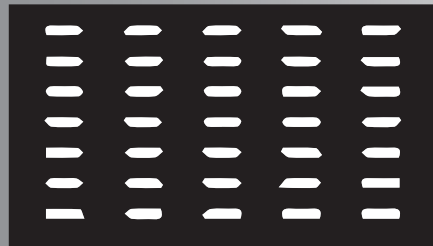


# WHAT KIND OF A COMMUNITY DO WE WANT?

*Let's make Homelessness in the District a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience!*

## Current State



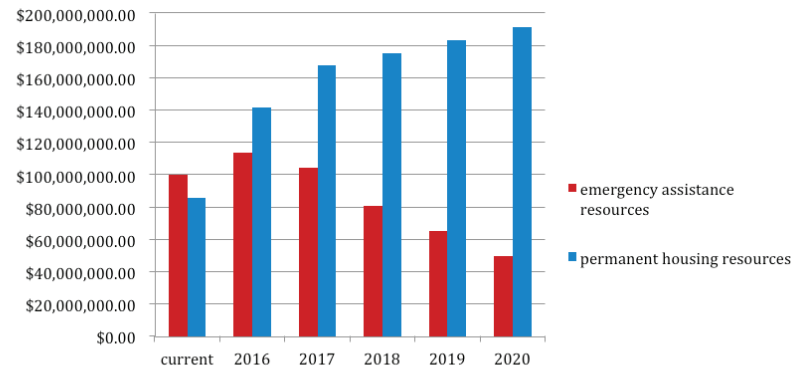
**Large overcrowded shelters with significant spillover effects on neighborhoods**



**Heavy MPD involvement and usage of emergency services**



**Vulnerable homeless individuals in encampments on sidewalks, underneath bridges and in city parks**



Current system costs are estimated based on the District's Housing Inventory Count (as reported to the Federal government each year) and the average unit costs generated as part of the ICH strategic planning process. Costs include Federal resources, local resources, and private resources. Future system costs for 2016-2020 are projected based on the modeling done for the strategic plan.

The chart shows how total system costs shift over the course of the strategic plan period. As illustrated, we are investing significant resources no matter what, but we can choose whether we invest those resources to “manage” homelessness or to end it.

In the beginning of the plan period, we have to meet shelter needs while we simultaneously begin increasing our investment in housing. However, as we increase the supply of housing resources and make changes to increase the efficiency of the homeless services system, we will be able to significantly reduce expenditures on emergency shelter and other “front door” services. Through this system change work, total spending begins to level off by the middle of the plan period.

## Future State



**Small, service enriched shelters that blend into neighborhoods and are better for both clients and the community**



**Reductions in emergency costs across the City's budget (including DHCF, DBH, MPD, FEMS)**



**An end to long-term, unsheltered homelessness by ensuring our City's most vulnerable individuals have access to housing with wrap-around services and supports to help them remain stably housed.**