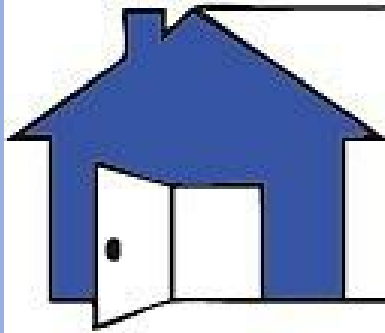


*Building Community Will - Housing Everyone*



**SMART SOLUTIONS  
TO HOMELESSNESS  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

**California State News**



**Gov. Brown's \$138B budget includes millions in aid for those experiencing homelessness.**

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*The Blue Tarp Project - Downtown Branch SC Library*



Virginia Becker, Executive Director of The Family Album Project, a non-profit dedicated to healing and wholeness through free portraiture will display photographs of Santa Cruz residents

experiencing homelessness at the downtown branch of Santa Cruz Public Library. The purpose of The Blue Tarp Project is to affect a change in the perception that many of us have about those experiencing homelessness.

Opening First Friday  
June 1st at 6pm  
Downtown Branch,  
224 Church Street, Santa Cruz.

***"Every life is important; every life matters.  
There is no "us" and "them." Just us."***

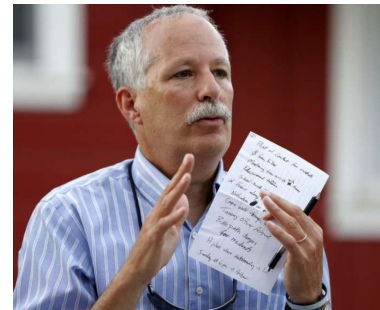
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Read SSH's Chair, Don Lane's Op  
Ed in the Santa Cruz Sentinel

***Those Experiencing Homelessness Don't Fit  
into One Category***

[Read Op Ed Here](#)



**Museum of Art and History hosts:  
Interactive Game and Discussion on Homelessness**



**MAY** Social Learning Games on Homelessness  
**30** Public · Hosted by Santa Cruz Museum of  
Art & History

A team of UCSC students created a game centered on breaking barriers within our community around the issues of homelessness to be presented at Museum of Art and History (705 Front Street, Santa Cruz) on May 30th from **6:00-7:30pm. Admission Free.** Come play and learn how games can be used to create empathy and become access points for conversations and building solutions.

[For more info](#)



## Annual Community Recognition Reception

*Honoring those working on the issues of homelessness*

**Sunday, October 21st 3:00-5:30pm**  
**Temple Beth El, Aptos**

Save  
the Date

*Take action and support housing solutions!*



***JOIN the Housing Advocacy Network***



Sign up to the [ACTION NETWORK](#) to help take steps to address the housing crisis for working families and vulnerable populations.

*Support Smart Solutions To Homelessness*



*Together we can create a community  
where everyone has housing!*

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LIVE UNITED**

