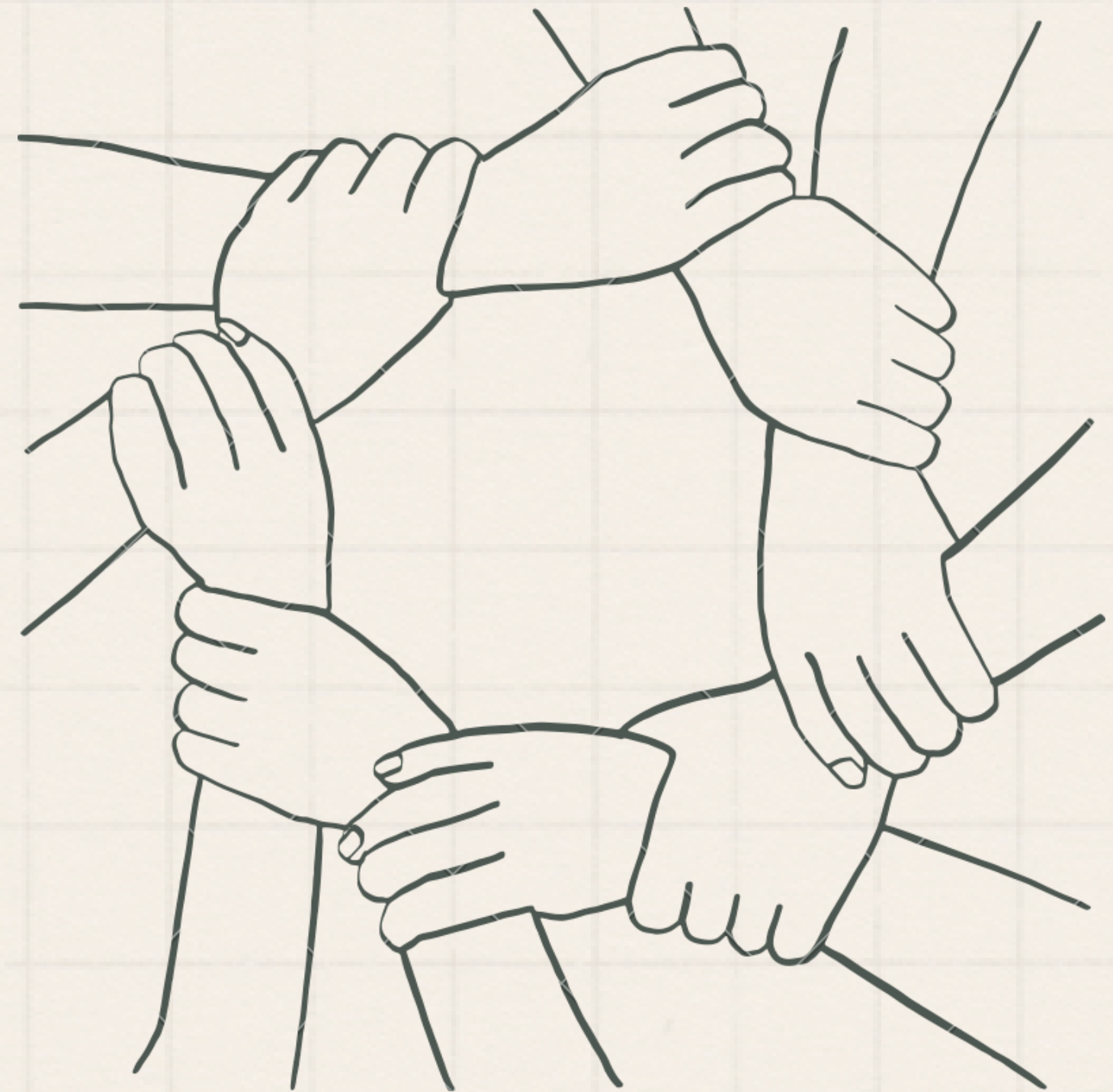


FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES REPORT

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CLIMATE CHANGE IS...

- **Global**
- **Local**
- **Intersectional**
- **Affecting some of us now**
- **Affecting all of us soon**

BACKGROUND

Palo Alto already has programs that provide direct resources to local populations that are historically disadvantaged.



MISSION STATEMENT

Understand how climate change is already impacting frontline communities--populations already experiencing the negative impacts of climate change--in order to identify gaps in current programs and develop solutions to address them.



