



Gimme Shelter! Solving San Diego's Homelessness Crisis – Sooner Rather than Later *C-3's June 23 Breakfast Dialogue Addresses Housing and Other Solutions*

(SAN DIEGO) June 8, 2016 – At a time when downtown San Diego streets are filled with people experiencing homelessness – impacting business, jarring tourists and leaving our citizens at a loss for how to help – a group of passionate speakers will talk about effective solutions at Citizens Coordinate for Century 3's Breakfast Dialogue on Thursday, June 23, from 7 to 9 a.m.

In C-3's second Breakfast Dialogue of the year co-hosted by Voice of San Diego, speakers will identify means of getting our growing homeless population helped and into housing sooner rather than later. While overall homelessness numbers are slightly down this year, they're not fading away. Unsheltered homelessness is up 19 percent, and immediate possible solutions need to be addressed, including the feasibility of ideas being implemented in other cities and ways of overcoming the barriers that prevent us from helping the thousands in our city who don't have a home of their own.

“While we talk about and around it, the plight of our homeless grows more bleak, as they're shuffled from one place to the next, with too many barriers (both literal and figurative), not enough housing options and mental illness rampant,” said Roger Lewis, president of C-3. “No one seems willing to take a risk. We hope to continue this conversation to help inspire our leaders and other key players,” he added.

Moderated by Scott Lewis, CEO and editor-in-chief of VOSD, the panel includes:

- Councilmember Todd Gloria, District 3, City of San Diego
- Piedad Garcia, Deputy Director, County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services
- Amy Gonyeau, Chief Operating Officer, Alpha Project
- Mike McConnell, Activist and Philanthropist

C-3's monthly Breakfast Dialogues are held the fourth Thursday morning of every month at The Prado, 1549 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers and \$25 for students. For reservations or more information, visit www.c3sandiego.org or call 858-277-0900.

As part of C-3's mission to be a conduit for information, a facilitator for civic dialogue and a source for reasoned opinions, the member-supported nonprofit organization hosts monthly events highlighting a multitude of issues and themes of interest to engaged San Diegans.

C-3's Breakfast Dialogue Series is sponsored by sustaining partner SDG&E.

About C-3:

Founded in 1961, C-3's mission is to advocate, educate and navigate solutions for maintaining high standards of environmental quality, physical design, economic benefit and social progress. C-3 accomplishes this by being a conduit for information, a facilitator for civic dialogue and a source for reasoned opinions.

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