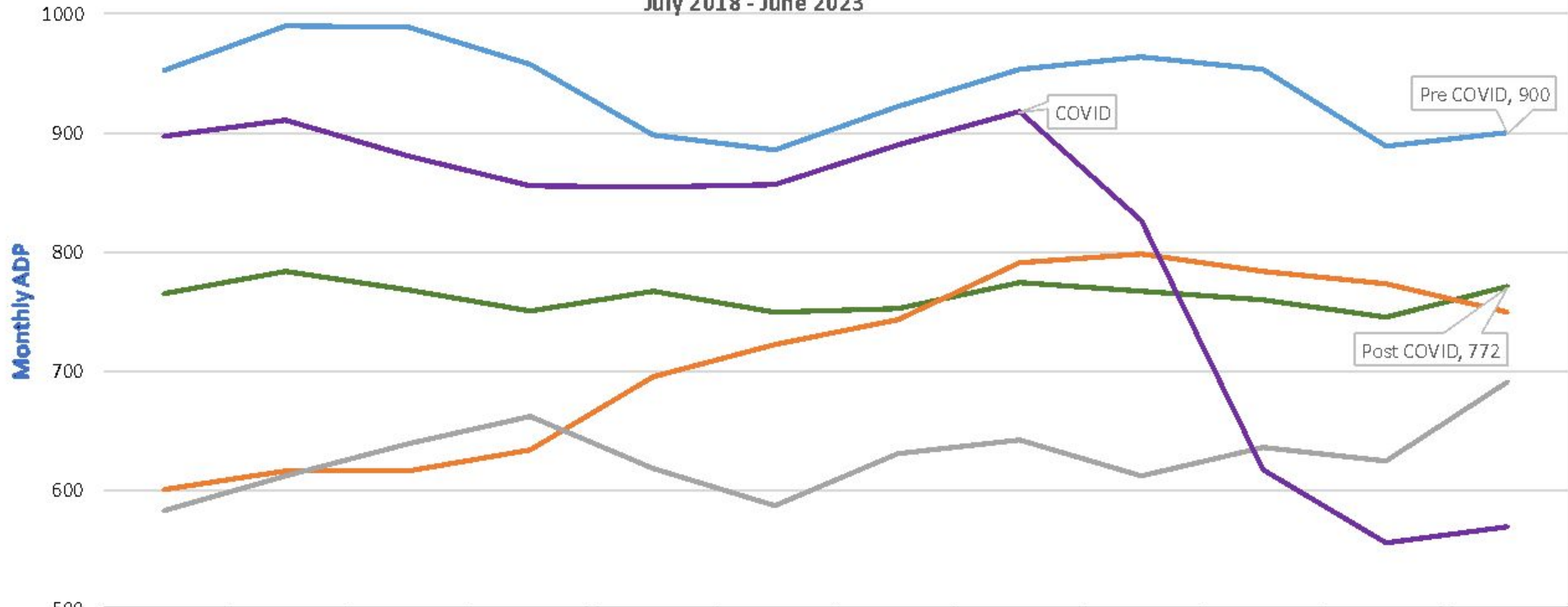
Tanja Heitman, Asst. County Executive Officer

Shared Safety Approach

Shared Safety: **Looking beyond arrests and incarceration – and beyond the justice system – to cultivate safety at the family and neighborhood level.** The more we can focus our metrics, investments, partnerships and attention on what works to improve safety and stop the cycle of crime, the better for our budgets, communities and families.

- Jail Population Management Strategies
 - Population Analysis
 - Alternatives to Detention
 - Early Representation

Monthly Average Daily Population July 2018 - June 2023



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
2022-2023	765	784	768	750	767	749	753	774	767	760	745	772
2021-2022	601	616	616	634	695	723	743	791	798	784	773	749
2020-2021	582	613	639	662	618	587	630	642	613	636	625	691
2019-2020	898	911	881	856	855	857	891	918	827	617	556	569
2018-2019	953	990	989	958	899	886	923	954	964	954	889	900

Criminal Justice Initiatives

- Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Reduction Strategies
- CalAim Justice Involved Initiative
- CARE Court
- System Improvements, eg. DEMS, data integration, etc.

Intersection of Health and Human Services and Criminal Justice

- Whole Person Care
- Braided Funding Opportunities
- Increased Treatment Capacity
- Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration
- Paramedicine – Alternative Destination

Affordable Housing and Social Justice in Santa Barbara

In a city known for its beauty, the Santa Barbara housing crisis presents a stark reality for many residents. This presentation explores the importance of affordable housing in achieving social justice.

 **by Rob Fredericks**



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Defining Affordable Housing

Definition

Affordable housing refers to housing units that are priced below the median market rate and where a household pays no more than 30% of their income for housing

Eligibility

Criteria for eligibility often include income thresholds and household size.

Programs

Types of affordable housing programs include subsidized housing, rental assistance, and low-income homeownership opportunities.

