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Fresno Helps Push National 100,000 Homes Campaign over the Finish Line

The Fresno Housing Authority announced today that Project P4 (People, Place, Public, Partnership) in partnership with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care, has housed 439 homeless individuals since July 2011, as part of the national 100,000 Homes Campaign, which today reached its four-year goal of helping communities house 100,000 chronically homeless Americans. That number includes more than 30,000 veterans and represents an estimated annual taxpayer savings of \$1.3 billion.

Fresno is contributing to the continued downward trend in homelessness nationally. Between 2010 and today, the number of Americans experiencing chronic homelessness has dropped from 109,812 to 92,593. In the same time, veteran homelessness has declined by 24 percent to 58,063.

“This is all just one part of a collaborative, community-wide effort focused on a long-term strategy to prevent and end homelessness in our area and we are thankful to the hundreds of community volunteers who participated in various Project P4 efforts,” said Preston Prince, CEO/Executive Director at the Fresno Housing Authority.

The 100,000 Homes Campaign is a national movement coordinated by New York-based non-profit, Community Solutions.

“The 100,000 Homes Campaign matters because it shows that ending homelessness is possible and measurable,” said 100,000 Homes Campaign Director and former Army Captain Becky Kanis. “These communities have shown that no one is beyond help or out of reach. Those are just stories we tell ourselves to avoid taking action. By using data and getting smarter about how we work, we can solve this problem and eliminate the national tragedy of homelessness.”