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**Housing** Affordability, overcrowding, tenant's rights, homeownership, development regulations, homelessness, special needs housing-seniors, disabled, large families, etc.

## Survey Results

1. Existing local Group: 25
2. Excited: 21
3. Need/Opportunity: 28
4. Excited and able: 17

## Survey Comments

### Question #1

1. Homeless Action Partnership, Smart Solutions to Homelessness
2. Smart Solutions to Homelessness Homeless Action Partnership 180/2020
3. HPHP
4. I know there is an agency working on homelessness issue and other agencies providing affordable housing.
5. The need exceeds the resources. The word effectively is the key as property owners hold the cards.
6. I believe there has been some work with local organizations but the population of homeless, special needs, etc seems to be a growing concern
7. There is a South County Task Force looking at homeless issues. Unclear if this is part of the Homeless Connect project under the United Way of Santa Cruz County, a non-profit agency County of Santa Cruz or all of these.
8. HPHP-Homeless Persons Project works primarily with the homeless population.
9. Housing Action Partnership Smart Solutions
10. Homeless Action Partnership Smart Solutions to Homelessness-just developed All In Homeless Services Center Encompass Community Services
11. There are some efforts, but we need many more. Efforts include: 180/2020
12. Our Housing Dept, including the Housing Manager, Julie Conway. Our Director, Kathy Previsich, has been working to update Accessory Dwelling Units and other housing policy items.



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13. SCCRTC has a committee focused on transportation needs for elderly, disable, and low income folks---but we don't talk about housing (except that it should be located near transit ---it costs a lot to provide transit to people spread into rural areas). I'm not certain, but the following might cover housing issues: Senior Network Services (info & resource one-stop shop), United Way 211 program, Seniors Council (federally designated -Area Agency on Aging) County Commission on Disability; Long Term Care Commission; Check out UCLA Elder Index also (it's a few years old, but they studied affordability too). Clay Kempf is a great resource on a lot of this (Senior's Council) - (831) 688-0400 x15
14. County Homeless strategic planning south county group
15. The homeless strategic plan has multiple partners working in this area.
16. CCA, Watsonville Law Center, but they are of limited capacity. Also, the Center for Farmworker Families.
17. Smoke-free housing

## Question #2

18. And we are currently working with the coalitions listed above.
19. We already staff Smart Solutions to Homelessness and helped staff the recent All In: Countywide Strategic Plan to End Homelessness
20. Clinics (HHP) interface between homelessness and health
21. staff time is very limited wrt taking on additional tasks. However, there is a definite need to address these issues in our community.
22. We are already involved.

## Question #3

23. "Excited" would be an oversell. But we are interested in coordinating land use and transportation; transit-oriented development (placing housing near existing services).
24. Additional homelessness prevention efforts
25. overcrowding
26. Santa Cruz County is facing a housing crisis. Housing impacts every other issue listed in HiAP potential topics.
27. Not fully aware of what is occurring in the community regarding this.
28. The current roll out of the homeless strategic plan
29. No Sure. This is a Julie Conway question.



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30. Probably some of the general plan updates and the AMBAG Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) update

## Question #4

31. Increased low income housing, transitional housing and shelter for mixed families
32. Homelessness prevention and supporting affordable housing.
33. There was a specific committee to address the Pajaro Valley housing issues within the strategic planning process, and there is a section that discusses its findings and recommendations which we can leverage.
34. some interest in working on increasing affordable housing stock volume as a partial solution to local poverty
35. Would not be able to take on additional tasks without additional staff
36. Securing stable and affordable housing for low income and homeless populations.
37. Specifically, affordable housing
38. Need to address housing specifically for farm workers. Most live in poverty and cannot afford the affordable housing available.
39. developing relationships with landlords to accept Section 8 vouchers; work with homeless and mentally ill tenants-
40. The County will be looking at new zoning tools as part of the Sustainability Plan. A few will include more live-work product. Our current code is not adept at this and given the new Federal changes to financing mixed use, everything will need to be updated.
41. Dvera Saxton, dsaxton@csufresno.edu (anthropologist) Gail Wadsworth of California Institute of Rural Studies, Ann Lopez, Center for Farmworker Families Farmworker housing...creating housing cooperatives that are farmworker designed/built
42. Low income housing is always a need in Watsonville. We definitely see this with our client base.
43. Ensuring smoke-free housing options for multiunit housing residents.



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## Discussion/Considerations

## Potential Strategies

## Data & Data Sources



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