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Community Calls on City to Acknowledge Invisible Homeless

San Francisco, CA – More than a hundred families and clergy will congregate at St. Anthony's Church on Sunday October 7th to present testimonies and research on the invisible homelessness that is rampant in their community. They will propose solutions to Mayor's Office of Housing Director Matt Franklin and Human Services Agency Director of Homeless Programs Joyce Crum.

Working class families in San Francisco survive by crowding into garages, studios, rooms rented in other people's apartments, and one bedroom apartments. In some cases upwards of six people eat and sleep in a single room. These families' only current escape route is through lotteries for affordable housing units that usually attract thousands of applicants for just a few dozen units.

Leaders of the community and St. Anthony's Pastor Gabriel Flores will ask Mr. Franklin and Ms. Crum to create set aside units in affordable housing projects for the invisible homeless, to be distributed according to need, not chance, just as the Mayor has recently done for the traditional homeless population.

What: St. Anthony's Community Action for the Invisible Homeless

When: Sunday, October 7, 1:00-2:30 PM

Where: St. Anthony's-Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria (Cesar Chavez between Folsom and Shotwell)

Who: Matt Franklin, Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing

Joyce Crum, Director of Homeless Programs, HSA

Citizens Housing Corporation

Community and Parish Leaders

The San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) is a faith-based federation of 30 congregations, schools, and community centers throughout San Francisco representing 40,000 families. SFOP has been organizing around issues of affordable housing for nearly 9 years. SFOP leaders launched the Yes In My Back Yard Campaign (YIMBY) to support affordable housing developments throughout San Francisco. Since its launch, the YIMBY Campaign has supported the creation of over 400 units of affordable housing and another 1,200 currently in the pipeline.

Interviews available in Spanish and English