POPULATIONS & CURRENT PROGRAMS

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UNHOUSED

- Healthcare
- Necessities
- Homelessness Prevention

RENTERS

- Tenant
- Landlord

SMALL BUSINESSES

- Chamber of Commerce

SENIOR CITIZENS

- Necessities
- Health & Home Care
- Other

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- Living Assistance
- Education & Recreation
- Legal Services

OUTDOOR WORKERS

- Association

COMMUNITY 1: THE UNHOUSED

BACKGROUND

WE REACHED OUT TO...

- **Downtown Streets**
- Move Mountain View
- Life Moves
- The KSP

"It's a systemic issue.
How much we give and care for those
experiencing homelessness."
-Dave Callahan

COMMUNITY 1: THE UNHOUSED

FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

FINDINGS:

- Strict shelter regulations
 - Cannot stay for long
- Lack of shelters in Palo Alto
 - Can't reach nearby shelters
- People in RVs often lack health insurance.
- Lack of communication with existing resources.

CONCLUSIONS:

- People choose to stay outside
- Outdated homes will be affected
- Unhoused populations will increase
- **"People will die"**



COMMUNITY 1: THE UNHOUSED

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Increase investment into unhoused resources.**
- **Streamlined communication for mitigation initiatives.**
- **Accessible initiatives independent of shelters without strict regulations.**



COMMUNITY 2: RENTERS

BACKGROUND

RENTERS MAY...

- Be more likely to be older and/or have disabilities
- Be disproportionately impacted by extreme weather
 - Storms
 - Intense winds
 - Leaking
 - Heatwaves
 - Lack of cooling infrastructure

WE REACHED OUT TO...

- Palo Alto Renters Association
- Individual renters



COMMUNITY 2: RENTERS

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increased communication about weather events
 - City texting
- Newsletter with updates
 - Difficult to navigate nonprofits, legal resources, & available programs



COMMUNITY 3: SMALL BUSINESSES

BACKGROUND

WE REACHED OUT TO...

- Chamber of Commerce
- **Cal Ave Farmer's Market**
(incl non-PA businesses)
 - H&H Fresh Fish
 - Heirloom Organics
 - Froylan's Flower Shop
 - Schoch Family Farmstead

“We lost around 5000 dollars and it became hard to provide for our families”

-Owner of Froylan's Flower Shop

COMMUNITY 3: SMALL BUSINESSES

RECOMMENDATIONS

Increase grant programs & access to financial resources



COMMUNITY 4: SENIOR CITIZENS

BACKGROUND

WE REACHED OUT TO...

- La Comida
- **Avenidas Village**
 - Hopes to age-in-place
 - Long-time home owners
 - None low-income
 - Only one had major mobility issues



COMMUNITY 4: SENIOR CITIZENS

FINDINGS

WE HEARD ABOUT...

- Safety concerns with falling trees
- Apprehension to drive during/around extreme weather
- Utility bill shock
 - **"I choke every time I see it; it's prohibitive"**
 - **The messaging on the water bill felt like being "pat on the head, like 'good girl' or 'bad girl'"**
- Yard changes
- Air quality, particularly during wildfires
- Indoor temperature regulation pros & cons



COMMUNITY 4: SENIOR CITIZENS

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Identify safety needs of medical professionals who make house calls
- Find safe places for people to go on walks during the rainy season
- Consider how water bill messaging may look to folks with physical disabilities



COMMUNITY 5: FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES

BACKGROUND

FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES...

- Are 2-4 times more likely to die during an extreme weather event
- Likely require medicine refrigerated
- May need electric medical assistive devices
- Might identify their disability/disabilities with 1+ of the following categories
 - Physical, mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, neurodiverse, intellectual, chronic illness and recovery from substance use disorders



COMMUNITY 5: FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES

NEXT STEPS

THROUGH ABILITYPATH...

- Assess how severe weather affects their lives, including interrupting medical services, and how they usually compensate.
- Get buy-in on updated list of interview questions and schedule interviews



COMMUNITY 6: OUTDOOR WORKERS

BACKGROUND

Outdoor workers are some of the first to experience the effects of climate change, because they are so exposed to the elements and are often still working in extreme weather. Many of them also have other vulnerabilities, such as being low income, immigrants, non-native English speakers.



COMMUNITY 6: OUTDOOR WORKERS

NEXT STEPS

THROUGH THE DAY WORKER CENTER OF MOUNTAIN VIEW...

