

## Synopsis of All Public Comments Received During the Five Year Consolidated Planning Process

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		There is a need for more “support” after homeowners are assisted.		<p>X</p>			
		More assistance is needed helping existing homeowners with budgeting and maintenance issues.		<p>X</p>			

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The preservation of existing housing is the only way to maintain affordability. Increasing the property value limitations and streamlining the multi-step application process would help customers.	X			
Demand all landlords adhere to codes and housing standards.		X		
Put together a comprehensive plan to assist with placing those in mobile homes in other types of housing.	X			

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Provide lots in areas needing rehabilitation to a provider, such as Habitat for Humanity, to spur other homeowners in that area to upgrade.			X		
Need to address WIN Program qualification issues.			X		
Need to stress green building and alternative energy sources.			X		
Provide down payment and closing cost assistance by using 0% due on sale loan rather than forgiven loans.			X		

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Because much of the city's housing stock is older, this creates equally large utility bills – there needs to be some type of incentive program that encourages property improvements that result in the lowering of utility bills.		X		
Homeownership helps create wealth and pride in our communities. The "menu" of programs available is great. The streamlining of existing programs and allowing certain underwriting flexibility would allow for more people to be served.		X		
Provide specific homeownership assistance to individuals with disabilities.	X			

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There is a need for more affordable rental housing that is well managed.		X		
There is a need for more capacity within non-profit organizations to provide homeownership counseling.		X		
The process for qualifying buyers needs to be streamlined.		X		
Use intergenerational village concept including co-ops.	X			

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Increase the number of rental units and design “garden style” complexes, as opposed to bleak high rises.		X		
Provide a window of available programs to renters that enable them to own a home.	X			
Provide more supportive housing for disabled and mentally ill individuals.	X			
Increase affordable housing units for all income levels, especially low, very-low and moderately-low income groups.	X			

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There needs to be more emphasis on assisting very-low income families.	X			
There needs to be more education about predatory lending.		X		
The best way to increase homeownership opportunities is to partner with other private non-profit housing agencies to offer training to their clients.	X			
There needs to be more education to home buyers with regard to all the costs involved with being a home owner.		X		

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There is a need for more rentals with a special concentration and subsidies for people and families <50% MFI & special needs populations.	X			
There is a need for more 3-bedroom affordable rental apartments.		X		
More elderly supportive housing is needed.		X		
There needs to be more programs that assist people with “move-in” costs (like deposits etc.).	X			



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There needs to be a transition program for people moving from assisted/transitional housing to rental to homeownership.	X			
There needs to be better codes enforcement with regard to rental housing.			X	
Don't sell Graham-Rogall.			X	
There needs to be more Section 8-type housing for people in transitional housing.	X			
Ensure fair housing accessibility standards are enforced.	X			

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Public Housing - Capital Improvements.			X			
Public Housing - Affordable Housing w/ mixed income and mixed financing.			X			
Public Housing - Homeownership.			X			
Public Housing - Safety/Crime Prevention/Drug Elimination.					X	
Public Housing - Summer Youth Activities.					X	

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Public Housing - Resident Services/Family Self Sufficiency.					X	

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Support implementation of the Dome Industrial Plan.	X			
Continue to support job training programs for low- and moderate-income persons.	X			
Redevelop Jordan Park School.	X			
Support the Tangerine Avenue Community Redevelopment Area project.	X			
Consider development of therapeutic recreation facility <i>(multiple comments listed below)</i> . There is a need to create a center for therapeutic recreation. There is a concern that children with behavioral problems cannot attend the City's recreation centers, because of their behavior and the City should create a center that cares for children with those types of specific needs. There is a need for more education related to children with behavioral problems. There is a need to provide a facility for therapeutic recreation services.	X			
More focus needs to occur with regard to economic development.			X	

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Economic development is vital – good jobs, quality opportunities, as well as a broad continuum of jobs makes for a stronger community.	X			
More job creation for people, especially people living in the Midtown area.	X			
Need more jobs created in the downtown and Midtown areas.	X			
4th Street needs to become a tourist destination (upscale) with resultant increase in service sector job opportunities.			X	
Provide job training for people with disabilities.			X	
Look outside the box – come to the Citizens Taskforce on Brownfields for ideas.			X	
Provide funding to sustain new projects or ones that have already been created, so that the projects can really assist people i.e. The Drug Treatment Center.			X	

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Job services is a program that could be offered at a drop in center.		X		
The jobs created as a result of Consolidated Plan funding need to be within the community or near public transportation.		X		
There needs to be job programs that concentrate on those who are “employment challenged” – those people who can’t keep jobs and businesses need to be offered incentives to employee those people.			X	
The City needs it’s own minimum wage.			X	
The City needs to market to businesses who really want to create jobs for lower-income people.			X	
The City needs an inner-city Farmer’s Market – this was a blighted area that was converted to a marketplace.		X		

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There is a need to assist in the implementation of traffic plans in neighborhood planning areas.	X			
St. Petersburg needs to develop scooter and minibike parks where children can safely ride these devices.			X	
The laws need to be changed to allow scooters and minibikes to be ridden on sidewalks.			X	
The existing community centers and teen programs need to be strengthened.			X	
Continue to work with social service agencies.	X			
The City needs to re-evaluate parking in neighborhoods and near social service agencies – 2 hour parking discourages volunteers.			X	
Social service agencies need help with funding for operating costs like insurance that is stable for a number of years.		X		

