

HOPE Advisory Board Meeting

5/26/2021

Zoom Meeting hosted by Julie Arena, HOPE Coordinator

Zoom Housekeeping

- All attendees are muted when they join.
- All attendees can unmute themselves and choose to be seen visually by clicking “Start Video” at the bottom of the screen.
- Public comment:
 - Type your name into the “Chat” area, say you want to make a public comment, and on what topic.
 - Example: “Julie – public comment – crisis response.”
 - For those on the phone, there will be an opportunity to comment, too.
- Questions during the meeting:
 - Type into the “Chat” area and send it to host, Julie Arena.

Meeting Agenda

- 1. Meeting Overview**
- 2. Agreements and Culture**
- 3. Public Comment on any topics for 10 minutes**
- 4. Logistics:**
 - **Vote to approve April minutes – roll call**
 - **Board Membership update:**
 - **Welcome Janie!**
 - **Recruitment efforts**
- 5. Community Updates**
- 6. Debrief from Joint Elected Officials 5/20 meeting**
 - **Investigating Resource Development and Legislative Advocacy for Recommendations**
- 7. Educational Component from Joel Goodwin**

Agreements for our culture + conduct:

Fun

Inclusive ✓✓

humor

Food ✓

Action/roll up sleeves

Change the face of Homelessness

honesty

Respect ✓

consensus

Think before you speak

Courtesy ✓

transparency

Recognize personal bias

Kindness ✓

time management

concise communication

Open minded ✓

opinions matter

data driven

Do your homework!

patent

authentic

Valuing personal experience

dedication/work ethic
honor the expectations of
the work

Public comment: 10 minutes

- **Comment limited to 2-3 minutes based on number of people wanting to comment**
- **Type into the “Chat” and say you want to make a public comment and on what topic.**
- **For those on the phone, I will ask if there are any public comments from callers.**
- **Can also submit written comments via email to Julie.Arena@co.Benton.or.us**

Logistics: Vote to approve 4/28/21 minutes, roll call

Flip Anderson

Joel Goodwin

Pegge McGuire

Xan Augerot

George Grosch

Jim Moorefield

Catherine Biscoe

Barbara Hanley

Andrea Myhre

Karyle Butcher

Aleita Hass-Holcombe

Jan Napack

Bruce Butler

Niki Hobbs

Reece Stotsenberg

Bryan Cotter

Christina Jancila

Janie Tebeau

Anita Earl

Charles Maughan

Membership Update:

- Lennox Archer and Linda Tucker are no longer able to serve on the HOPE Board.
- Janie Tebeau has joined the Board, welcome!
- Niki Hobbs will remain on the board while we do recruitment for two additional Board members starting in June and going into this summer.
- Julie consulting with JoeHahn and Rocio to update application and recruitment.

Community Updates

Project Turnkey – Corvallis Housing First has acquired the Budget Inn for emergency sheltering and then permanent supportive housing.

How people access shelter at the Budget Inn:

Placement is determined by referring individuals on the local Coordinated Entry list, or the list of people who have been entered into the homelessness management information system (HMIS) and have participated in an assessment, as the intention is to prioritize those who are homeless and qualify for Permanent Supported Housing (or those who have a disability, have a history of chronic homelessness, and are vulnerable), as well as those who are BIPOC or from the LGBTQ community.

Individuals being served through the Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center, Community Services Consortium, and Unity Shelter are asked for their information to be inputted into HMIS because of program funding requirements. However, service providers working with a client in need of shelter and support, or are an individual looking for shelter and support, can contact Dan Easdale at 541-224-1170 for more information.