City of Santa Barbara

Income Limits

5/2023

Income Category	% of Median	Household Size					
		1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons
Median	100%	\$ 75,110	\$ 85,840	\$ 96,570	\$ 107,300	\$ 115,884	\$ 124,468
Very Low	50%	\$ 51,800	\$ 59,200	\$ 66,600	\$ 73,950	\$ 79,900	\$ 85,800
Low	80%	\$ 82,950	\$ 94,800	\$ 106,650	\$ 118,500	\$ 128,000	\$ 137,500
Moderate	120%	\$ 90,132	\$ 103,008	\$ 115,884	\$ 128,760	\$ 139,061	\$ 149,362
Middle	160%	\$ 120,176	\$ 137,344	\$ 154,512	\$ 171,680	\$ 185,414	\$ 199,149
Upper-Middle	200%	\$ 150,220	\$ 171,680	\$ 193,140	\$ 214,600	\$ 231,768	\$ 248,936

Affordable Housing Production in Santa Barbara Under Current Funding, Incentives and Strategies

Income Category	RHNA 5 th Cycle Target (2015-2023)	Permits to Date	% Attained	Anticipated Permits at Current Rate	Anticipated End of Cycle % Attained	RHNA 6 th Cycle Target (2023-2031)	Anticipated End of Cycle % Attained Assuming Same Production Rate as 5 th Cycle
Very Low Income	962	120	12.5%	137	14.3%	2,147	6.4%
Low Income	701	112	16.0%	128	18.3%	1,381	9.3%
Moderate Income	820	4	0.5%	5	0.6%	1,441	0.3%
Above Moderate Income	1,617	1,356	83.9%	1,550	95.8%	3,032	51.1%
TOTAL	4,100	1,592	38.8%	1,819	44.4%	8,001	22.7%



Challenges in Achieving Affordable Housing

1 High Housing Costs

Santa Barbara's high housing costs create barriers to affordability for many residents.

2 Gentrification and Displacement

Gentrification can lead to the displacement of low-income communities

3 Government Policies

Government policies and regulations impact the availability and affordability of housing.

Social Justice Implications

1 Impact on Marginalized Communities

The lack of affordable housing disproportionately affects marginalized communities, perpetuating inequality.

3 Homelessness and Insecurity

The lack of affordable housing contributes to homelessness and housing insecurity.

2 Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Racial and ethnic minorities face higher rates of housing insecurity and discrimination.

Solutions and Initiatives



Conclusion

Affordable housing is vital for social justice in Santa Barbara. We must work together to create housing opportunities for all and build a more equitable community.

Call to Action

Community Involvement

Get involved in local advocacy groups and be part of the conversation on affordable housing.

Support

Support policies and initiatives that promote affordable housing and social justice in Santa Barbara.

Summary

Affordable housing is a crucial component of social justice, ensuring that everyone has access to safe and affordable homes.

Santa Barbara County:
Housing Affordability
at a Glance
2022

DEMOGRAPHICS

443,837

population

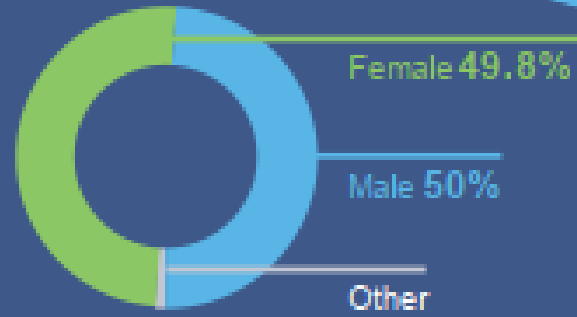
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median age

Race/Ethnicity

- 48% White, not-Hispanic
- 43% Hispanic/Latina/o
- 5% Asian
- 2% Black/African American
- 2% Other

Gender



POVERTY RATE

15%

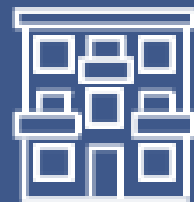
67,463

individuals living below poverty line

HOUSING COST BURDEN

55%

of renters are cost burdened



HOMELESSNESS

1,887

people living on the street



29%

of renters are severely cost burdened

INCOME

\$100,100

area median income

RENT

\$2,447

average rent per month



HOME PRICE

\$1,072,500

median cost of a home in Santa Barbara County

TRANSIT



31,300

workers commute to South County daily

HOUSING



4,946

subsidized affordable homes

Who Needs Affordable Housing in Santa Barbara County?



Extremely low-income

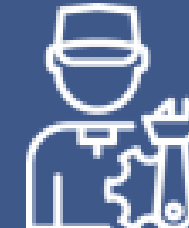
<30% AMI

<\$42,000/yr¹

Farmworkers, cooks, home health and personal care aides, retail salespersons, childcare providers, janitors and cleaners, retired and/or disabled household members on fixed incomes.

