



# Homeless Services Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

**City Council Study Session**  
**March 30, 2021**





# OVERVIEW



- Updates
  - Hygiene Station Pilot Program
  - Trash and Debris Pilot Programs
  - Draft 5-Year City Homeless Strategy
- Recommendation
  - Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Site



# BACKGROUND



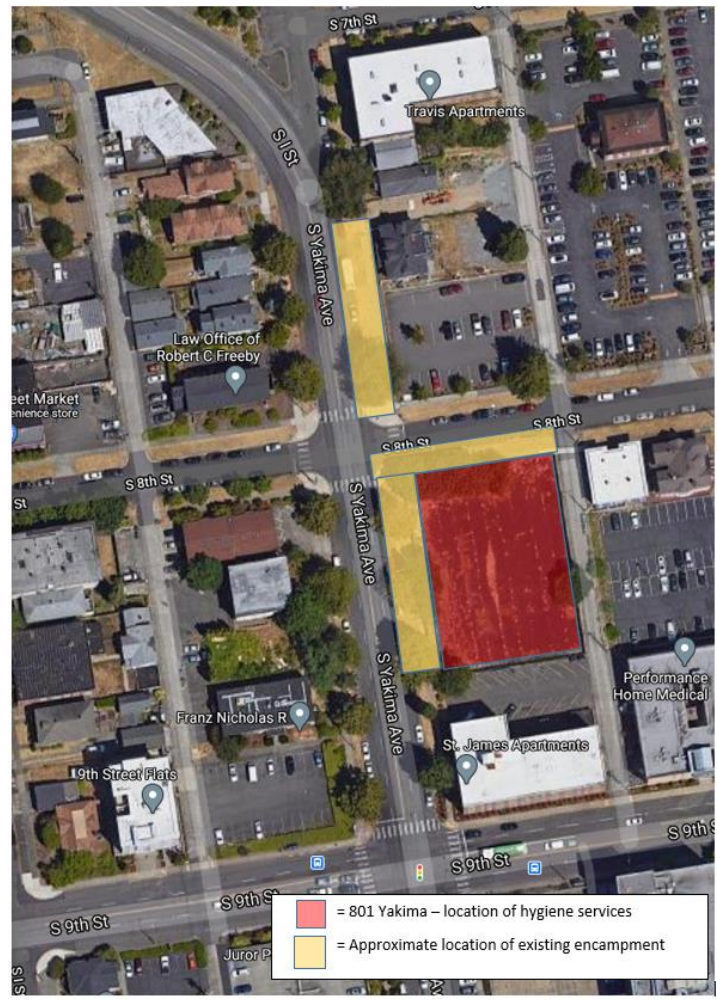
- 2/23/21 Study Session Update
  - COVID 19 Impacts
  - Shelter Inventory in Tacoma
  - Homeless Strategy