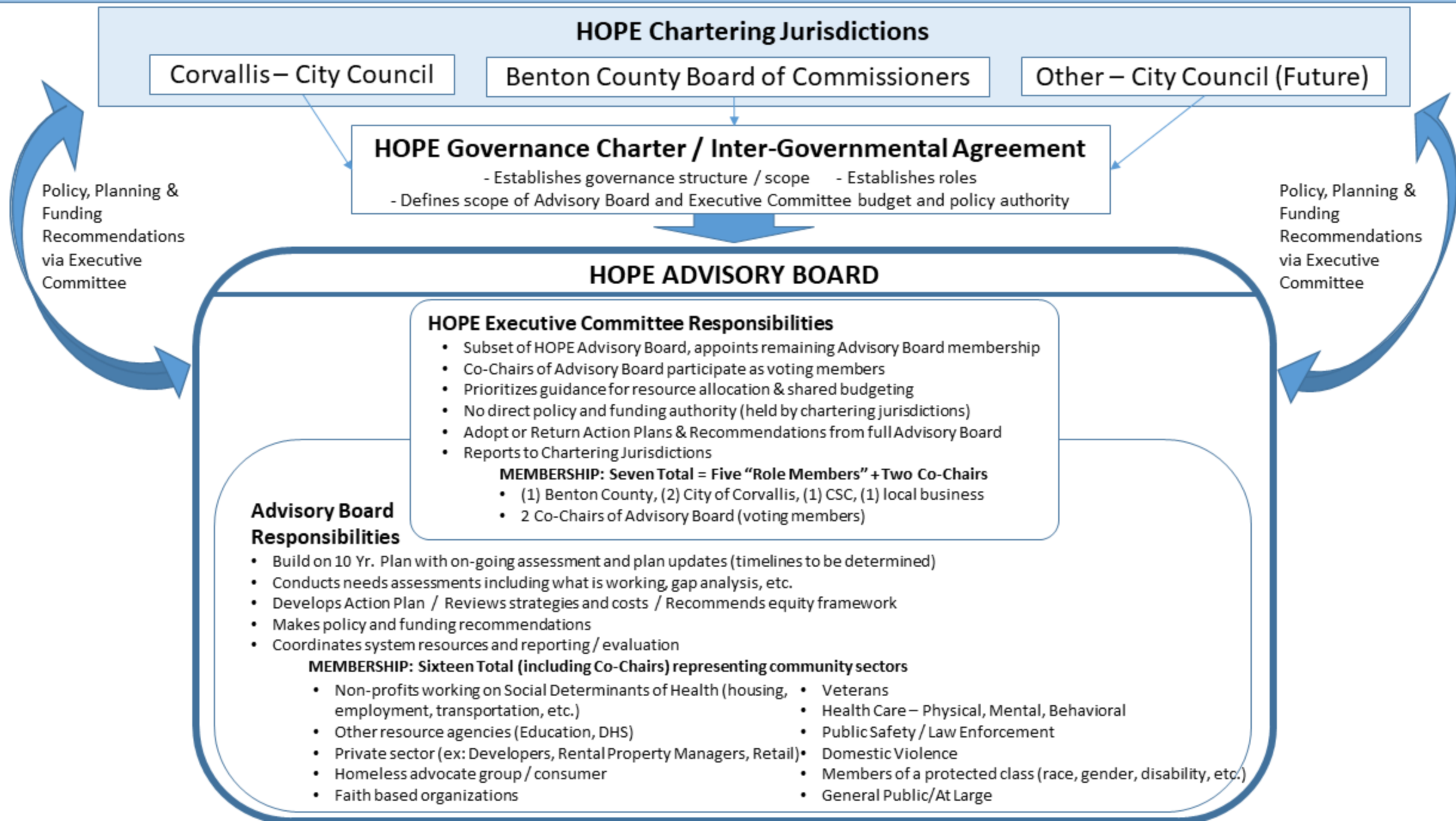
Community Updates continued

Community Court will be launching at the end of June and will be held the last Thursday of the month.

