

## Sacramento ACT Community Action

Wednesday, August 23

All Trinity Cathedral members and friends are invited to join us at St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 2391 St. Marks Way from 7 to 8:30 pm on Wednesday, August 23rd for a Community Action meeting sponsored by Sacramento Area Congregations Together (Sacramento ACT). The focus will be: "Homelessness: Where do we go from here?"



Organizing under the auspices of Sacramento ACT, St. Marks and Trinity Cathedral members and clergy have spoken out on behalf of the homeless, advocating for more emergency shelter, more supportive services, more affordable housing for our whole community and an end to practices which criminalize people for being poor and vulnerable. Panel members at this event will include Mayor Steinberg, City Council member Harris, members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and Ryan Loofborrow, Executive Director of Sacramento Steps Forward.

Sacramento has made some progress on the issue, but our group is frustrated, because the efforts of the City and the County of Sacramento have not been coordinated. Additionally, both governmental bodies have backed away from their own previously-enacted measures which required developers to build a few units of affordable housing as a part of other projects. Several recent articles and an editorial in The Sacramento Bee have pointed out that our City and our County each continue to do their own thing, more or less in isolation. As a result, we have a disjointed service delivery system, and the numbers of homeless continue to surge.

At the meeting, we will present our organizing committee's research report, hear testimony from homeless individuals and those directly impacted by homelessness, including the Downtown Partnership. We will challenge our panelists to share what they will commit to do over the next year to create a common vision and a comprehensive plan to end homelessness.

Please come. We need you there to send a strong signal to elected officials that Sacramento can do so much more to address this problem. For more information or to RSVP, contact Shireen Miles at [shireenmiles@comcast.net](mailto:shireenmiles@comcast.net) or (916) 203-5595. Click [here](#) for a printable flyer.

~~Submitted by Shireen Miles