

# SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON HOMELESSNESS

## People experiencing homelessness have the same civil rights as housed residents

- Unsheltered individuals, as all citizens, are deserving of the same access to public services and protection by law enforcement
- All people should have access to safe, decent and affordable housing that is reflective of their needs; outreach has the goal of working towards housing with all unsheltered individuals
- The County must balance the interests and needs of unsheltered residents with the interests of other community residents

## Resolving homelessness requires collaboration from multiple sectors and systems; no single entity can or should have exclusive responsibility

- Promotion of cross-sector collaboration and collective support is key
- We commit to ongoing performance management, process improvement, and maintaining transparency and accountability at all levels of decision making

## Non-punitive, engagement-focused approaches to resolving individual's homelessness are more preferable than enforcement, clearance, and criminalization

- Intensive and persistent outreach and engagement is the key to building trust among persons living in encampments and other areas not meant for human habitation

