In late 2016, staff surveyed cities and counties to determine if they had adopted a homelessness strategy or plan. Staff has reviewed those strategies and plans to identify recurring themes, policies, and strategies. The following pages include suggestions based on that review to cover:

- Questions to consider when exploring a Homelessness Plan
- Descriptions of main plan sections
- Policy areas to be considered in each strategy
- A list of local plans and strategies to use as examples

Not surprisingly, it became clear early in the review process that each jurisdiction has taken a different approach to addressing challenges in their jurisdiction. Staff will be asking the Task Force to consider the following questions:

- Does this information encompass all the components that should be discussed in the report?
- Is there anything that should not be included in the report?
- Is “Essential Components” the right descriptor?
Questions to Consider when Exploring a Homelessness Plan

- Will our strategies/plans be set annually, or will they span years? How often will our jurisdiction review progress?
- Is our strategy/plan specific to our jurisdiction? Or are there efforts included that impact the region?
- Does our strategy/plan include government agency actions only, or does it include actions of other community partners?
- Do we want to create a new department, agency, or community organization to coordinate and oversee efforts?
- Who in your jurisdiction will lead and oversee the effort?
- What resources is our agency already using for this effort? Are there additional resources that can be dedicated?
- Is there a specific population we are trying to address?
Descriptions of Main Sections of Strategies

Category
For organizational purposes, identification of what category best describes the strategy.
Examples of categories include:
- Prevention
- Coordinated Entry System
- Housing
- Management and Services
- Income
- Other (for anything that does not fit in other categories)

Recommendation
One or two sentences describing the recommendation or action item.

Description
More in depth description of recommendation and strategy overall. May include additional information on the challenge the strategy is addressing.

Population(s) Targeted
A discussion of the population of the jurisdiction and specifically the homeless population.
Examples include:
- All
- Families
- Transitional Age Youth (TAY)
- Single Adult
- Veteran
- Youth
- Chronically Homeless Adult
- Homeless Pet Owners
- LGBTQ Community

Potential Funding Source
Identification of current funding available or possible funding the agency will pursue.

Implementation Time-Frame
When is the strategy expected to be accomplished?

Lead Agency
Who is the lead responsible agency? This may be a department within the jurisdiction or a community partner.

Collaborating Departments/Agencies
A list of all other departments and agencies within the jurisdiction that will be involved in the implementation of the recommendation. Should also include departments/agencies that experience downstream impacts, such as public works and libraries.

**Connection to Other Community Organizations (including city/county)**
A list of community organizations or agencies outside the city or county government that will be involved in the implementation of the recommendation. May also include state agencies.

**Budget**
Discussion on the current resources the jurisdiction is putting towards addressing solutions, and identification of other options that could be pursued.
Policies to be Considered in Each Strategy

As with any major action a city or county takes, there are many policy areas that should be considered when adopting a homelessness strategy. Below is a list and short description of policy areas found in homelessness plans and strategies reviewed by the task force.

No Wrong Door
Discussion and Strategies to implement a No Wrong Door policy. As the name suggests, No Wrong Door is the concept that a homeless person should be connected to the social, medical, and housing resources they need via case management regardless of what door of government they enter.

Coordinated Entry System (CES)
Discussion and Strategies to implement a Coordinated Entry System (CES) that incorporates the elements of person, system and philosophy, created to assist homeless individuals to access aspects of No Wrong Door (see above).

Governance
Discussion and Strategies for governance changes that would strengthen current structures.

Facilities
Discussion and Strategies of the types of facilities that the jurisdiction hopes to provide to support the homeless population.

Housing
Discussion and Strategies to address barriers to providing needed housing, and solutions to address the need.

Land Use
Discussion and Strategies to adjust local land use policies to meet the goals set by the jurisdiction.
Index of Strategies/Plans

*Note: Many cities and counties are collaborating on their plans. If you do not see a city plan listed individually, please refer to the county in which the city is located.

Cities and Counties of Alameda County: www.everyonehome.org

Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness:  

City of Chula Vista: www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/development-services/housing/resources/homeless-frequently-asked-questions


City and County of Fresno: www.fresno.gov/citymanager/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2016/10/10yrPlanWhitepaper_v3b.pdf

County of Humboldt and City of Eureka: www.humboldthouse.org

City of Long Beach  

County of Marin: www.marinhhs.org/10-year-plan

Counties of Monterey and San Benito:  
http://mcdss.co.monterey.ca.us/reports/downloads/lead_me_home_01_13.pdf

City of Sacramento:  

Sacramento Steps Forward (City and County of Sacramento):  

County of San Bernardino: www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/Tenyearstrategy.aspx

City and County of San Francisco: http://dhsh.sfgov.org/


County of San Luis Obispo:  
www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/Housing_and_Economic_Development/10yearplan.htm


County of Santa Cruz, Cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville: www.sccoplanning.com/Portals/2/HSP-FullReport-FINAL-Small.pdf

County of Sonoma: http://sonoma-county-continuum-of-care.wikispaces.com/Sonoma%25E2%2580%2599s+10-Year+Homeless+Action+Plan

County of Stanislaus: www.preventionfocus.net/homelessness-initiative/

City of Woodland: https://cityofwoodland.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2692353&GUID=A9221D94-9FFD-46E6-9C70-3C5798E2ECA1