- The purpose of adopting Community Court is to divert some people with misdemeanor offenses from entering jail and instead connect them with the supportive services they need.
- This effort is in partnership with the following local providers:
 - ARC of Benton County
 - Benton County Behavioral Health
 - CHANCE
 - Community Outreach
 - Corvallis Drop-In Center
 - Corvallis Housing First
 - Jackson Street Youth Shelter
 - Unity Shelter

Community Updates continued

- The Corvallis City Council has removed the moratorium on enforcement of illegal camping as of May 15th. The City has provided guidelines to help houseless community members know where they can legally sleep at City Hall and the city parks system in accordance with the Boise decision.
- Funding opportunity: InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-CCO) invites interested parties in Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties who can positively impact the health outcomes of IHN-CCO members to submit proposals. The selected proposals will be Delivery System Transformation (DST) pilots that help transform the health care delivery system and projects that impact housing through the SHARE (Supporting Health for All through REinvestment) Initiative. Due 8am on June 2, 2021.
 - The Request for Proposal Guidelines and required Letter of Intent Form can be found on the IHN-CCO website: IHNtogether.org/RFP.
- Temporary increase in federally funded housing vouchers, just received by Linn Benton Housing Authority.
 - HOPE Board member interest in a work group to discuss housing voucher increase and strategies? Pegge, Andrea, and Xan



Debrief from Joint Elected Officials Meeting 5/20/21

- City and County elected officials met to review the HOPE recommendations and discuss the process of formally accepting them.
 - Link to the meeting video: <https://vimeo.com/553411384>
 - Link to final recommendations: https://www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/health_department/page/7506/hope_policy_recommendations_4-28-21_approved.pdf
- Both bodies shared gratitude for the work the HOPE Board has done and the process of data collection, research, prioritizing, and community engagement as outlined by the Bylaws.
- Accepting the HOPE recommendations:
 - 6/7/21: Corvallis City Council will review and vote to accept the recommendations.
 - 6/8/21: County Commissioners will review the City's thoughts on lead roles and responsibilities for the recommendations.
 - 6/15/21: County Commissioners will vote to accept the recommendations.
 - 7/1/21: Joint City and County Elected Officials meeting to discuss lead and joint roles and responsibilities to implement the recommendations.

Recommendations to Implement Policies

A. Organizational capacity is needed to work on and implement these recommendations, and organizational capacity needs to be built within social service organizations to manage and provide the services.

B. Funding recommendations

C. Legislative Advocacy

12 Policy Recommendations

1. Facilitate and coordinate data improvement efforts with community partners.
2. Work with providers to create metrics for successful program goals.
3. Convene providers at routine meetings for improved care coordination facilitated by a full-time staff member.
4. Collaborate with social service and health care partners to increase the number of paid, full-time case managers to support people transitioning out of homelessness.
5. Pursue implementation of a crisis response team and collect data on scope and scale of need for crisis response.
6. Provide organizational capacity to facilitate and coordinate providers in establishing a 24/7/365 Sheltering System for all populations with onsite resources at shelter locations to transition people out of homelessness.

Recommendations continued:

7. Facilitate and support the creation of a Resource Center.
8. Explore and investigate the need and the barriers to accessing housing for individuals and their families in our community whose past history has impacted their ability to secure housing.
9. Provide routine communication, notice, and opportunities for community involvement on the topic of homelessness services.
10. Increase development or acquisition of affordable housing units for permanent supportive housing (PSH) by 20 new units per year for the next eight years to add at a minimum 160 new units of PSH in Benton County.
11. Increase available rental/income assistance options.
12. Increase supportive services and stable funding streams to provide services to residents at more affordable housing locations.

HOPE Recommendation: C. **Legislative Advocacy:**

1. County and City elected officials must continue to advocate for statewide leadership on local requirements for shelter beds in each county with accompanying state funding to support those required beds. This state requirement and funding is needed to address worries about migration of people to areas with services from other areas.
2. State and federal funding for all of these topics must continue to be advocated for by city and county elected officials and by the League of Cities and Association of Counties once these recommendations are adopted.
3. City and County explore partnership with OSU and counterparts in Lane County (Lane, Eugene, Springfield, and University of Oregon) to lobby for a state law allowing local tax revenue from Pac-12 events and on-campus sales to address the affordable housing impacts from the university population. The tax revenue would be split between the universities and the local municipalities to fund subsidized housing for low-income students and affordable housing for the surrounding community.

