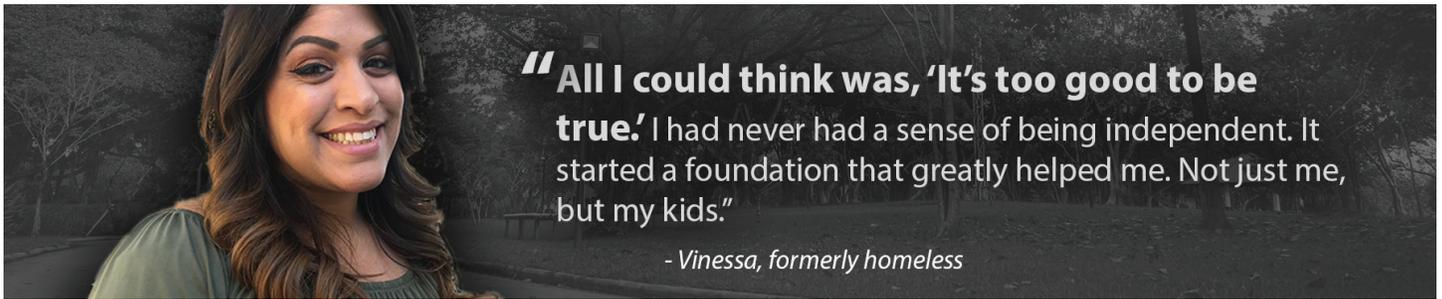




Supportive Housing and Neighborhood Benefits



OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Friendly

Residents in new affordable and supportive housing want to contribute to and be part of the peaceful life of the community.

Safe & Secure

Supportive housing typically has on-site security, health professionals, case managers and highly trained 24-hour property management.

