

# **Public Information Meeting**

## **Emergency Interim Housing**

### **City Response to COVID-19 and Shelter Crisis Declaration**

**Monday, April 27, 2020**  
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

# | Meeting Purpose

- Hear from Mayor Liccardo and City staff about steps to stop spread of COVID-19 specifically in unsheltered community
- Present information on two Emergency Interim Housing sites in South San José
  - Monterey Road and Bernal
  - Rue Ferrari and 101
- Receive public comment on these projects

# I Agenda

1. Opening Remarks – Mayor Liccardo
2. Public Health Crisis and Related Government Actions
3. Emergency Interim Housing Site Selection
4. Monterey and Bernal Site
5. Rue Ferrari and 101 Site
6. Summary of Frequently Asked Questions
7. Public Comment
8. Future Community and Service Coordination

## | Opening Remarks

**Mayor Sam Liccardo**

# **Public Health Crisis and Related Government Actions**

- **Proclamation of CA State of Emergency  
Executive Order/SB89 allocated funding, suspend  
regulations, speed delivery of Emergency Housing**
- **Santa Clara County Shelter at Home Order  
Direction to shelter homeless residents**
- **City Manager/EOC declared Shelter Crisis**
- **City Council ratified Shelter Crisis Declaration  
Suspends GP, Zoning, Regulations/Requirements  
Allocates funding, directs City Manager to  
immediately stand up Emergency Interim Housing**

# Public Health Crisis

## *City and County Coordinated Homeless Response*

- **Addressing the needs of encampment residents**
- **Expanding temporary housing and shelter capacity**
  - ✓ 453 motel/hotel rooms across 8 sites in 5 cities
  - ✓ 250 beds in the Field Respite Center for COVID-19 positive patients
  - ✓ 420 temporary shelter beds at the Fairgrounds and South Hall
- **Expanding operating hours of 10 shelters, Safe Parking, and Overnight Warming Locations**
- **Using capacity at existing Bridge Housing Community and Plaza Hotel**

# Emergency Interim Housing Site Selection

- Existing and Developing Bridge Housing Sites

Mabury	D3	✓ Operational
Felipe/101/280	D7	✓ Under Development

- Sites evaluated across the City for additional capacity
- Major considerations included:
  - ✓ Speed of site control
  - ✓ Size, accessibility, proximity to utilities
  - ✓ Feasibility for rapid development

Potential Emergency Interim Housing/Shelter Site Summary

Evaluated Locations	District	Description
Green Light	Doesn't Meet COVID 19 Time Restrictions/ Development Challenges	Red Light
<b>Original Priority Emergency Sites</b>		
Story Road at Knox Ave	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkland restrictions/Deed Restrictions Prohibits Use</li> </ul>
Monterey at Bernal	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City owned and controlled, Most rapid path to development</li> <li>• Few barriers/access to utilities</li> <li>• Contractor ready to start NOW</li> </ul>
2347 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Path to control/lease not likely during emergency timeframe</li> <li>• Design review by property owner requires negotiation</li> <li>• Remains viable site just not during COVID emergency</li> </ul>
Private Land at <u>Hellyer</u>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation agreement still being finalized with owner</li> <li>• Hillside slopes, grading requirements, competing needs</li> <li>• Opportunity to stand up immediately compromised</li> </ul>
<b>Other Sites Under Review</b>		
Evans Ln at Almaden Expressway	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future affordable housing site</li> <li>• Interim family use, path to permanent housing on-site</li> <li>• Some flood mitigation required</li> </ul>
Story Road at Remillard Court 1 & 2	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Challenges: grading, access, access to utilities</li> <li>• Environmental constraints – flood, former land fill (#1)</li> </ul>
Monterey Road at Burnett Ave	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just north of Morgan Hill city limit</li> <li>• Greenbelt, no utilities</li> <li>• Limited resource access: transit, services, food</li> <li>• Potential FEMA trailer storage site</li> </ul>
Los Esteros Road at Grand Blvd	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site limitations: High voltage power lines/towers, marshland, neighboring sites are protected wildlife, flood zone</li> </ul>
Yerba Buena Road @ Chisin Street	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Challenges: hillside, open space issues, no access to utilities</li> <li>• No Resource access: transit, services, food</li> </ul>
<b>Other Public Sites</b>		
Rue Ferrari at 101	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick control with Caltrans partnership</li> <li>• Large and flat, access to utilities, easily developable</li> </ul>

