

# Does Chico need a low-barrier homeless shelter?

Asked in downtown Chico

**Dan Hammer**  
solutions architect



Yes. It would be good to offer help to people who need it, and help them transition to a more permanent situation.

**Gail Clickner**  
retired



Absolutely. We must help people who don't have a place to go. We must take them as they are. [The proposed site on] Orange Street is a great location since it's ready and available.

**Mike "G-Ride" Griffith**  
pedicab owner



I'm on both sides of the fence. I know we need a low-barrier shelter, and everybody needs shelter, but I'm not sure about the safety of the Orange Street location. They don't screen people for drugs and alcohol, yet it's close to all the sororities and Chico State.

**Jill Fidler**  
business consultant



Absolutely. It isn't going to solve the homeless problem, but it can help with symptoms like open drug use and human defecation on the streets. Orange Street is a great spot. I live nearby, and it has industrial areas and a bunch of drunk people lying all over the street already.




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