# Hygiene Station Pilot Program

## Services:

- Restrooms
- Hand washing stations
- Trash removal
- Security 6 PM – 6 AM



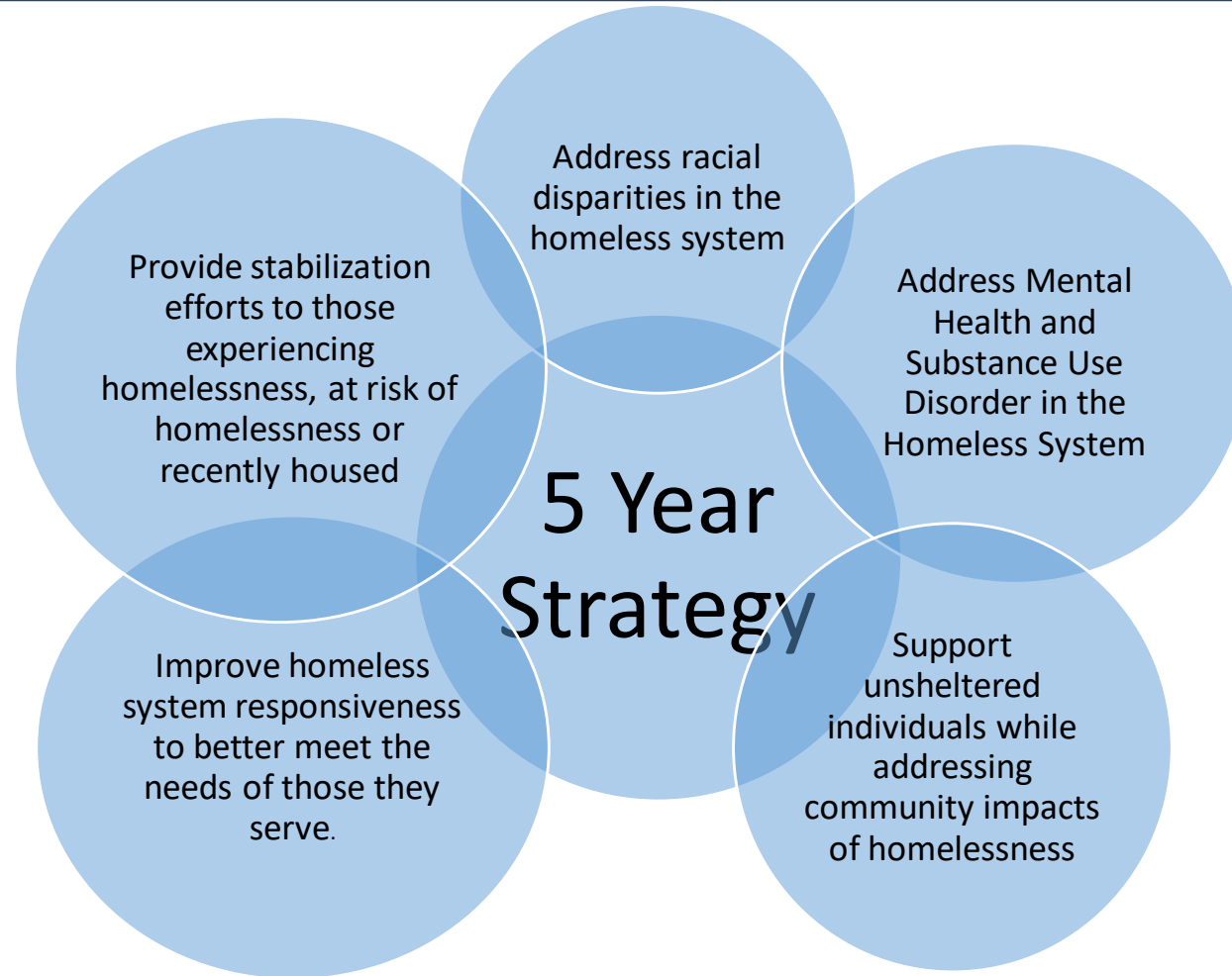


# Trash and Debris Pilot Programs

- Bio-hazardous waste removal
  - Pilot March-May
- Litter and debris removal in rights of way
  - Pilot March-June
- HIRE program employing individuals experiencing homelessness for litter and debris removal and landscape beautification skills training
  - Pilot April-December



# Draft 5-Year Homeless Strategy



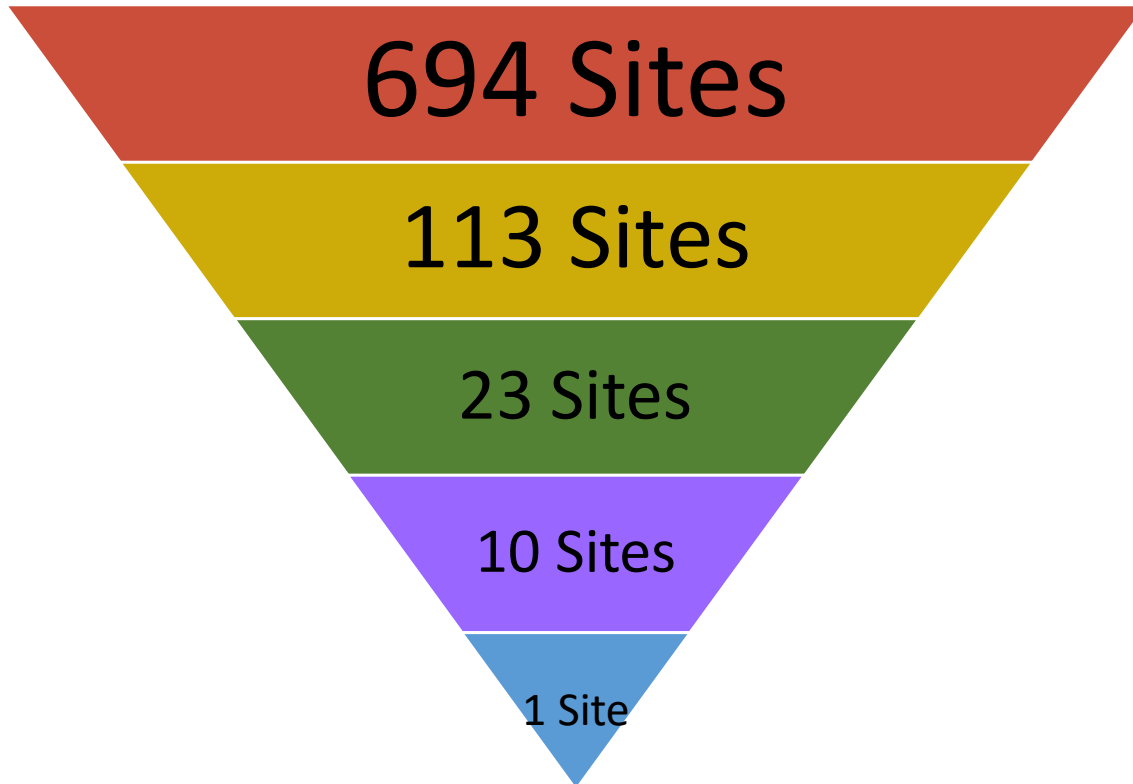
The City's 5-Year Strategy will Identify Effective Actions to Attain Outcomes



# Draft 5-Year Homeless Strategy

- Community Engagement – Individuals with lived experience, advocates, providers, and community members through listening session, presentations with Q&A, and surveys.
- Timeline
  - Draft back to Council in April
  - NCS will have the draft substantially completed by September 2021.

# Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Location Analysis



All General Government and TPU Properties in Pierce County

Reviewed for outdoor space, at least 15,000 square feet and decent topography

Reviewed for adjacency to waterways, easy access to services, adjacency to transportation, community impact

Reviewed for operational uses/concerns

Understanding Community Impact and Potential Future Use is Required



# Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Location Recommendation



## Site Features:

- Size: 96,000 square feet
- No current operational uses
- Transit within 5 min walk
- Flexibility for future shelter use

## **S. 69<sup>th</sup> and Proctor**

The Recommended Location Represents Greatest Opportunity for Success



# Next Steps



## Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Site

- Clarify Council support for recommendation
- Site preparation and service planning
- Community engagement
- Encampment outreach

## 5 Year Strategy

- Continue engagement
- Survey to individuals with lived experience



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- Next Council update April
- Discussion and Questions



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