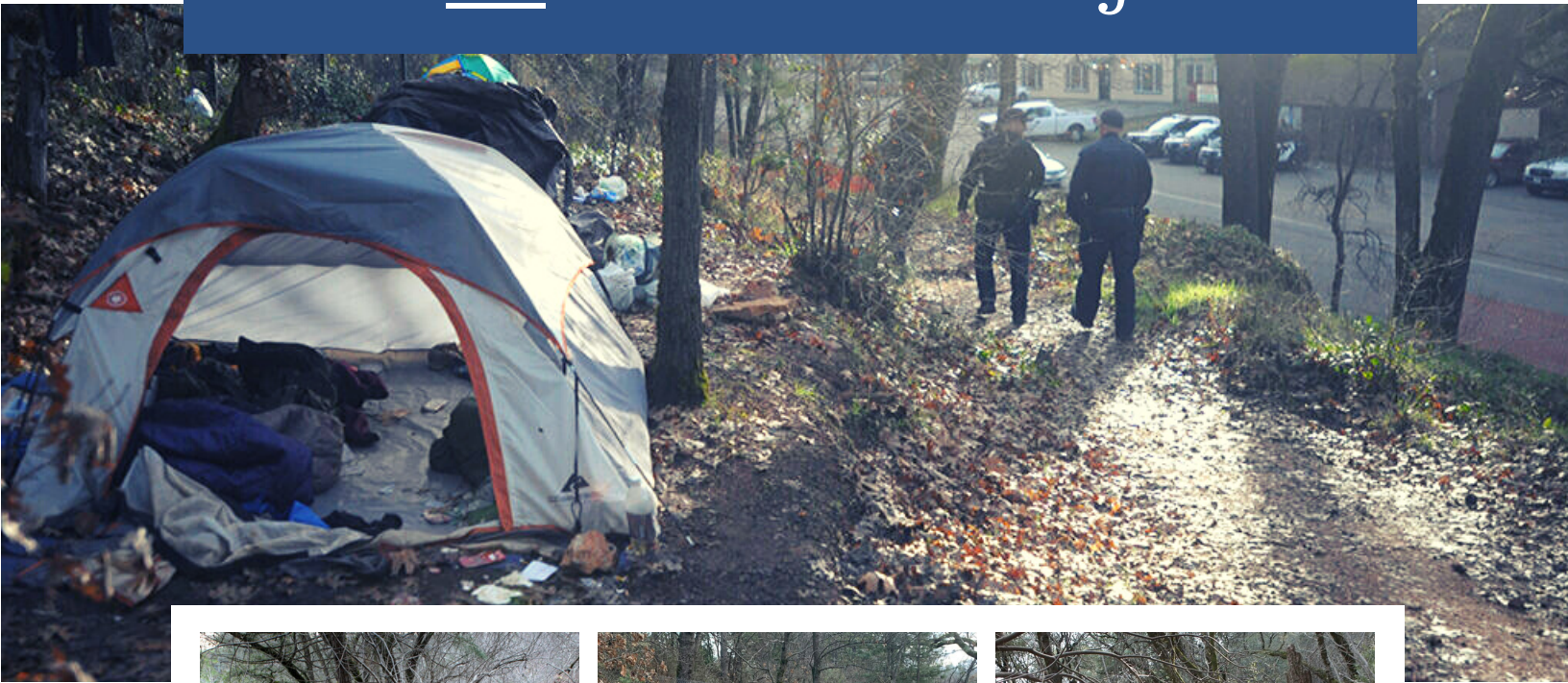


NO Transient Housing



THEFT | VANDALISM | DRUGS

The El Dorado Co. Fair Association opposes the installation of transitional housing at the Armory.

Theft, vandalism, and drug paraphernalia left behind are just a few of the reasons why allowing and encouraging the transient community to congregate at the fairgrounds would be bad for our community.

Please help us keep your community safe

Write to your elected officials, [sample letter](#) →

Transient Housing has no place on the Fairgrounds



Here's why. .