- Assess how extreme weather affects the work day safety and sources of income
- Have a conversation with the Director of the Day Worker Center about the proposed interview format and questions



SUMMARY OF NEXT STEPS: SPREAD THE WORD

- Add digestible summaries to our websites/newsletters
- Rally community support through print and social medias
- Present to other city groups including the City Council, the S/CAP Ad Hoc Committee, Utilities, etc.

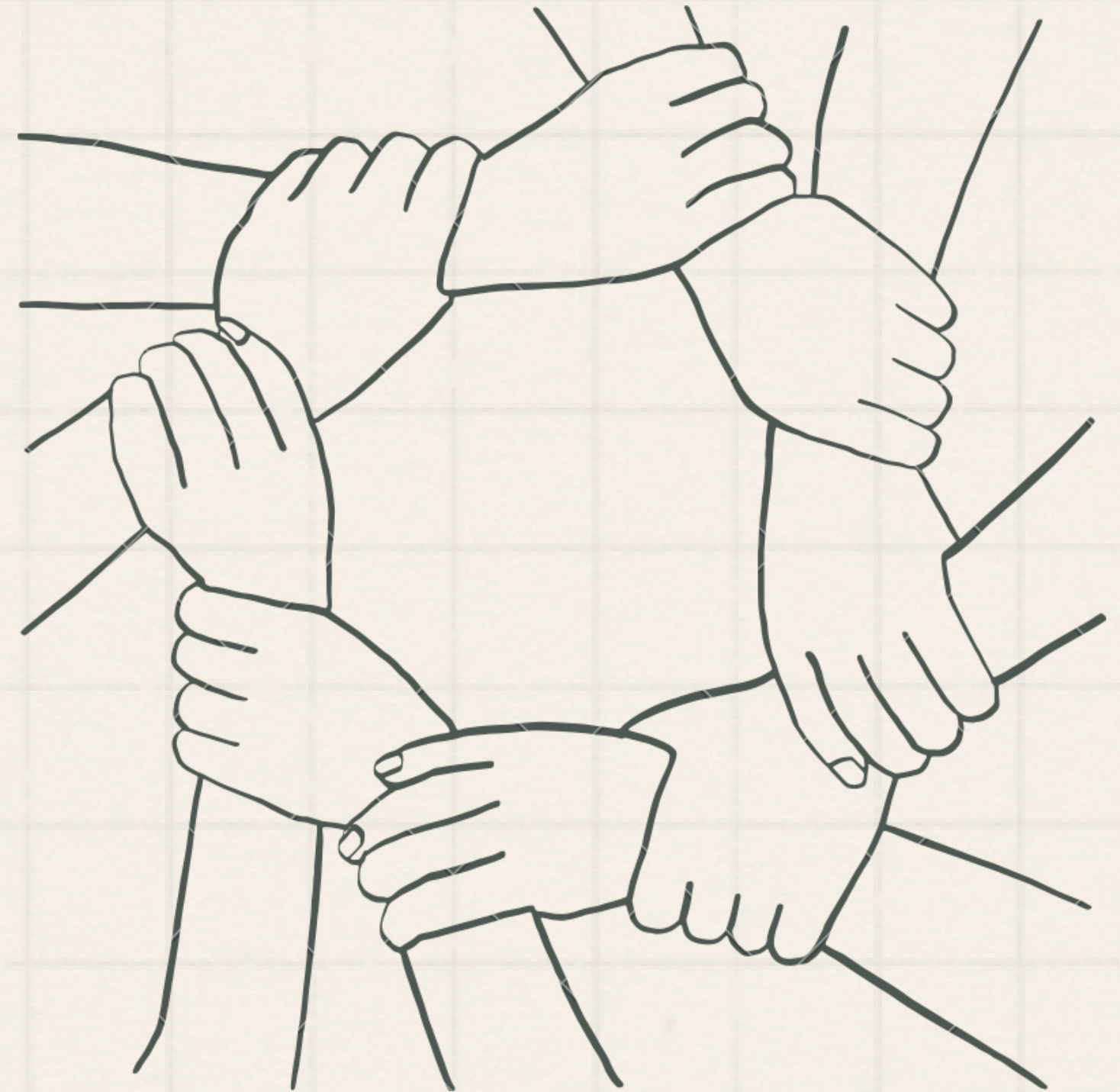


SUMMARY OF NEXT STEPS: COLLECT MORE DATA

- Collaborate with Utilities & Sustainability on data gathering techniques
 - Door-to-door, focus groups, city networks, etc.
- Begin interviews with folks with disabilities, landlords, & outdoor workers
- Increase interviews of unhoused individuals & small businesses



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ANY
QUESTIONS?**



APPENDIX

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