

# EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS CONCERNING HOMELESSNESS

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## Overview of options

- Declaration of shelter crisis
- Declaration of local emergency
- Request for gubernatorial state of emergency proclamation

# Council Direction

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Council made a motion to direct staff to take the appropriate steps to declare a homelessness emergency utilizing the three options outlined by staff.

# Homeless Emergency

2,906 homeless in Sonoma County

- 1,906 unsheltered (66%)
- 1,877 Central Santa Rosa, 1,216 unsheltered

CA has the nation's largest homeless population (22%) and the highest rate of unsheltered homeless (64%).

# Recommendation

- It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, formally recognize a homelessness emergency through the following 1) adopt a resolution declaring a shelter crisis within Santa Rosa; 2) adopt a resolution declaring a local homeless emergency within Santa Rosa; and 3) by motion, direct the Mayor to submit a letter requesting for a gubernatorial state of emergency proclamation.

# Discussion

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- Questions