18,060

households (13%)



Very low-income

<50% AMI

<\$70,000/yr¹

Administrative assistants, elementary school teachers, social workers, transportation workers, construction workers, electricians, plumbers.

16,780

households (12%)



Low-income

<80% AMI

<\$112,000/yr¹

Nurses, pharmacists, paralegals, laboratory technicians, public administrators, dental hygienists, firefighters.

24,905

households (17%)



Moderate-income

<120% AMI

<\$120,000/yr¹

Public safety workers, school principals, physical therapists, architects, engineers.

27,540

households (19%)

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MISSION

Organize faith communities and community groups to help:

- Eliminate root causes of injustice
- Advance humane treatment of people enmeshed in our CJ system
- Prioritize alternatives to incarceration that protect public safety

WHAT WE DO

- Weekly Tuesday morning zoom meetings- CLUE CJ networks with League of Women Voters
- Identify issues e.g. whether to expand the county jail capacity through a proposed jail remodel
- Research – meet County CEO officials, Supervisors, and those impacted in our communities
- Alert - Public-Calls to Action; letters with research and recommendations to decision makers and in-person public comment
- Publish online newsletters to Inform our community



CRIMINAL JUSTICE



ACTIONS TAKEN AND RESULTS 2023

- **Root Cause:** Incarceration of low-level offenders harms public safety Action: Petition Supervisors to limit new jail beds; increase community-based alternatives; ask County for expert jail population projection analysis; successfully advocated vote to safely reduce jail size.
- **Humane treatment in jail:** Initiated funding for Freedom to Choose, and evidenced based prison program to reduce recidivism, now a pilot life-skills education program for 100 SB jail residents
- **Alternatives to jail:** Supported funding for a new **Early Representation Program**, providing arrested people with access to a Public Defender before they appear in court to research alternatives to jail (holistic defense) while case is adjudicated.

NEXT ACTIONS

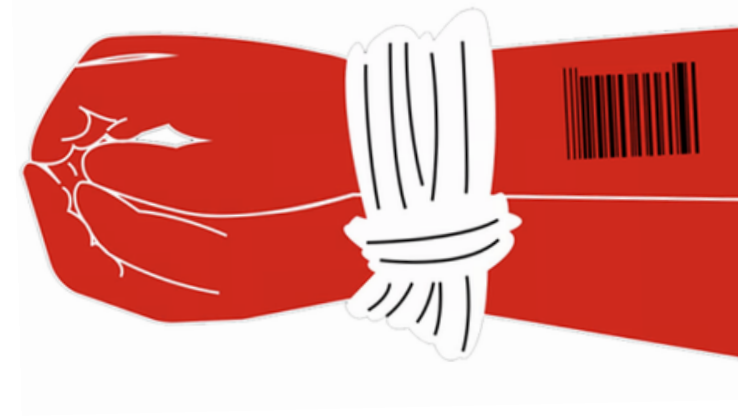
- **November Board of Supervisors Meeting - Support system change for Jail Health care:** Change management of the health care contract and monitoring of mental health lawsuit compliance from the Sheriff to the trained County Public Health staff.

HOUSING JUSTICE



- Participate in weekly Housing Brainstorm meetings with community leaders;
- Advocate to support “just cause” evictions and protections for tenants who must vacate for “substantial remodeling”
- Coordinate with Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), the lead organization fighting for housing justice
- Reach out to faith organizations to educate (and mobilize) around key issues and proposals, including rent control and finding new sources of revenue for affordable housing

TRAFFICKING JUSTICE



- - 2023 Activities - -

Participate with County leaders to identify three top anti-trafficking priorities:

- Develop sex trafficking protocols to define risk factors, identify survivors, and provide adequate referral services
- Promote K-12 education to learn about sexual exploitation
- Create a new HTTF (spell out what this is) focus on labor trafficking in agriculture, hotel work, and domestic labor

Network to develop trusting relationships, share research and ideas, bring new partners forward



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP



NETWORK: Build relationships, raise issues

Survey community environmental groups and faith communities, asking

- their priority environmental issues and current initiatives, and
- how CLUE, with its ethical and moral voice, could usefully partner with them

Choose focus for CLUE (immediate/long term)

**REVITALIZING
plans for 2024**

EDUCATE: Ourselves and our communities

- Research local environmental concerns and proposed ways to address them
- Think creatively—look for win/win approaches
- Meet with community leaders to build understanding and strategies to bring needed change
- Develop clear, factually based advocacy positions

ADVOCATE

- Know when key decisions and actions are being taken
- Coordinate with partners to educate and act, inspire and support

Examples of CLUE actions from former years

- joining campaigns to stop new oil drilling in Cat Canyon
- raising awareness about the issue of gas leaks from decommissioned oil wells
- mobilizing faith communities to sign onto letters opposing the trucking of crude oil through ecologically sensitive and populated regions of Santa Barbara County
- This Year: Fearless Grandmothers' Quilt



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