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The City's three-year policy on funding agencies is unfair and poor management.		X		
There is a need for some type of mini-grant to pay for landscaping for small non-profits.			X	
Coordinated Child Care maintains the state/local-designated waiting list of families needing child care financial assistance while they work and/or attend school. There were 3,488 children on the waiting list as of June 30, 2004. The children are on the waiting list because of a lack of funding to help pay for their child care. Quality child care has begun to be viewed as an economic development issue by policy makers throughout the country because of the need for school-ready children and an educated workforce for the future, in addition to the fact that families need child care in order to work and/or attend school. Financial assistance for child care is also a critical support service for the Florida's welfare reform initiatives.			X	
Create a job support helpline for businesses and employees, with an emphasis on assisting the chronically and structurally unemployed retain their jobs.	X			



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There is a need to ensure accessibility throughout the city, including building inspectors.			X	

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Support for 2-1-1 as basic infrastructure for community information and referral and as specialized hotline for information and resources of affordable housing.	X			
Create a Housing Hotline for information on everything from emergency shelter to first time home ownership.	X			
Support the Homeless Management Information System (Tampa Bay Information Network aka TBIN).	X			

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Support and maintain the Community Voice Mail program that serves hundreds of St. Petersburg residents.	X			
Support the basic operation of 2-1-1.	X			
There is a need to work with PSTA to improve transportation services for very-low and disabled people. PSTA should be more responsive to the needs of our citizens.			X	
There is a need to increase housing and services for chronically mentally ill homeless people.	X			

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There is a need to increase accessibility in many of the social service agencies.				X	
The City should fund the operational match for the new Safe Haven.			X		
Past support has been wonderful – but there is never enough.			X		
Any possible expansion of funding would be greatly appreciated.			X		
This is one of the most important priority needs – chronically homeless, mentally ill and medical assistance are all needed.		X			

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There is a need for additional emergency, temporary, and short-term housing for men, women, families and special population groups.		X		
St. Petersburg needs a safe place for chronically homeless to begin their road to improving.		X		
There is a need for transitional housing for addict/alcoholics.		X		
There is a great need for operating funds for client necessities, i.e. personal hygiene etc.		X		
Youth services would be greatly enhanced by having a drop-in center where youth could access services to help them leave the streets.	X			

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Homeless families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. They need jobs, childcare, after school care, financial assistance and various housing and supportive services.	DRAFT	X			
Continued support for transitional living programs in vital	DRAFT	X			
The City should support street outreach programs that help homeless youth.	DRAFT	X			
Because 1/3 of the chronically homeless report they were runaways, during their youth, assistance should be provided to the youth to prevent future homelessness.	DRAFT	X			

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Medical assistance for street youth.			X			
HIV/STD exposed and affected youth needs access to medical care and services.					X	
St. Petersburg needs a family shelter that accepts the entire family.			X			
Young sex workers need to be provided with resources to help them move from the streets and rebuild their lives.			X			
Pregnant and parenting teens must also receive support and housing.			X			

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The City needs to build permanent housing for chronically homeless people with flexible rules and a downtown location.				
There is a need to fund programs that assist low-income families who are not yet homeless.	X			
There is a need for a new battered woman's shelter with 50 beds within the next 10 years.		X		
Continue to support community voice mail.	X			
Re-institute shelter bed hotline.		X		



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Support Homeless Management Information System.		X			
Based on current trends, there is and will continue to be the need to serve those clients who have both substance abuse and mental health problems (co-occurring). Currently over 50% of the clients at the Turning Point have co-occurring problems.			X		
Chronic substance abuse and mental health issues are pervasive with our population and few resources exist to assist them. Focused efforts in terms of funding to work with this population is essential.			X		

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There is an increase in the number of homeless clients with severe health related issues (Hep. C, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, etc) but are unable to obtain primary care for them. The addition of an ARNP and other medical staff is critical to help reduce the long-term effects and costs of these illnesses.			X		
Improved access to mental health and substance abuse services for homeless and low-to-moderate income persons through development and support current community programs.			X		
Support the expansion of available mental health and substance abuse services currently available at FETC and other community programs.			X		

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Support the availability of medication for mentally ill homeless and low-to-moderate income persons who otherwise cannot afford medication for social stability.		X		
Support the availability of case managers who can assist homeless and low-to-moderate income persons to navigate community resources and entitlement systems.		X		
Provide block grant dollars for the expansion and rehabilitation of facilities that treat mentally ill and substance abusing homeless and low-to-moderate income persons.		X		
Support the development of a 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness.	X			

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Promote community education and participation to end NIMBY-ism.		X			
Bring to the table those who truly desire to provide housing for homeless persons. Actively strive to enable developers and builders to house the homeless.		X			
Have St. Petersburg Community Development staff actively participate in the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless in the development of the Continuum of Care.		X			
Provide office space and staff support to Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless, which is a mutual HUD funding liaison in the provision of housing services.			X		

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