



City Council

Homeless Response Plan Public Workshop

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Report

Issue:

The City of Olympia has started the process of identifying a long-term response to the homelessness process. A series of listening sessions and public workshops will be facilitated to learn what is working and what needs to improve regarding the City's response to homelessness.

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Background and Analysis:

The City of Olympia has started a process to identify how we, as a regional community, will respond (in the long-term) to the homelessness crisis. This includes planning for the needs of residents, visitors, business owners and individuals experiencing homelessness.

The process will bring people together from all parts of our community to identify the best possible strategies and actions for addressing this incredibly complex challenge.

The goals for this process are to:

- Build a broader and more informed understanding of homelessness in our community;
- Tap into a greater diversity of experiences, viewpoints, and knowledge to help identify the best long-term strategies and actions; and
- Build stronger and more resilient regional connections and partnerships by which to carry out those things.

Participants will have opportunities to share their unique experiences and ideas, engage in meaningful dialogue, and provide critical input into how we, the community, address homelessness going forward.

The end result will be a community-driven Homeless Response Plan that includes a variety of strategies and actions, the individual organizations or multiple partners who will take the lead on each of them, and performance measures that will help gauge our progress over time.

Attachments:

Engage Olympia Website