A Town Hall Meeting on Homelessness in Sacramento

SEIU Local 1000
Sacramento Area Congregations Together
Loaves and Fishes

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Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
2620 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, California

Since 1991, Sacramento Area Congregations Together (Sacramento ACT) has been the public voice of the progressive faith community. Today, ACT's 56 member congregations and the 60,000 families we represent draw on our shared faith values as we lift up voices that are often silenced in our community: youth, communities of color, immigrants, homeless residents and new voters.

Within ACT, subgroups of congregations work to improve education and safety in our community, increase access to healthcare, end the 'school to prison pipeline' and push for police accountability, eliminate homelessness and support human services, advocate for immigrants and refugees, and engage voters to vote their values.

We work tirelessly to urge the City and County of Sacramento to develop a comprehensive plan to end the crisis of homelessness. Because our region currently has no coordinated roadmap, the system is a navigational nightmare for those who are homeless and those who wish to help. Unconscionably high numbers of people are falling through the cracks. Often our work involves meeting with key elected officials or speaking before the city council or Board of Supervisors.

Everyone who is interested in working for system change is invited to join us!

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**Types of Housing for Homeless People**

| Type	Description
Encampments	Informal housing with no sanitary facilities or supportive services created by unsheltered homeless.
Emergency Shelter	Safe, clean place to stay for persons in need of shelter with a strong focus on immediate placement into housing and linkage to services.
Transitional Housing	Project-based, time-limited housing with services targeted to homeless adults in recovery.
Rapid rehousing	Short-term financial assistance to help individuals and families who have fallen into homelessness and assist their rapid return to a permanent housing situation. Subsidies are often limited to 6-12 months. Programs try to tailor that assistance to the needs and abilities of participants to meet their obligations
Permanent Supportive Housing	*Purpose-built or single-site housing*: Apartment buildings designed to primarily serve tenants who are formerly homeless with onsite support services.
	Scattered-site housing: Apartments in private market or general affordable housing apartment buildings released by or on behalf of homeless persons using rental subsidies. Services from visiting staff or in other settings.
	*Unit set-asides***:** Affordable housing owners agree to lease a designated number or set of apartments to tenants who have exited homelessness or who have service needs, and partner with supportive services providers.