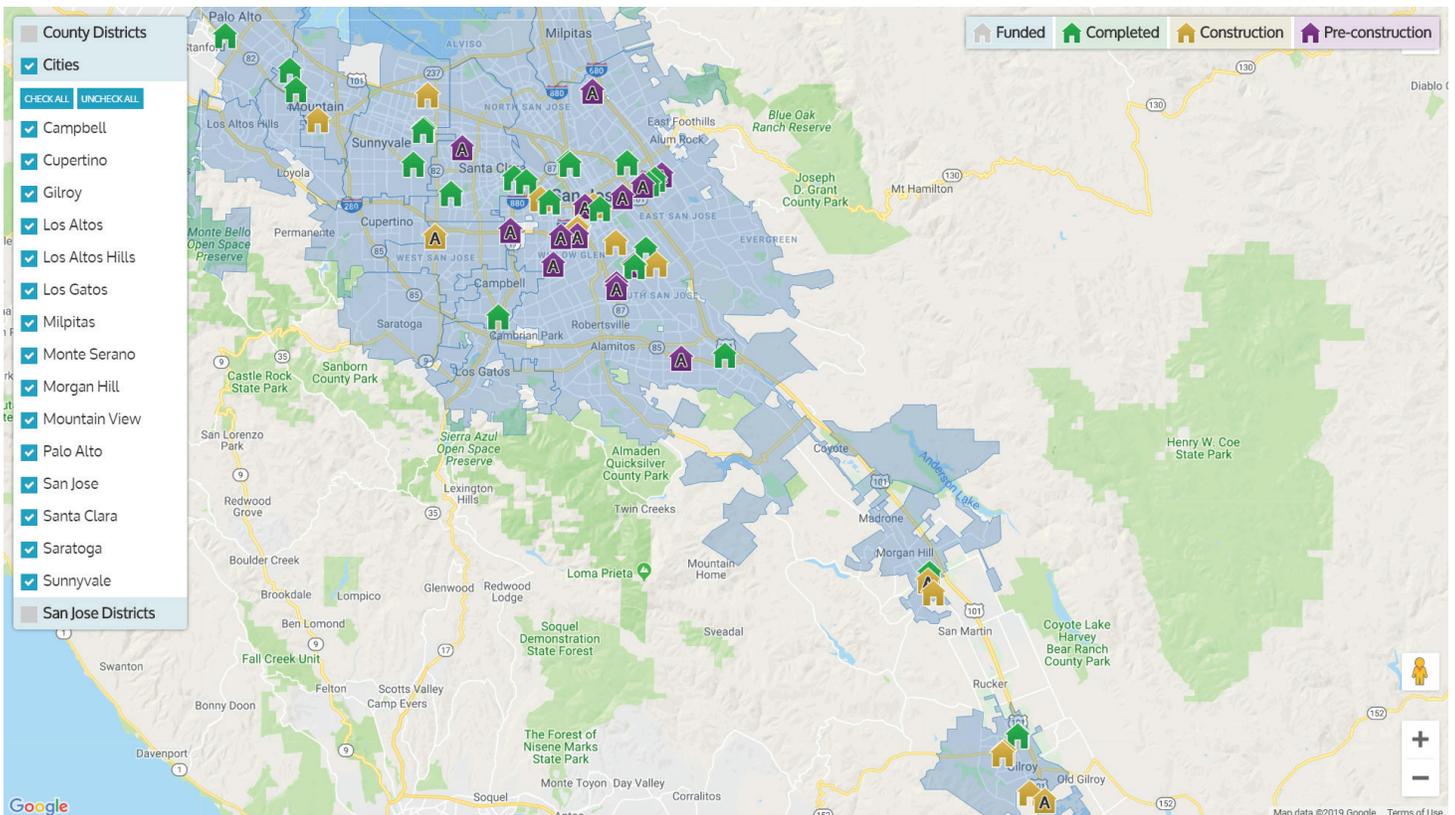
Accessible & Engaged

Housing developers and property management companies establish ongoing relationships with neighborhood leaders and facilitate productive community interaction. On-site staff are available to respond to community concerns and prevent problems.

High Quality

New supportive and affordable housing developments will bring top quality architecture to the block and often act as anchors for additional new community benefits to make our neighborhoods more vibrant, attractive and safe.

WHEN & WHERE





MYTH VS. FACT



Homelessness and housing are important concerns in Santa Clara County, but supportive housing and the Housing First approach are relatively new concepts in our community.

Voter approval of the 2016 Measure A Affordable Housing Bond and development of new housing for formerly homeless individuals naturally raises questions from community members.

Below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions. For more answers, visit the Housing Ready Community's Toolkit website.

IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOODS

What are Housing Ready Communities?

Housing Ready Communities are places where residents and businesses understand the benefit of supportive housing and welcome new developments into their neighborhoods.

Housing Ready Communities are ready to advocate for more housing, understand the value of a diverse community, help others understand the value of the supportive housing system, and create welcoming environments for new neighbors.

Will new supportive housing be a magnet for homeless people?

Most developers of supportive housing in our community have been successfully building affordable housing in the region for decades. These developers, property managers and supportive service providers implement effective approaches that benefit the entire community and do not typically become magnets for homeless individuals.

In Santa Clara County, supportive housing developments do not offer drop-in services (providing food, clothing or emergency shelter, for example) for people experiencing homelessness who do not live there.

Will new supportive housing be well managed and maintained?

Affordable housing developers and property managers hope to continue working here for years to come. They have a strong incentive to develop, own and operate buildings that are safe, attractive and well-maintained for residents and neighbors.

Will this housing hurt property values?

There is no reason to believe that new supportive or affordable housing developments will negatively impact property values. A 10-year research study including 122 new low-income housing developments in San Jose showed that the value of homes within 2,000 feet of new housing increased at the same rate as homes further away.

Will supportive housing increase crime?

Crime statistics are sometimes used in a misleading ways. There is, however, no conclusive evidence that supportive or affordable housing increase neighborhood crime. New supportive housing is designed to increase the quality of life for the entire community.

TAKE ACTION

- 1** Download and print the complete toolkit
- 2** Make copies for friends and neighbors
- 3** Host a meeting or dinner to share what you learn
- 4** Share with your neighborhood association and other community organizations
- 5** Visit the toolkit website to sign-up for updates and action alerts