- The Fairgrounds is host to many rentals that do not blend with the transient community which ultimately means they will have to cancel their events. All these events and more would be displaced if the armory was used as transient housing. **It doesn't make sense.**
 - El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom's Farm Day, annually in May, over 1,200 elementary kids in attendance
 - 4-H uses the Fairgrounds throughout the year for educational activities and contests
 - The County Health Department holds flu shot clinics
 - The Red Cross uses the fairgrounds as an evacuation site, heating/cooling center, and animal rescue.
 - CalFire and other uses the fairgrounds as a staging ground for fire camps
 - All County Cross Country Meet utilizes the Fairgrounds for their annual race, attended by almost 1,000 3rd Grade Kids.
- The Annual County Fair is the largest fundraiser for many groups such as; The American Legion, 20/30 Club, High School Music Boosters, 4-H, and Rotary Clubs.
- The homeless bring drugs, fights, vandalism, disease and filth. **They don't follow rules.**
- Research has shown that where the transient community congregates there are more diseases such as MERSA, AIDS, HEP C, & more.
- The Armory is directly across the street from New Morning's **Children's Shelter**, 76 families, dozens of small businesses, and only 350 ft from Joe's Skate Park, a local youth hang out. Transient housing being located at the Armory **endangers our youth.**
- The Fairgrounds ALREADY has fallen victim to the transient community, we frequently find drug paraphernalia (including used needles) in our restrooms and bushes, feces and waste on the grounds, and mentally unstable transients have harassed Fair staff and guests.

We ask that you take a moment to contact City and County officials and share your
↓ concerns regarding this type of housing/shelter. ↓

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We'll send it to you!*

Dear _____,

It has come to my attention that the City of Placerville and El Dorado County are considering installing transitional housing at the old Armory location, next to the Fairgrounds to benefit the transient community. With endorsement from the Fair Board and Staff, I send this letter of opposition to using the Fairgrounds as housing or shelter for the homeless population. The Fairgrounds is a community hub where our residents use the beautiful grounds daily to walk, exercise their horses, walk their dogs, practice fire crew drills, picnic, etc.

The Fair staff already struggles with vandalism and theft done by the homeless community, and they frequently find drug paraphernalia (including used needles) in restrooms and bushes. The staff has been verbally harassed, threatened with physical harm and in one instance physically attacked. Bringing more of the homeless/transient community, which inherently suffers from mental disease/drug & alcohol addiction, would bring more of this to our fairgrounds.

The Armory is also directly across the street from New Morning's Children's Shelter, and only 350 ft from Joe's Skate Park, a local youth hang out. The Fairgrounds is also the venue for the many large youth activities, including the All County Cross Country Meet's annual race which is attended by almost 1,000 3rd Grade Kids and Farm Day, with 800 4th Graders. Transient housing being located at the Armory endangers our youth.

The homeless/transient community does not blend well with the events that utilize these facilities. Events such as; Kids Expo, the Annual Fair, Fire Camps, fundraisers for local nonprofits, flu clinics, just to name a few. Many events will likely move to venues outside of the county or cancel. This would be a significant loss of revenue to our local economy.

Please join us in opposition of the Armory being transformed into transitional housing for the homeless and stand with us to protect our community.

Sincerely



CITY OF PLACERVILLE/EL DORADO COUNTY JOINT POLICY STATEMENT ON HOMELESSNESS

April 14, 2020

Policy: The City of Placerville and El Dorado County shall work together to establish immediate solutions to reduce and work toward elimination of the homeless problem in our jurisdictions. All options shall be explored to determine programs that provide the greatest impact toward eliminating homelessness and the associated problems related to homelessness. All programs will be considered within available and projected funding made available through the State of California.

Purpose: The City of Placerville and El Dorado County recognize the severity of the Homeless problem on the Western Slope of El Dorado County and in the City of Placerville. Current efforts on behalf of El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency, the Sheriff's Department and El Dorado Opportunity Knocks are seeing success. However, we continue to see problems that warrant additional and immediate action to remedy. The City of Placerville and El Dorado County have adopted this policy to immediately implement actions that will work toward reducing the Homeless Problem in Placerville and on the Western Slope of El Dorado County.

Action 1: Authorize staff of both jurisdictions to immediately evaluate the feasibility of the property at 100 Placerville Drive, known as the Placerville Armory as a Transitional Housing Navigation Center in order temporarily house and provide resources to the homeless. In addition to an evaluation of the actual property and structure, the evaluation of this facility should include consideration for the provision of resources to assist the homeless including:

- A. Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services
- B. Mental Health Counseling
- C. Temporary Housing
- D. Identification of Permanent Housing
- E. Employment Counseling
- F. Meals
- G. Other Related Services

Action 2: Explore other properties/facilities that could provide temporary housing and services to the homeless.

Action 3: Consider the feasibility of working with other service providers and community groups to assist in supporting such an effort.

Action 4: Continue support and resources to the Homeless Outreach Team to provide services and Outreach to the Homeless.

Action 5: Promote and provide resources to complete the Homeless Strategic Plan.

Action 6: Continue to identify and apply for grant funding to assist in developing programs to eliminate homelessness.

Michael Saragosa, Mayor
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El Dorado County