Source: Adapted from HUD Definitions
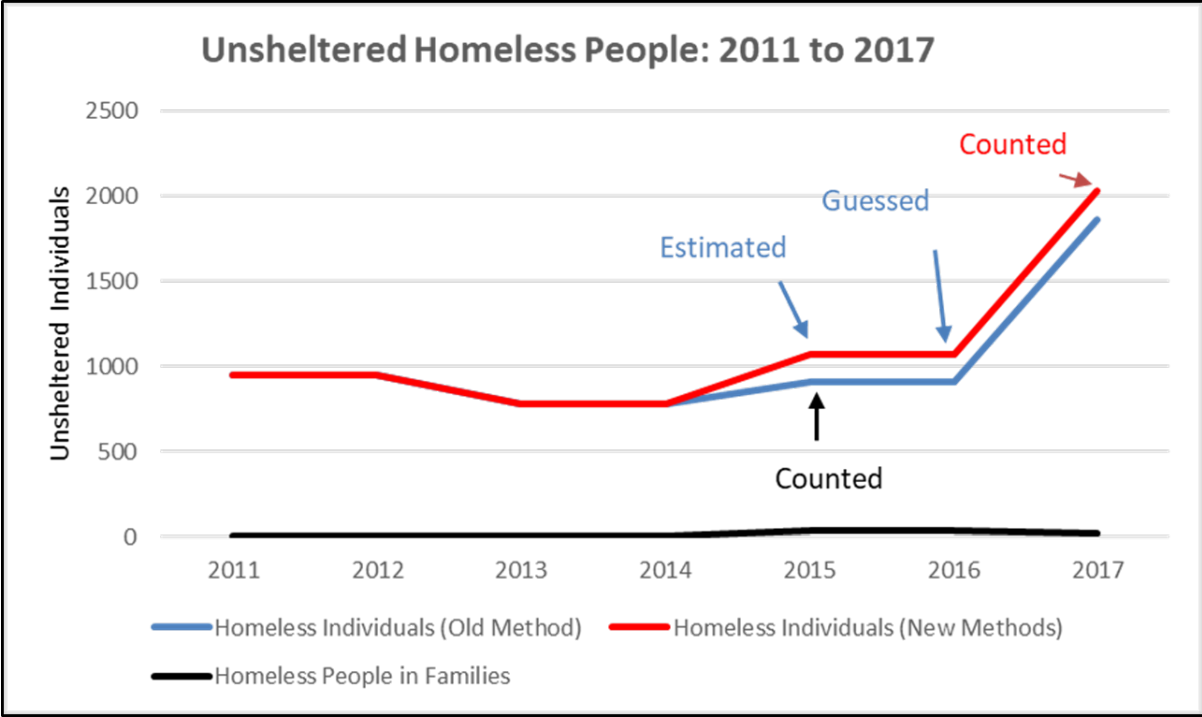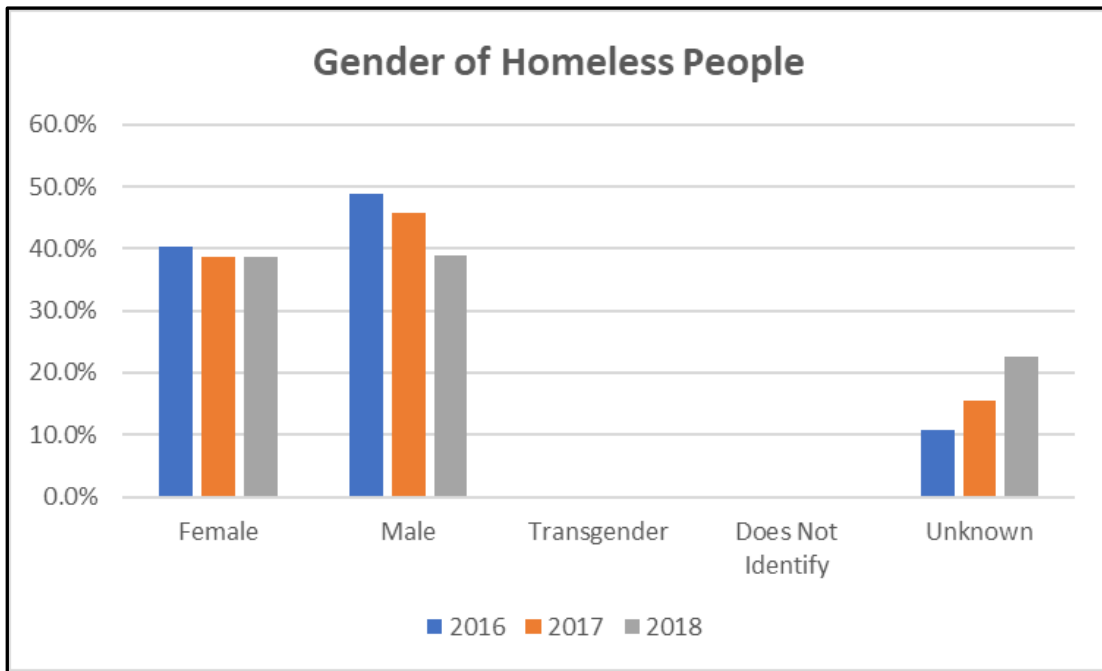