## Top Sites for Immediate Emergency Housing Deployment COVID-19 and City Shelter Crisis Declaration Response

Monterey at Bernal	D2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Most Rapid Path to Development</li><li>- Few Barriers/Access to Utilities</li><li>- Contractor Ready to Start Now</li></ul>
Evans Lane	D6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Future Affordable Housing Site</li><li>- Interim Family Use, Path to Permanent Housing On-site</li><li>- School/Resource Proximity</li></ul>
Rue Ferrari/101	D2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rapid Caltrans Partnership</li><li>- Sizeable, level, accessible site</li><li>- Potential Phased Development</li></ul>

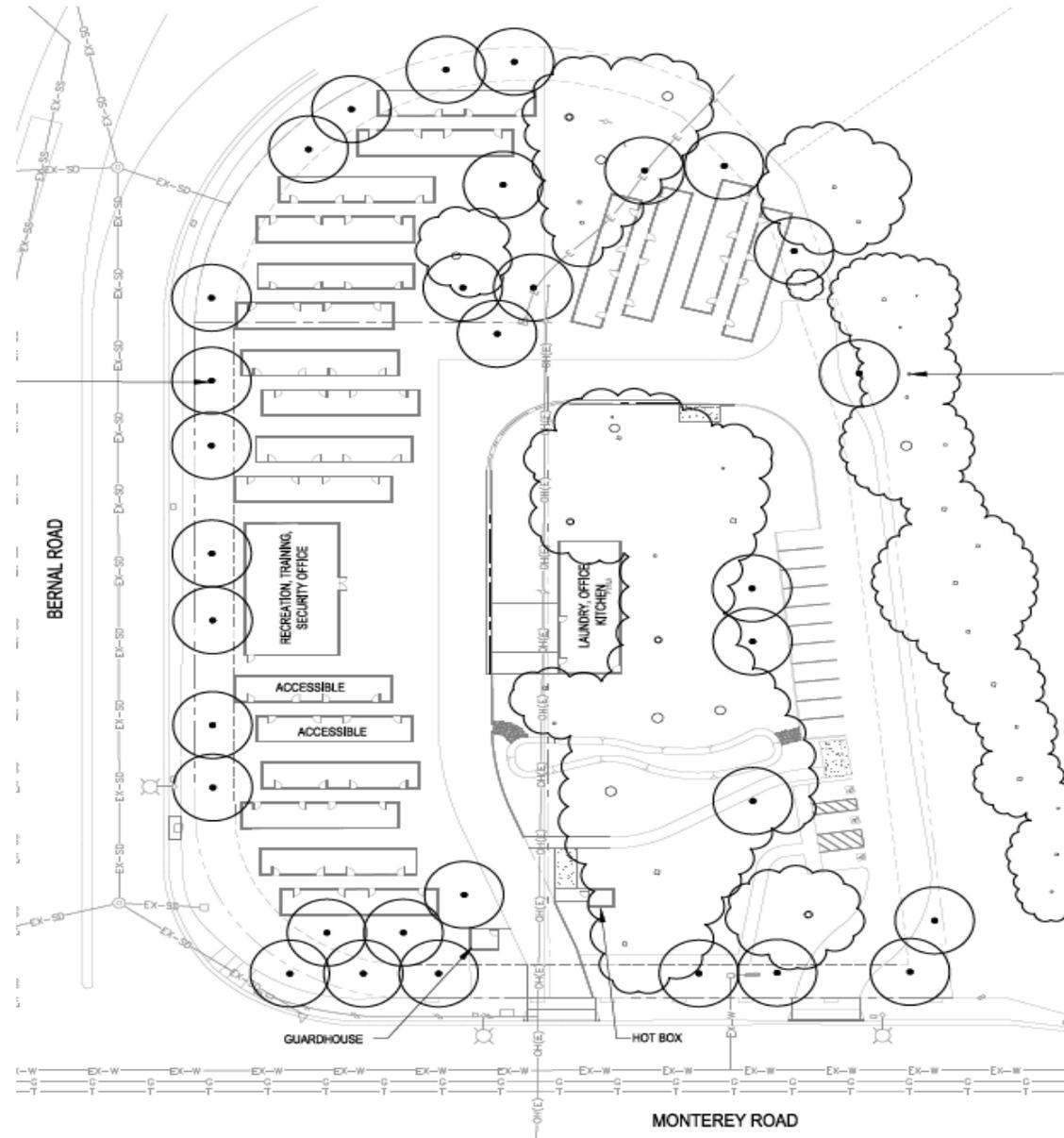
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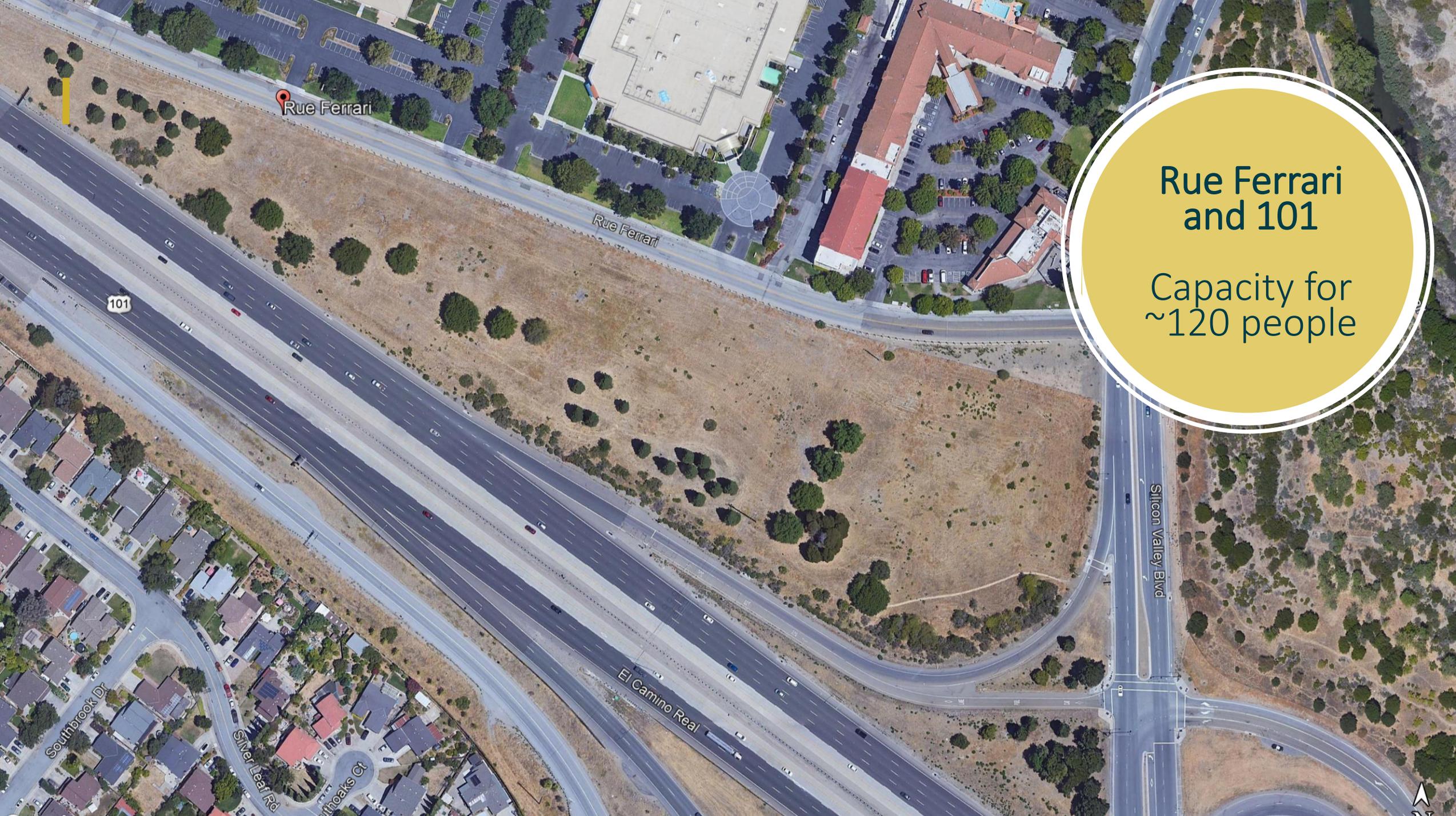
# Monterey and Bernal



