

Improving encampment resolutions with cross-agency, human-centered approaches

In People's Park, CA



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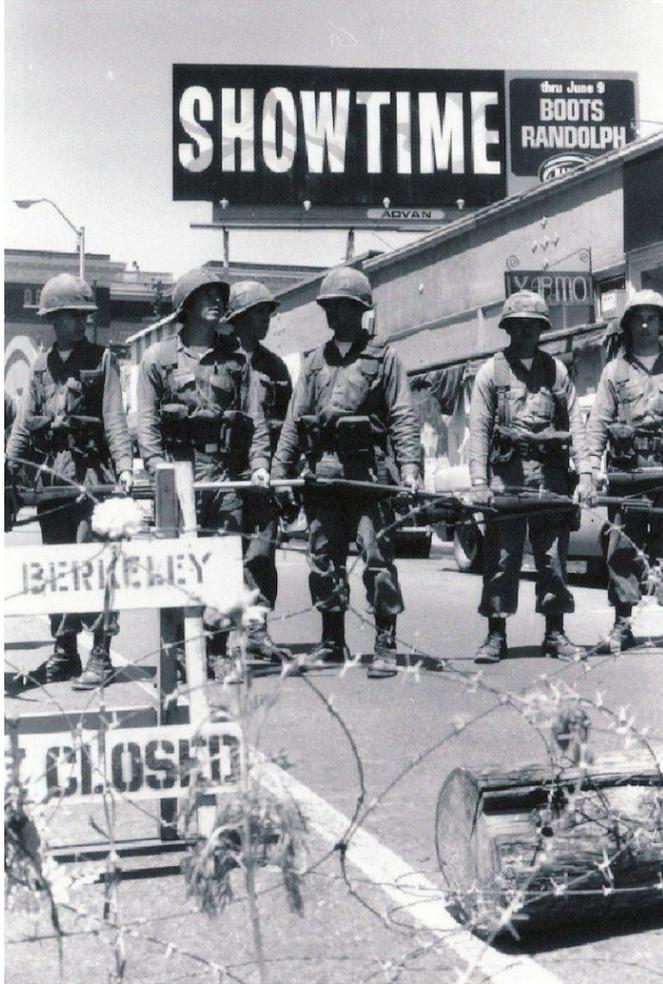
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**People's Park -
Background, history, &
significance**



Activism at People's Park



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Riot Victim Dies

National Guard Sweeps Onto Campus; Clouds of Tear Gas Spread in Plaza

James Restor, a 25-year-old student, died during Thursday's riot here last night as National Guardsmen swept onto the campus and persons of color and youth leaders of forceful words urged the crowd to march.

A hospital spokesman confirmed Restor's death as the 27th last night. The cause was listed as "acute myocardial infarction."

Restor, who was admitted to Berkeley in critical condition Thursday with an "abdominal gunshot wound," by Sunday afternoon his condition was listed as "fair" and hospital officials are confident he will survive. The cause of his death, which resulted in "paralytic convulsions" of various parts of his body, was not disclosed.

There was a battle in his blood and he received three wounds to his left arm.

There will be a day of mourning with a solemn march through the campus and into the city, according to some in the student movement.

By BOB PICKARD

RICHARD HALL
National Guardsmen yesterday moved on to campus in large numbers for the first time in months. They were seen in Berkeley today when they were ordered to clear the area with their tear gas.

The 10,000 Guardsmen, who were ordered to clear the area with their tear gas, were seen in Berkeley today when they were ordered to clear the area with their tear gas.

Students to Vote

The 1968 election of the ASUC Representative is to be held today, tomorrow and Thursday, May 29, 31 and 31, was without incident.