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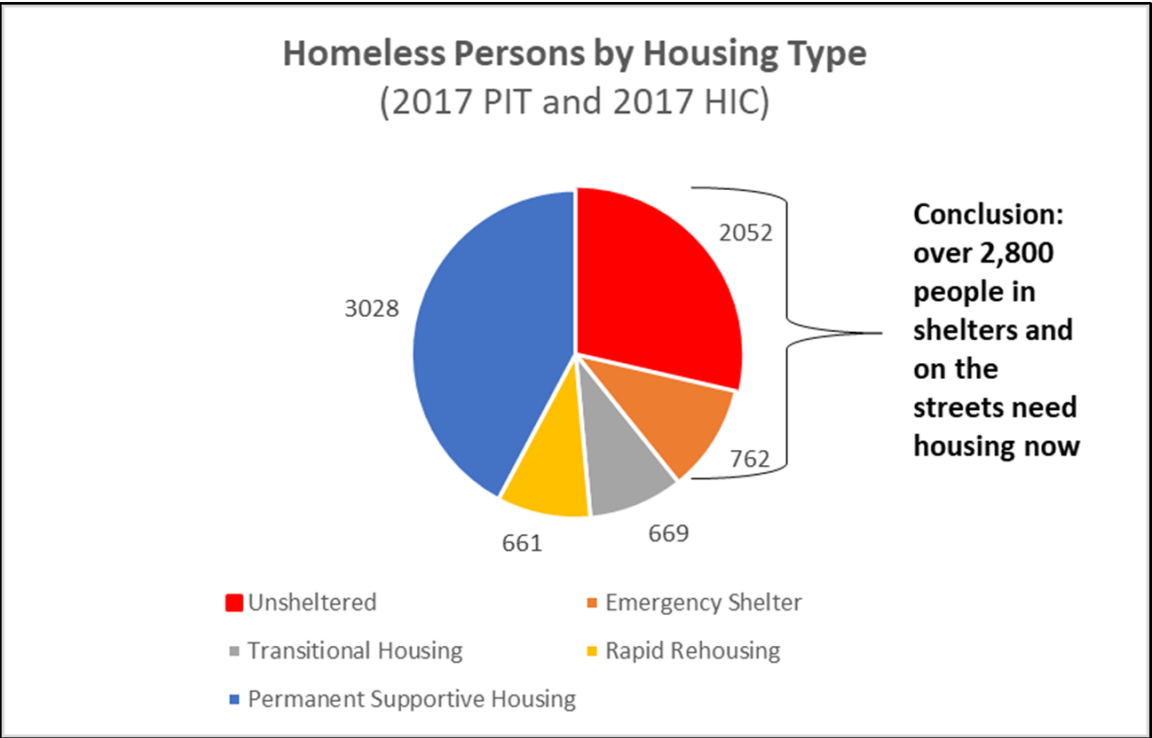
Source: HUD – Point in Time and Housing Inventory Count Data for 2017