- Up to 80 Single Room Occupancy Units
- Individual showers and restrooms
- Accessible units
- Common spaces and community areas for cooking, laundry, indoor and outdoor recreational space
- Fenced and secured perimeter with 24/7 onsite security
- Community Garden and buffered landscaping
- Traffic review & basic traffic improvements
- Limited tree removal and tree mitigation

## Monterey and Bernal





Rue Ferrari

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101

El Camino Real

Silicon Valley Blvd

Southbrook Dr

Silver Leaf Rd

Wheaks Ct

Rue Ferrari  
and 101

Capacity for  
~120 people





# Site Operations and Resident Services

## Purpose of Emergency Interim Housing

Interim housing provides individuals with a safe, private and secure shelter in response to COVID-19 and the City's Shelter Crisis Declaration.

### Site Operations

- ✓ 24/7 Security
- ✓ Onsite program/operational staff
- ✓ Participant rules, requirements, and expectations

### Services that May be Available

- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Work Shops
- ✓ Resources
- ✓ Access to housing subsidies



# Frequently Asked Questions



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[Available on the Housing Department's Website](#)

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments/housing>

✓ Go to Homeless Response  COVID-19 Resources

The screenshot shows the City of San Jose website. The navigation menu on the left includes: Renters, Mobilehome Residents, Home Buyers & Homeowners, Landlords & Property Managers, Developers, Nonprofit Grant Programs, Housing & Community Development Commission, Homelessness Response, **COVID-19 Resources**, and Homeless Families & ... The main content area features the title 'COVID-19 ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS COMMUNITY' and a section for 'Emergency Bridge Housing Communities'. The text in this section reads: 'In response to the COVID-19 emergency and the City's shelter crisis declaration, the City of San José is developing three emergency bridge housing communities (BHCs), sometimes called "tiny home" communities, to help protect unhoused people, slow the spread of COVID-19, and provide an interim housing solution after this public health emergency recedes. On April 21, 2020, the City Council approved construction of the first emergency BHC on a parcel at the intersection of Monterey Road and Bernal Road. The City Council also directed staff to develop plans for emergency BHCs on Evans Lane near Almaden Expressway, and on Rue Ferrari near Highway 101. Here are [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the emergency BHCs.'





# Frequently Asked Questions

City of San José

## Emergency Interim Housing Response to COVID-19 and City Shelter Crises Declaration

In response to the COVID-19 emergency and the City's shelter crisis declaration, the City of San José is developing emergency interim housing for at-risk and unsheltered people, reducing the risk of the spread of COVID-19 to them and to others, and providing future bridge housing after this immediate public health emergency recedes.

Two such communities will be located in south San José at Monterey Road and Bernal Road, and at Rue Ferrari and 101. Residents have asked numerous questions and raised concerns about the plans, the speed with which the projects are being developed, the purpose of the projects, how they will be operated, as well as potential impacts to the surrounding community. The City of San José developed responses to Frequently Asked Questions below:

- 1) Why is this happening now, and why so quickly without the typical levels of community input, regulation, and review?**

## | Public Comment

- 1 hour available
- Limit 1 minute per person to allow as many speakers as possible
- Mute all other audio before speaking



# | Next Steps

## **Future Community and Service Coordination**

- Coordinated City Service Delivery
- Community Advisory Committee
  - ✓ Provide input on operations and challenges
  - ✓ Suggestions for improvement and needs
  - ✓ Identify and celebrate successes

# | Next Steps

## Sign Up to Receive Updates

- ✓ Go to <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments/housing>
- ✓ Click “Subscribe”
- ✓ Enter your contact information and select “Emergency Interim Housing”
- ✓ Click “Sign up”