

# Emergency Shelters Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Case Nos. 24ORD-00021 and 24ORD-00022

County Board of Supervisors  
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# Background

- State requirements
  - Capacity to accommodate homeless P-I-T count through 2023-2031 housing cycle
  - Objective standards for emergency shelters
  - Updated definitions of “low barrier navigation center” and “emergency shelter”
- Program 9 of Housing Element Update



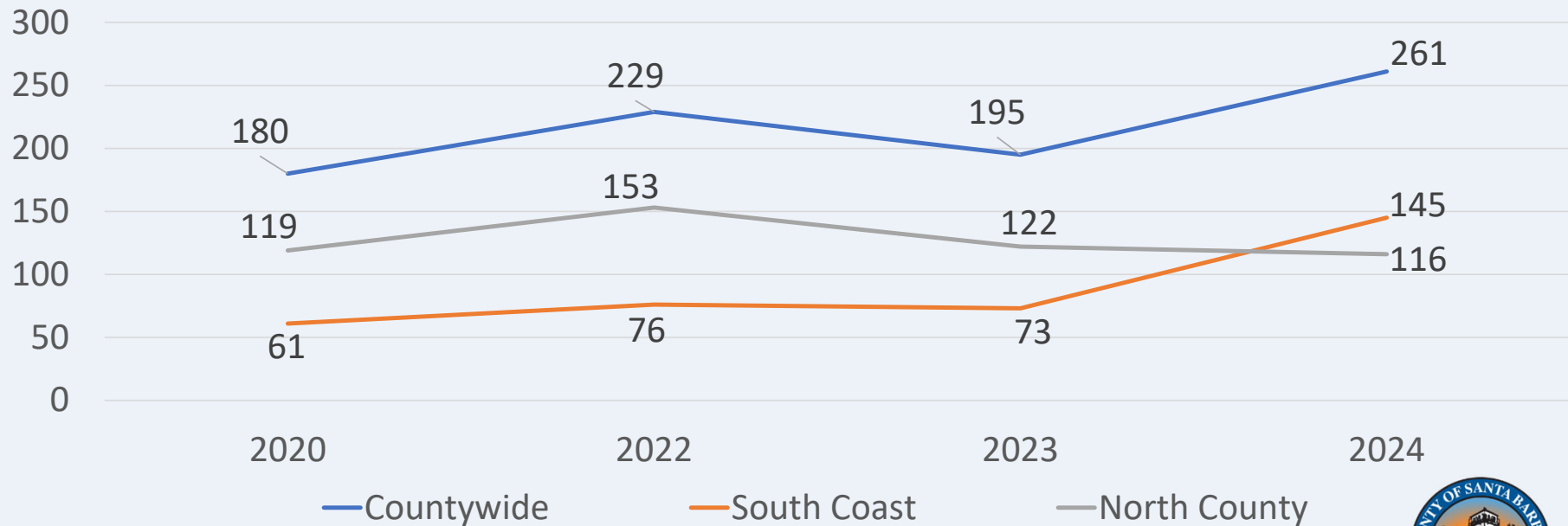
# Project Overview

- Rely on existing emergency shelter capacity
  - No amendments to current permitting requirements
- Proposed Amendments
  - Four objective standards
  - Amend definitions of “emergency shelter” and “low barrier navigation center”

# EXISTING EMERGENCY SHELTER CAPACITY

# Santa Barbara County Point-in-Time Count (2020-2024)

Number of Homeless Persons in Unincorporated County by Year



## Existing Capacity – Total Sites

Operator/Manager	Project Name	City/ Unincorporated Area	Contract Termination Date	Beds
Good Samaritan Shelter	Santa Barbara Street Village	City of Santa Barbara	06/30/2027	34
Good Samaritan Shelter	Hope Village	City of Santa Maria	12/31/2028	97
Good Samaritan Shelter	Hedges House of Hope	Isla Vista (unincorporated)	-	45
Good Samaritan Shelter	BH Pallet Shelter (at Bridgehouse)	Lompoc Area (unincorporated)	-	20
Good Samaritan Shelter	Bridgehouse	Lompoc Area (unincorporated)	-	70
Good Samaritan Shelter	La Posada	Goleta Valley (unincorporated)	03/31/2029	80
Domestic Violence Solutions	Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter	Goleta Valley (unincorporated)	-	25
Total				371

## Future Capacity – Total Sites

Operator/Manager	Project Name	City/ Unincorporated Area	Contract Termination Date	Beds
Good Samaritan Shelter	Santa Barbara Street Village	City of Santa Barbara	06/30/2027	(-34)
Good Samaritan Shelter	Hope Village	City of Santa Maria	12/31/2028	(-97)
Good Samaritan Shelter	Hedges House of Hope	Isla Vista (unincorporated)	-	45
Good Samaritan Shelter	BH Pallet Shelter (at Bridgehouse)	Lompoc Area (unincorporated)	-	20
Good Samaritan Shelter	Bridgehouse	Lompoc Area (unincorporated)	-	70
Good Samaritan Shelter	La Posada	Goleta Valley (unincorporated)	03/31/2029	(-80)
Domestic Violence Solutions	Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter	Goleta Valley (unincorporated)	-	25
Total				160

# Future Action to Address Potential Shortfall

- One or more actions in mid-2028
  - Identify County-owned site(s) for emergency shelters
  - Extend existing contracts for emergency shelters
  - Amend LUDC and/or CZO to allow emergency shelters ministerially

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

# Objective Standards

1. Sufficient parking
2. Size/location of waiting/client intake areas
3. Onsite management
4. Proximity to other emergency shelters

# Definitions

- Emergency Shelter: “... may include other interim interventions, including but not limited to, navigation centers, bridge housing, and respite or recuperative care.”
- Low Barrier Navigation Center: “... non-congregate and relocatable.”

# Environmental Review

- CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15265
  - No significant environmental impacts

# Recommendations

1. Make the required findings for approval (Attachment A)
2. Determine the project is exempt from CEQA (Attachment B)
3. Approve the Emergency Shelter Zoning Ordinance Amendments by adopting the ordinances (Attachments C and D)
4. Adopt a resolution (Attachment H) authorizing P&D to submit the coastal amendments to the California Coastal Commission
5. Direct P&D to transmit the adopted resolution to the Coastal Commission



# Questions?