

# Strategies for Addressing Homelessness in Fairfax

Fairfax Town Council Meeting  
November 6, 2024

# Discussion Process

## Council Subcommittee Report

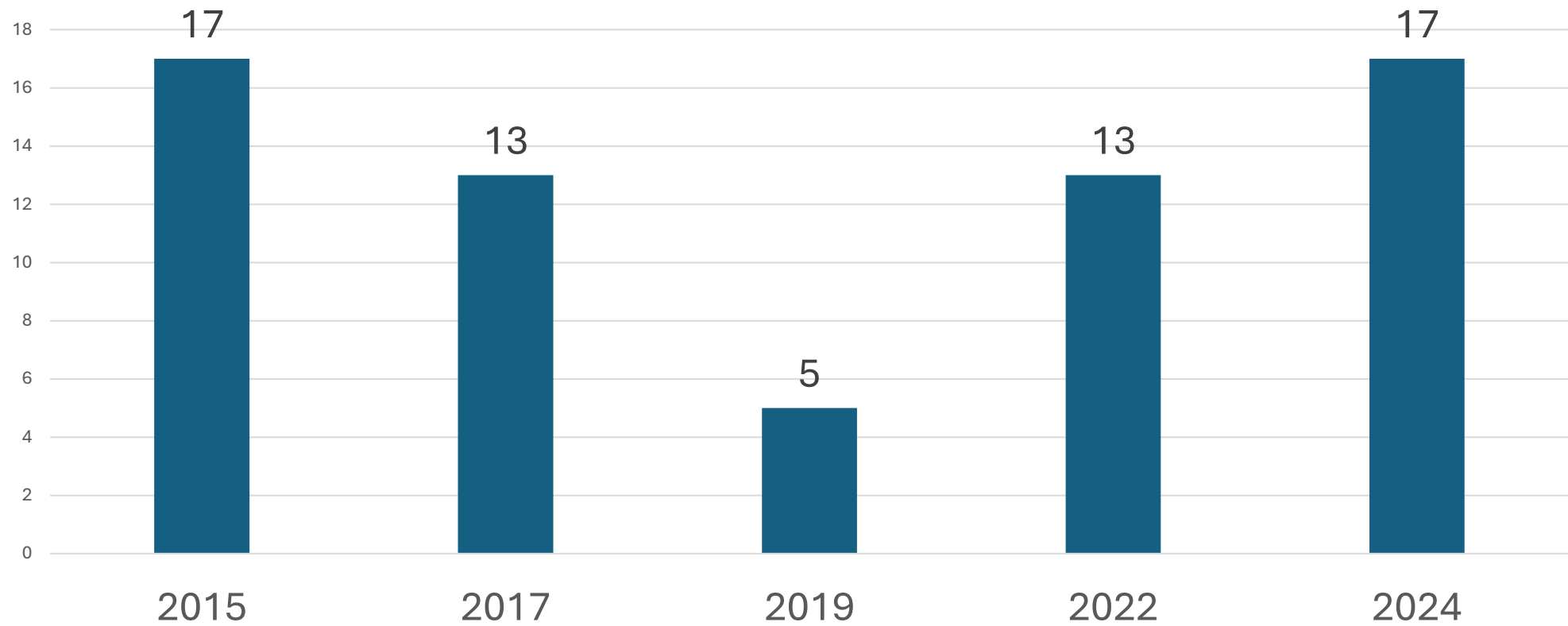
- Ongoing efforts to address homelessness
- Recent developments to consider
  - Grants Pass decision June 28, 2024
  - Newsom Executive Order to State Agencies July 24, 2024

## Discussion of Police Press Logs

## Next Steps

- Fairfax exploring many options for effective and humane resolution
- Recommendations for future Council and staff actions

# Fairfax's Homeless Population Over Time



Source: Marin County Point in Time Count Reports

# Timeline

<b>2018</b>	<b>Martin V. Boise, Johnson v. Grants Pass, 9th circuit decisions</b>
2021	Fairfax encampment starts
.....	(2 initial campers housed)
October 2023	Fairfax Ad Hoc Homelessness Subcommittee formed
January 2024	Homeless Point-in-Time Count conducted
April 2024	3 camp residents enrolled in case management program
<b>June 28, 2024</b>	<b>Supreme Court overturns Grants Pass Decision</b>
<b>July 25, 2024</b>	<b>Governor Newsom's Executive Order issued</b>
October 2024	Fairfax Ad Hoc Homelessness Subcommittee report

## Current services

- Outreach visits
- Case management visits
- Police visits
- Shower program
- Coordination with Public Works Department
- Public restroom at Police Station open 24/7

# Challenges

Few Shelter Openings

Lack of Affordable Housing

Shortage of Housing Vouchers

Shelter not Appropriate for  
Everyone

# Considerations for Taking Action

Concerns of vulnerable minority

Concerns of housed community  
members

Avoiding Excessive Costs / Liability

Responsibility to Greater Marin

Unintended Consequences

# Potential Strategies

- Sanctioned encampment
- Build or purchase a building for shelter
- Long-term encampment resolution strategy
- Anti-camping ordinance