COVID-19 - A shift



People's Park - 2022



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City, university to lease Rodeway Inn as housing for displaced People's Park residents

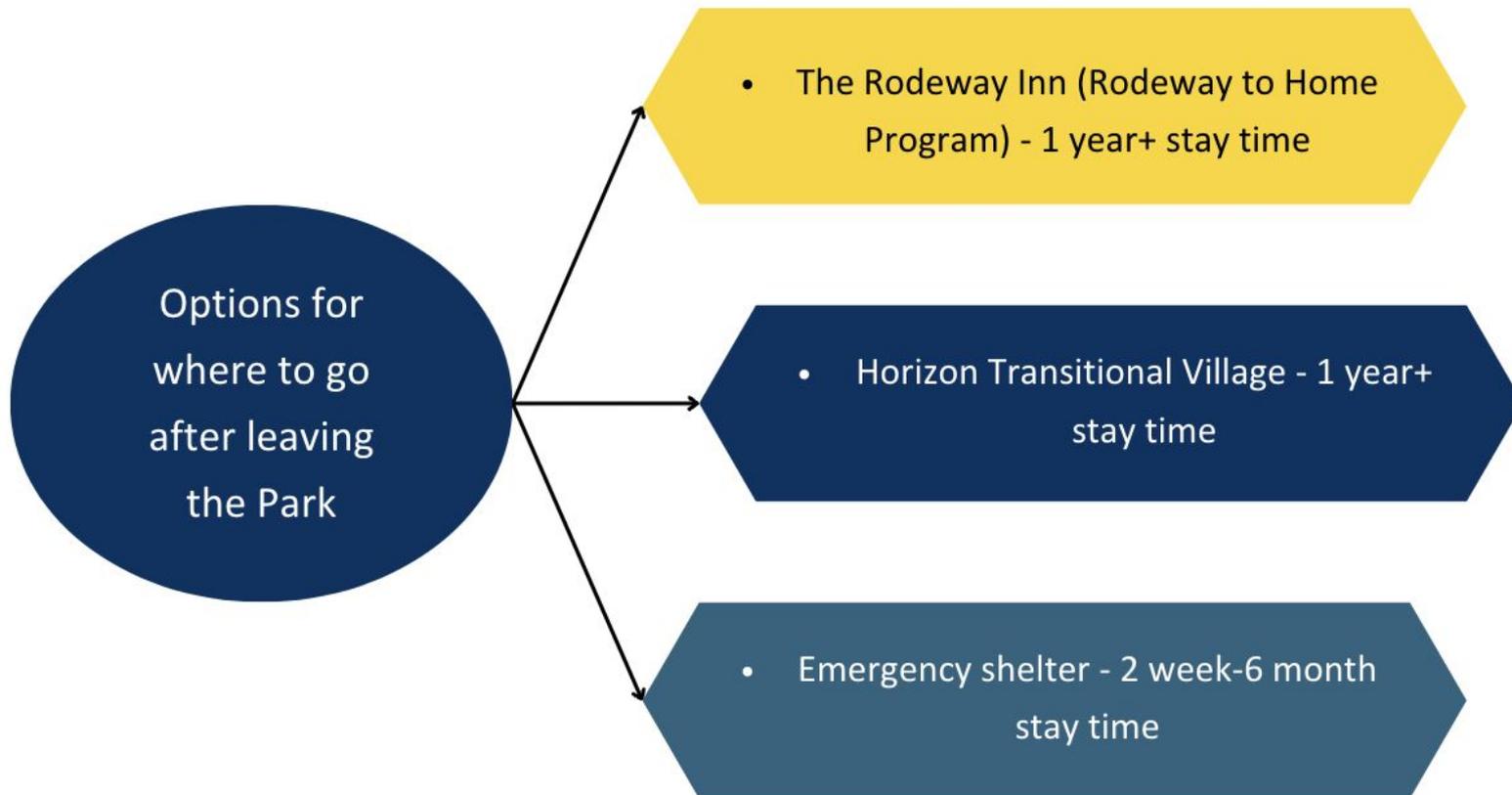
UC Berkeley is expected to begin construction at the park in the summer.

By Supriya Yelimeli

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Cross-agency collaboration - Community-based initiatives



“7 Principles for addressing encampments”

From the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

1. Establish a **cross-agency, multi-sector** response to encampments.
2. **Engage encampment residents** to develop solutions.
3. Conduct **comprehensive** and **coordinated outreach**.
4. **Address basic needs** and provide storage.
5. Ensure access to **shelter** or **housing options**.
6. Develop **pathways** to **permanent housing** and supports.
7. Create a **plan** for what will happen to encampment sites **after closure**.

