

Coming Together To Support Those Who Are Unhoused In Our Community

Our city is made of caring, community-focused, and innovative entrepreneurs with an eye toward the future, ready to make a difference in the lives of others today. We all share a commitment to positively impacting our city for the next generation. There are members and families in our community experiencing homelessness and need help. That's why our team at the Paso Robles Chamber has stepped up to partner with the City of Paso Robles to work on solutions to help those in our community that are unhoused.

Together, our goal is to help our neighbors experiencing homelessness by exploring and analyzing homelessness within our community. So, we'll be conducting the Paso Robles Unhoused Population Futures Study over the next couple of months. This study is meant to complement the incredible work already being done by several local organizations working diligently to support those that are unhoused. This will be a guided process led by an independent consultant from March through May, culminating in a report submitted to the Paso Robles City Council.

The Paso Robles Unhoused Population Futures Study is currently underway and supported by a diverse group of twenty individuals passionate about helping their community. They are behavioral and mental health workers, bankers, winery owners, realtors, hoteliers, and even the executive director of our local homeless shelter. These community members have come together to work with the Paso Robles Chamber on this study.

Studies like the Paso Robles Unhoused Population Futures Study are robust, holistic, and systematic ways to evaluate how past and present events have impacted trends related to a challenge. As we learn historically how events and trends became interconnected, we can anticipate how future events may or may not shape trends moving forward. From this understanding, the study can develop realistic future scenarios regarding homelessness that can be used to support the city's next steps moving forward.

By coming together, we can support those experiencing homelessness, and the Paso Robles Unhoused Population Futures Study will help inform the next steps we can take to help.

- Gina Fitzpatrick, President & CEO of the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce