

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council

Housing and Homelessness Survey

Anchorage assembly members on the Housing and Homelessness Committee (H&HC) requested that the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council (OSOVCC) join ten other community councils from Hillside/O'Malley and Bayshore to Girdwood and Turnagain Arm to decide where the best place in District 6 would be for a homeless shelter. This group is the South Anchorage District (SA District) and together we are deciding where to put a "Low or High barrier shelter" in our District according to the "Clean Slate Strategy."

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Clean-Slate-Approach.aspx>

The OSOVCC is asking for your input on this homeless situation, which will impact on our community. Our next SA District meeting is Wednesday, August 16, 2023, where we will discuss the responses. Your responses will be confidential.

E-mail your confidential reply to osovcommunitycouncil@gmail.com by 6 pm, Monday, August 14, 2023.

The H&HC held a series of Townhall meetings, June 3, 4, & 5 to obtain public input.

Felix Rivera cancelled all August 2023 meetings of the Housing & Homelessness Committee.

Additional information can be found at: [Clean Slate Strategy: Shelter Basics and Strategy](#)

Low Barrier Shelter: A location that has minimal requirements and expectations for entry.

High Barrier Shelter: A location that places requirements on guests, such as sobriety, curfews, church attendance, program participation, identification.

Questions:

1. Do you know of any people that became homeless in the last five years that were residents of the Old Seward/Oceanview Community during that time? If yes, how many?
2. Without mentioning names, how long have they been homeless?
3. If you answered yes to number 1, do you know what happened to them?
4. Do you live in or own property in the OSOVCC area? Yes ___ No ___
5. Do you (check one) Rent ___ Own property ___ Own a business ___ in the OSOVCC area?

6. If you answered "NO" to number four, which Community Council do you live in?

7. Do you support housing of some kind (managed camp, shelter, or building) in the OSOVCC area for people experiencing homelessness? Yes ____ No ____

8. What types of housing could be appropriate in OSOVCC area? Currently we have no public transportation or other services like Municipal social service offices or health clinics in our CC area. Please write Yes or No for each of the following:
 - a. Halfway/transitional shelters for fewer than ten clients _____
 - b. Housing for adults with children who are escaping domestic violence _____
 - c. Maximum number of people per shelter _____
 - d. High-barrier shelter for homeless _____
 - e. Low-barrier shelter _____
 - f. What suggestions do you have for ensuring the safety and well-being of the residents of OSOVCC Area:
 1. In the area of the of the homeless shelter _____

 2. For the surrounding community _____

9. What physical measures, like fencing and/or in terms of management like 24-hour on-site staff, would need to be in place to address your concerns about housing for people experiencing homelessness in the OSOV area?

10. Do you have any suggestions for locations in the OSOVCC area that the Municipality could use to provide shelter for people experiencing homelessness?

11. Any other comments, concerns, or questions?

I am compiling the results in a spreadsheet on Monday, August 14, 2023. We will discuss the responses at the next South Anchorage District meeting.

Joan,
OSOVCC, President

PLEASE SHARE THIS SURVEY WITH OTHER OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESIDENTS OR BUSINESSES THAT YOU MAY KNOW AND ASK THEM TO EMAIL THEIR RESPONSES BACK BY 6 PM ON Monday, August 14, 2023, to: osovcommunitycouncil@gmail.com