Methods

This was a **mixed-methods** evaluation involving:

1. Tracking the **housing pathway** of participants;
2. **Survey questions**; and
3. **Open-ended in-depth interview questions.**

I conducted interviews with both **unhoused people from People's Park (n=24)** and **community stakeholders (n=16)**.

Figure 1: Outcomes for 64 Park Residents

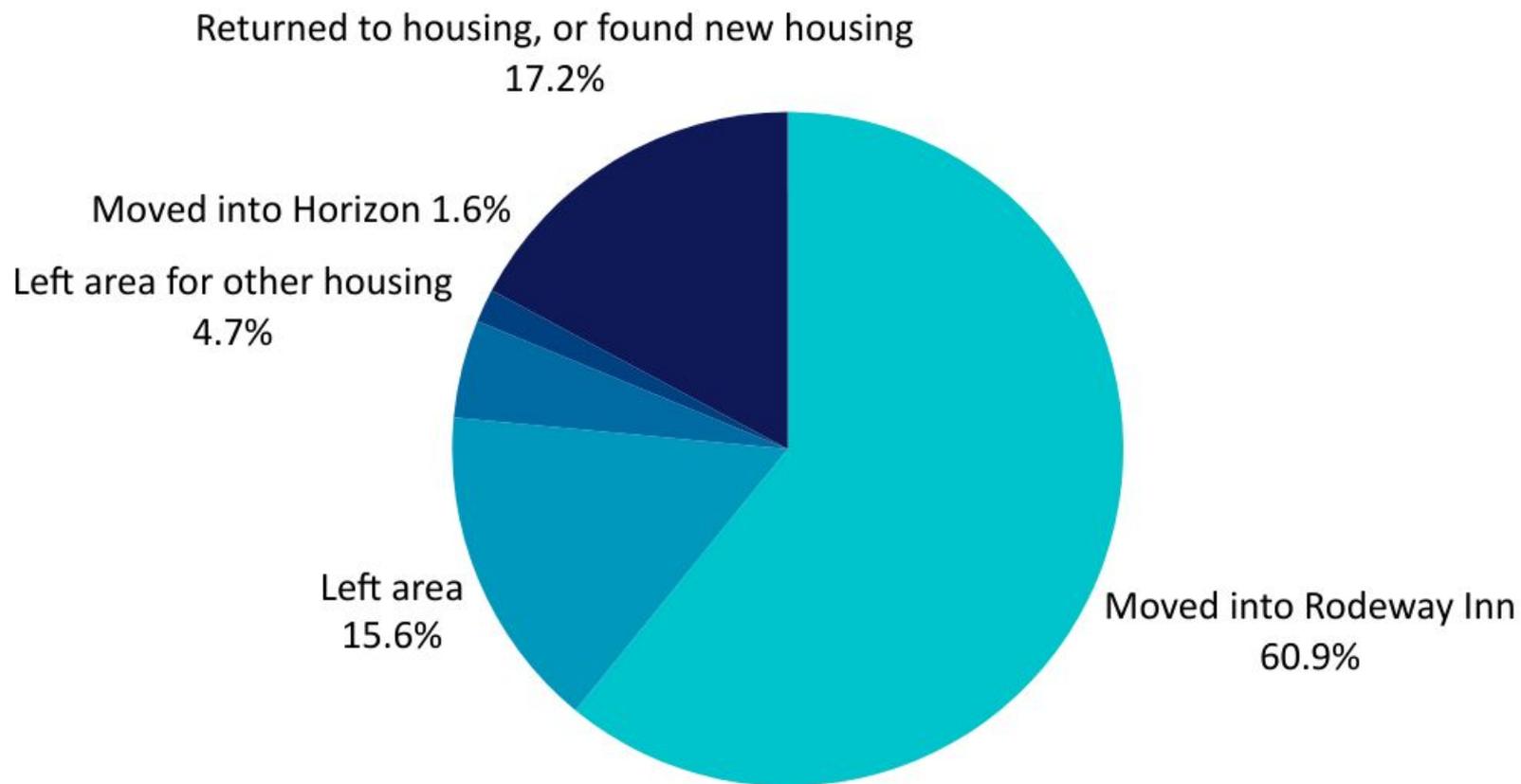
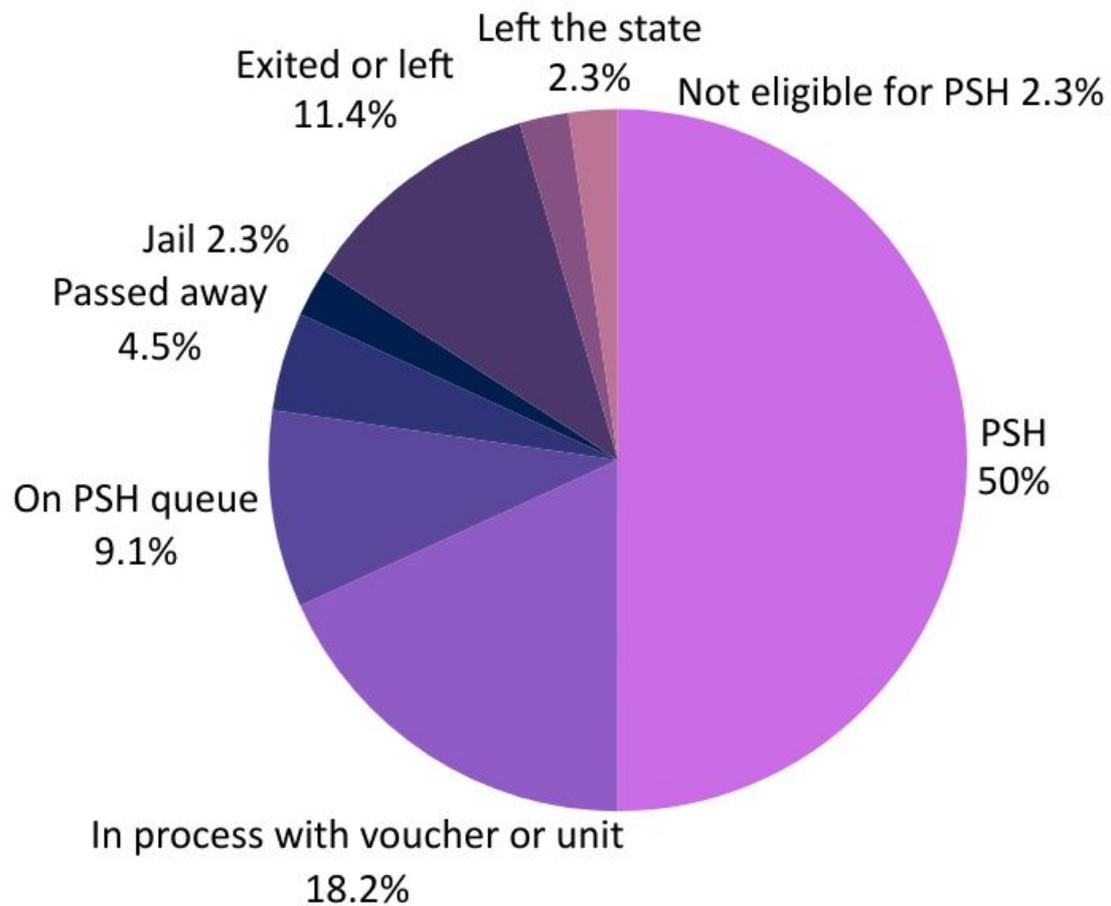


Figure 2: Outcomes for 44 Rodeway Inn Residents



Recommendations

Based on our learning

1. Rely primarily on **non-congregate housing models** for as many clients as possible.
2. Involve a full-time, **consistent outreach worker** to provide support and linkages, in cross-agency collaboration with a network of partners.
3. Provide a **temporary housing option** that offers real support with permanent housing placement, the possibility of staying longer than 6 months, and a strong, responsive staff and program.
4. **Involve participant voice** in design of the encampment resolution process wherever possible.

Recommendations

Continued

5. Explore the possibility of tying **specific, funded housing exits** to the resolution process.
6. Continue to make **services and housing available** to community members after an encampment resolution “ends.”
7. Explore the possibility of **creative alternatives** to typical housing models.
8. Utilize a **longer-term approach** centered around providing services rather than a deadline for closure and construction.

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