Racial Composition of Homeless People vs General Population
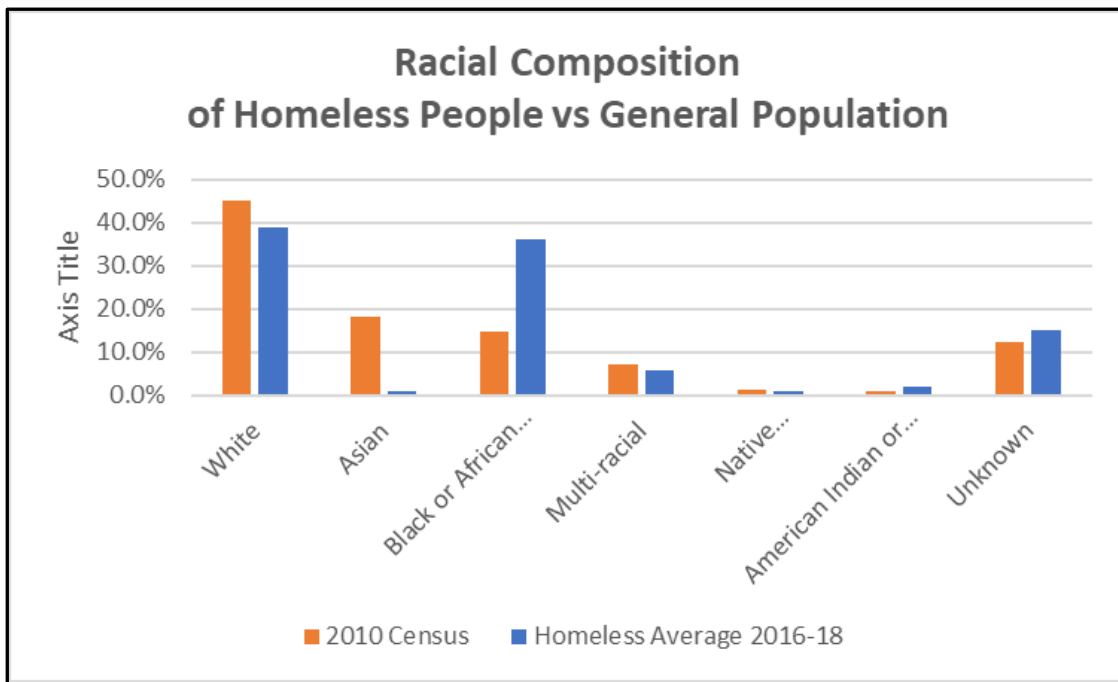
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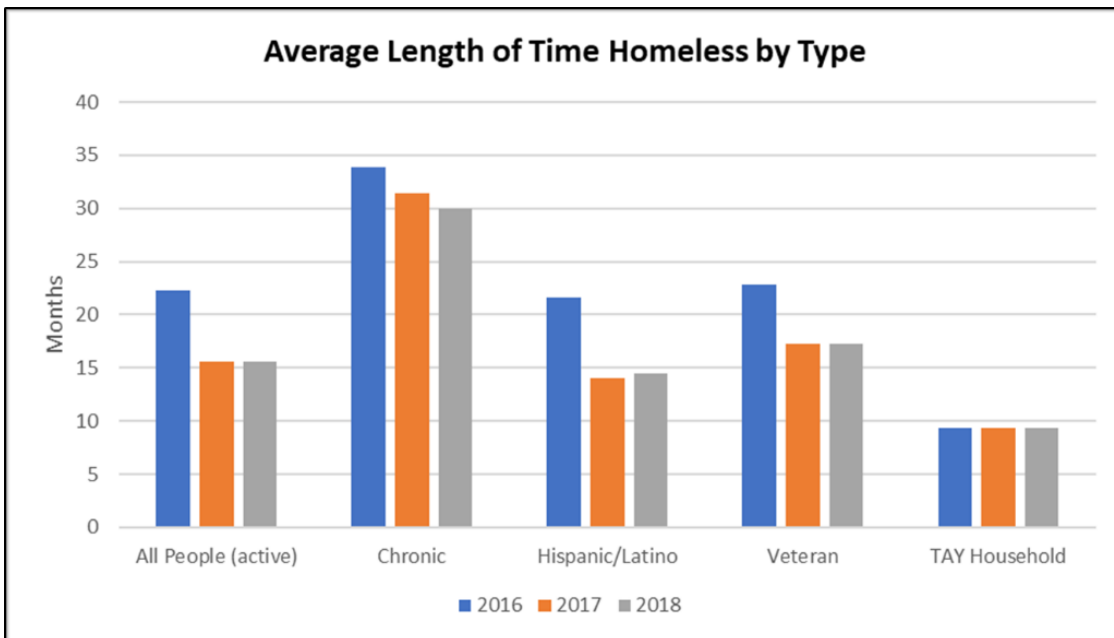
Average Length of Time Homeless by Type

