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Challenge of Homelessness—3 Aspects

❖ Social

❖ Economic

❖ Political
• A Question of Community Values

• Cost in Human Capital is Unacceptable

• Families with Children Fastest Growing

• Increase in Vulnerability
What makes this population vulnerable?

- Housing Insecurity
- Food Insecurity

POVERTY – TRAUMA – INCOME INSUFFICIENCY
Continuum of Risk

- Mental Health
- Health
- Education
- Future State
• Pay Now or Later
• Upwards of $50 million spent annually
• Less to House than pay costs of MH/BH/SA, Jail and Judicial Systems
• $18,000 vs. $40,000
• Elephant in the room—lack of affordable, accessible housing
• Planners play a significant role, i.e. comprehensive plans, integration of various plans, strategies
• Housing needs, priorities addressing special and vulnerable populations must be addressed
Diff. Levels/Types of Political Process

• Political Will/Community Support

• Legislation (ordinances, statutes)

• Land Use/Zoning
• **Political Will**
  - Champion/Crusader
  - Establishes Community Values, Aspirations
  - Sends the Clarion Call

• **Legislative Actions**
  - Sets Public Policy, Strategy, Direction
  - Strongest Asset of Local Gov’t
• Land Use Zoning
  • Can Enhance or Inhibit Growth
  • Can Present Critical Barriers and Restrictions
  • Ongoing Conflict of Inclusion vs. Exclusion
MARSHAL PLAN

HARNESSED POWER OF THE ATOM

Put a Man on the Moon
REBUILD

RESPOND TO CURRENT STATE

THE TO DO LIST

RE-INVEST IN HUMAN INFRASTRUCTURE