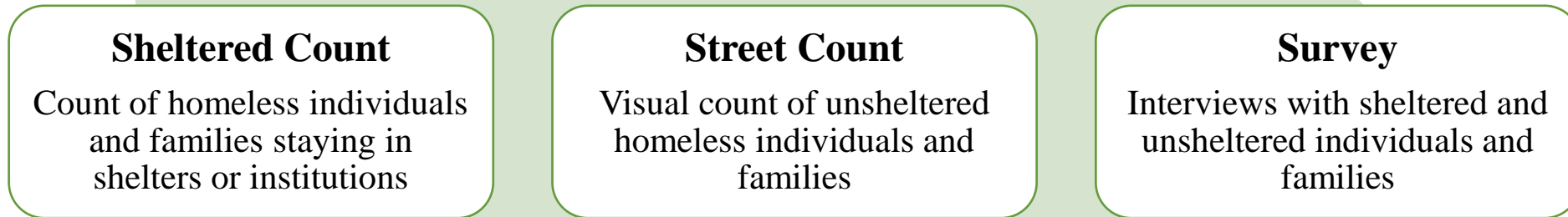# San Francisco
2019 Point-in-Time Homeless Count

What is the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count?

- The Point-in-Time Count is an effort to measure the prevalence of homelessness in our community and collect information on individuals and families residing in emergency shelters and transitional housing, as well as people sleeping on the streets, in cars, in abandoned properties, or in other places not meant for human habitation.

- The count includes several components:

Sheltered Count	**Street Count**	**Survey**
Count of homeless individuals and families staying in shelters or institutions	Visual count of unsheltered homeless individuals and families	Interviews with sheltered and unsheltered individuals and families

Why conduct the PIT Count?

Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts of all persons experiencing homelessness are required to take place during the last 10 days of January by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PIT Counts…

- Increases community understanding of homelessness

- Impacts funding for homeless services, and meets federal data reporting requirements

- Generates data regarding individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community

Who conducts the PIT Count?

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2017 HOMELESS COUNT & SURVEY
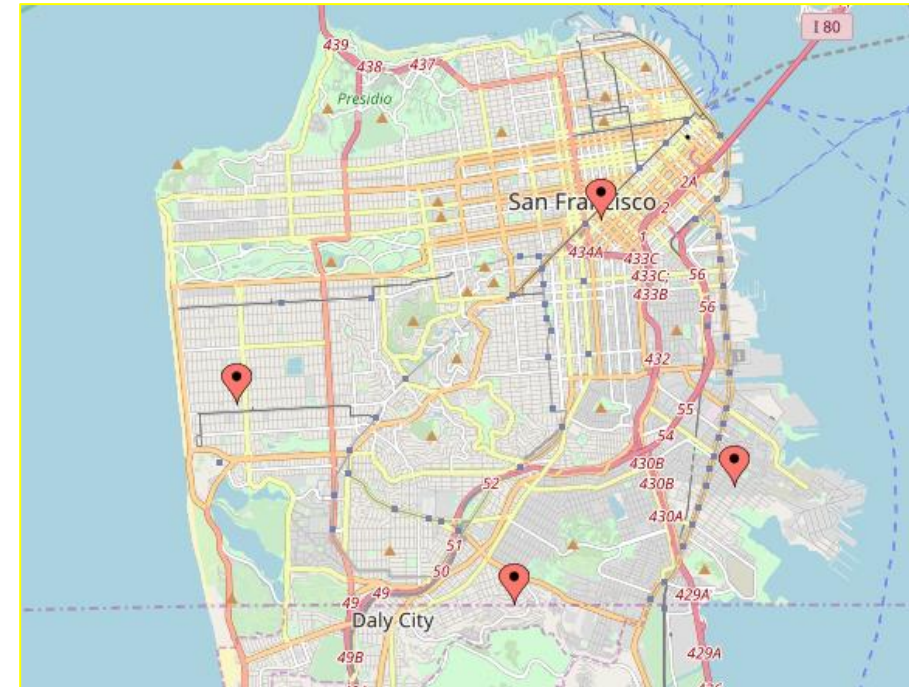COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

- HSH works with a consultant, Applied Survey Research (ASR), to conduct the PIT Count

- ASR is non-profit social research firm who has conducted the SF PIT Count since 2009

- Volunteers from the general public

- Partners from various city departments

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Street Count

- What is the street count?
  - A visual count of the city's unsheltered population

- How is the count conducted?
  - Volunteer teams of 2-3 are assigned a specific route along which they count the people they see

- Where does the count take place?
  - The count covers the entire city

- When is the count?
  - Thursday, January 24th from 7pm-12am

Sheltered Count

- What is the sheltered count?
  - A count of individuals and families staying in shelters, transitional housing, safe havens, resource centers, stabilization rooms, residential programs, hospital, or county jails

- When is the sheltered count?
  - The night of January 24th (corresponds with the Street Count)

- How is the shelter count conducted?
  - A designated point of contact at each site fills out an online survey indicating the number of individuals they are serving on the night of January 24th

Survey

- What is the survey?
  - Interviews are conducted with both sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families
- Where is the survey conducted?
  - Surveys will be conducted with individuals throughout the city
- When is the survey conducted?
  - Over the course 2-3 weeks following the PIT count
- How is the survey conducted?
  - Transitional housing surveys will be conducted by program providers
  - Street and emergency shelter surveys will be conducted by homeless youth and adults

Youth Count

- Why conduct a separate Youth Count?
  - To improve data on the extent of youth homelessness.

- Who conducts the Youth Count?
  - Trained youth counters who are currently or recently experienced homelessness

- When is the Count conducted?
  - January 24, 2019

- Is there a survey component for the Youth Count?
  - Yes, there are supplemental survey questions for youth

Changes to the 2019 Count

Our goal is to keep methodology as consistent to previous counts as possible

- Disaggregate the response choice highlighted below

1. Where were you staying on the night of January 26th? (Shade 1)
   - ○ Backyard or storage structure
   - ○ Outdoors/streets/parks/tent/beach
   - ○ Transitional housing
   - ○ Motel/hotel
   - ○ Emergency shelter
   - ○ A place in a house not normally used for sleeping (kitchen, foyer, hallway) or unconverted garage
   - ○ Public facility (train station, transit center, bus depot)
   - ○ Van
   - ○ Automobile/car/truck
   - ○ Camper/RV
   - ○ Abandoned building/squat _____
   - ○ Encampment

   1a. How many people, including yourself, usually stay there?

   - ○ Other: _____

- Adding San Joaquin County as a response choice to the following question:

1. Where were you living at the time you most recently became homeless? (Shade 1)
   - ○ San Francisco
   - ○ Alameda County
   - ○ Contra Costa County
   - ○ San Mateo County
   - ○ Marin County
   - ○ Santa Clara County
   - ○ Other County in CA
   - ○ Out of State

How do I get involved?

Volunteer registration is live!
Visit http://hsh.sfgov.org/events/ to register

Questions

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