Source: Sacramento Steps Forward HMIS (Annual Master List)

Gender of Homeless People

Source: Sacramento Steps Forward HMIS (Annual Master List)

Trend in Bed Capacity by Housing Type
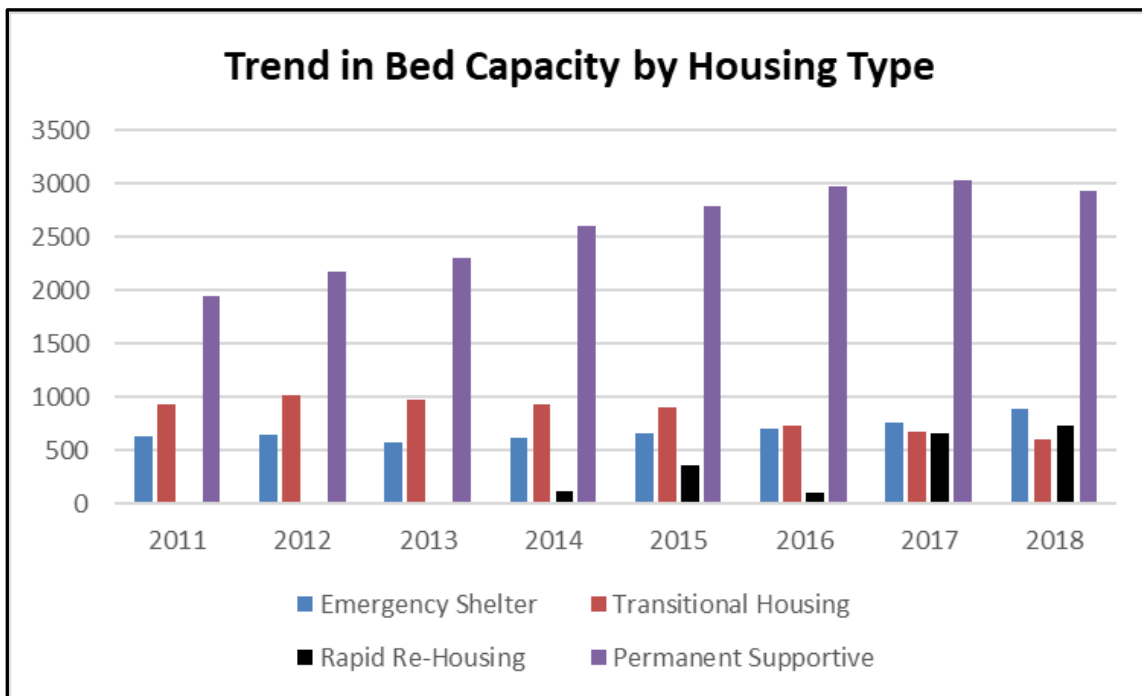
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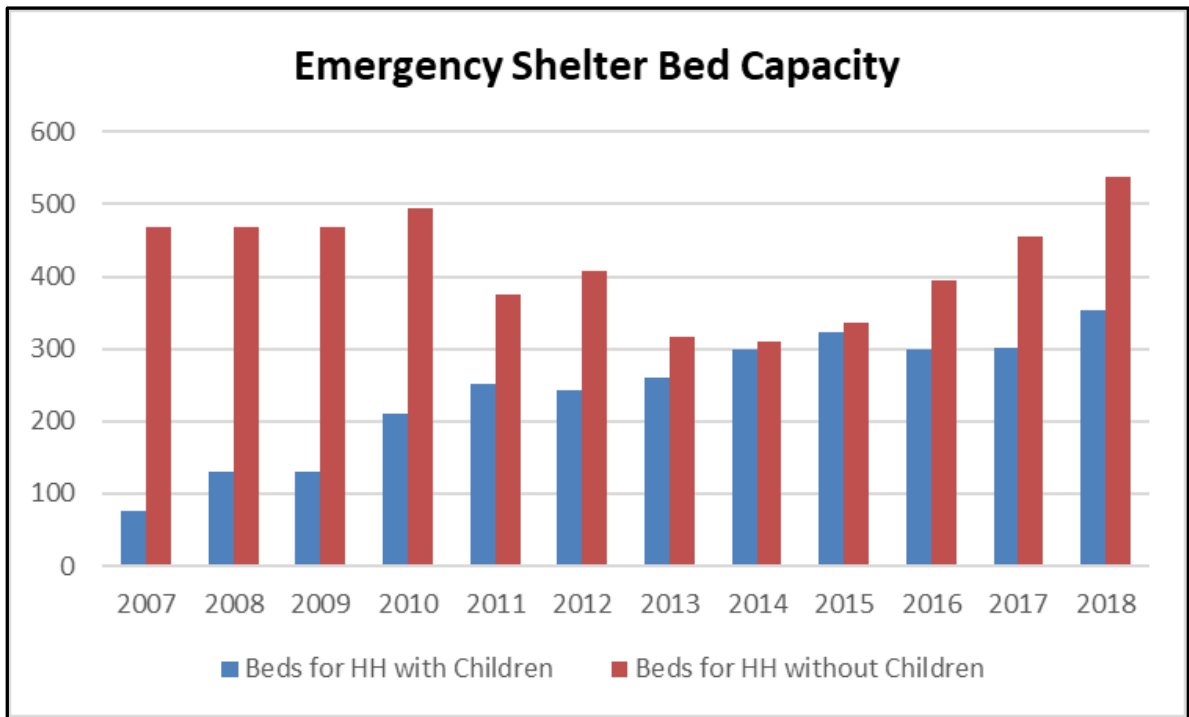
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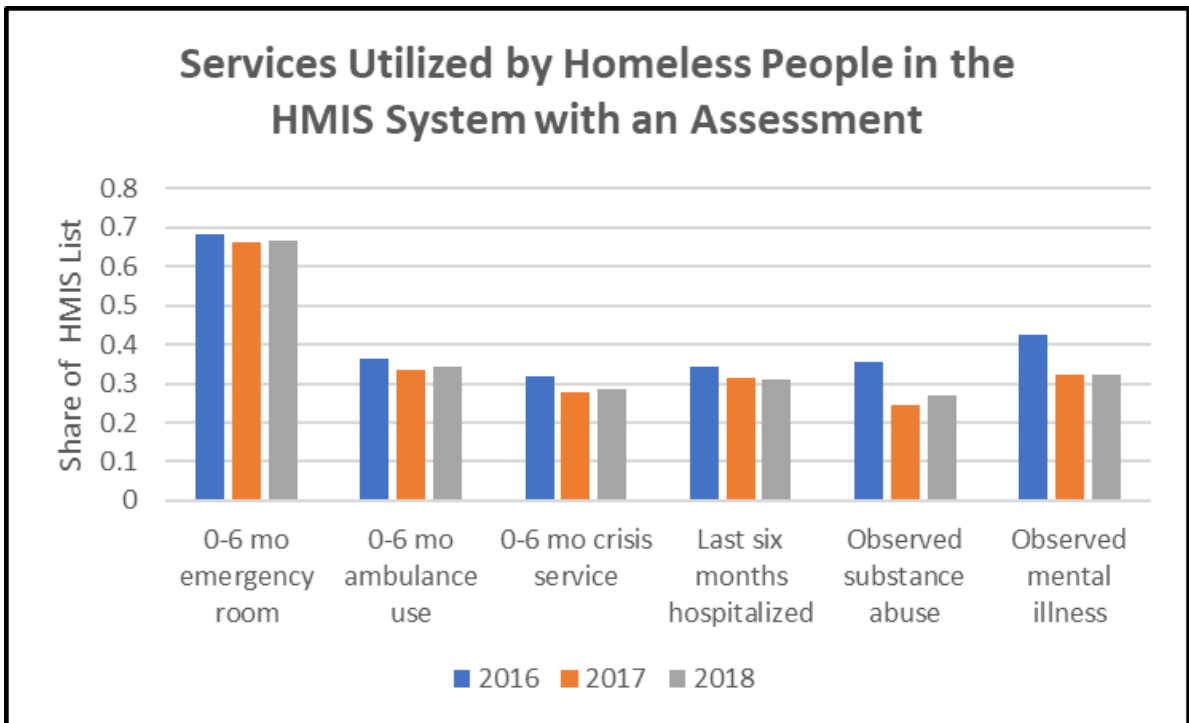
Source: Sacramento Steps Forward HMIS

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF DATA ABOUT HOMELESS PEOPLE

ACRONYM	SCOPE	AGENCY
PIT	*Point in Time Count* Every other odd-numbered year in January SSF counts homeless people, and surveys a sample to obtain detailed demographics.	SSF obtains consultant help to implement
HIC	*Housing Inventory Count* Each year in January SSF collects detailed information about the bed count from each housing operator and submits this to HUD	SSF collects data from housing operators
HMIS and Master List	*Homeless Management Information System* In compliance with HUD regulations, SSF operates a database which serves as a "master list" of every homeless person with whom service providers are in contact, or have been in contact in the recent past. A subset of this list has been assessed to determine individual service needs. This database has numerous uses to track the progress of people already in various types of housing with supportive services, as well as determine the need for capacity expansion to serve those people still unsheltered.	SSF operates a database of information obtained from navigators, housing and service providers

A Few Key Websites for further Information:

Sacramento Steps Forward

https://sacramentostepsforward.org//wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2017-Annual-Report-FINAL-1.pdf

County of Sacramento Enhanced Programs Starting Fall 2017

http://www.saccounty.net/Homelessness/Pages/default.aspx

City of Sacramento Homeless Programs

https://sacramento.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=22&clip_id=4338&meta_id=545998