Siting Shelters in San Francisco

- There are no perfect sites.

- The ability to successfully open much needed shelter capacity, depends on creativity and problem-solving.

- Stringent shelter siting protocols empower community resistance.

- Determining a site for shelter requires trade-offs and site-specific cost benefit analyses.
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Site selection: geographic distribution of locations considered for shelter
Site Factors for Consideration

- Capital investments
- Timeline / availability of site
- Minimum of 100 sq/ft per person
- Publicly owned sites preferred (but leases possible)
- Zoning
- Outdoor space
- Utilities – time and difficulty to install
- Lease structure / cost
- Proximity to public transportation
- Proximity to other shelters / navigation centers
- Proximity to areas with high concentration of people experiencing homelessness
- Community impact
- Construction requirements

Decisions to move forward on a site are made with these factors taken into consideration.
Process

- Review possible sites
- Site visits
- Fit tests
- Construction and operation budget
- Review of schedule /availability
- Analysis of all contributing factors
- Discussion with BoS member
- Community outreach and engagement
- Contracting with a service provider
Shelter Siting Team

- Mayor’s Office
- Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing
- Real Estate Division
- San Francisco Public Works
1,000 Shelter Bed Initiative

Goal: Open 1,000 new temporary shelter beds by the end of 2020.

Progress: 366 new beds open
- Bryant St Navigation Center (84 beds)
- Bayshore Navigation Center (128 beds)
- Hummingbird (14 beds)
- Division Circle Expansion (60 beds)
- Civic Center Hotel Expansion (20 beds)

Pipeline: 424 new beds in the Pipeline (already announced)
- Jelani House
- Embarcadero SAFE Navigation Center
- Bayview SAFE Navigation Center
Priorities

1,000 Shelter Bed Initiative:
- Expand temporary shelter capacity
- Open replace the mats at Providence with a new full-service 24/7 shelter in the Bayview
- Open a TAY Navigation Center

Other Projects:
- Meth sobering center
- Hummingbird expansion (behavioral health respite)
- Safe Parking (Balboa)
- Treatment beds