Investigating resource development and legislative advocacy for recommendations

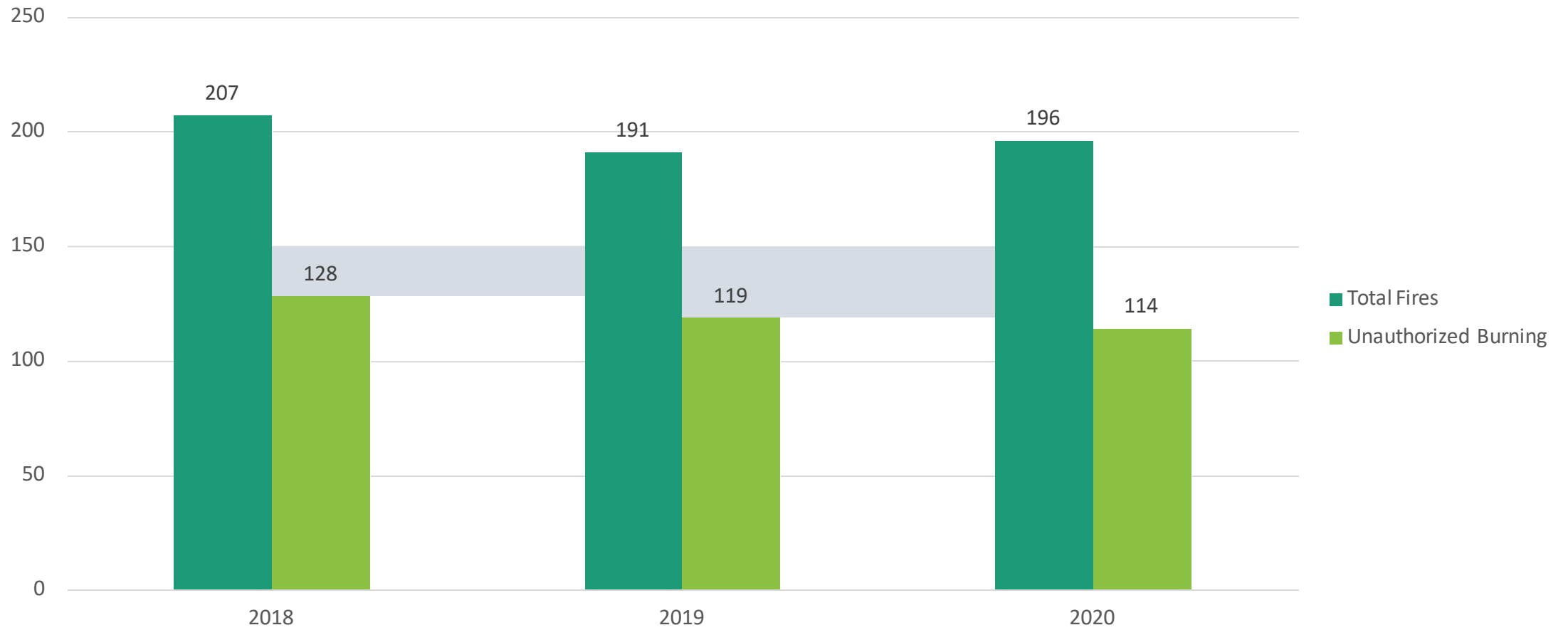
- The recommendation for legislative advocacy has been given to the city and county elected officials.
- Other avenues for advocacy and resource investment at the state level could be pursued once the HOPE recommendations are officially accepted. (Housing Alliance, Community Action Partnership Organization, etc.)
- Discussion of coordinated strategies to advocate for state/federal funds to implement the recommendations.

Educational Presentation and Discussion

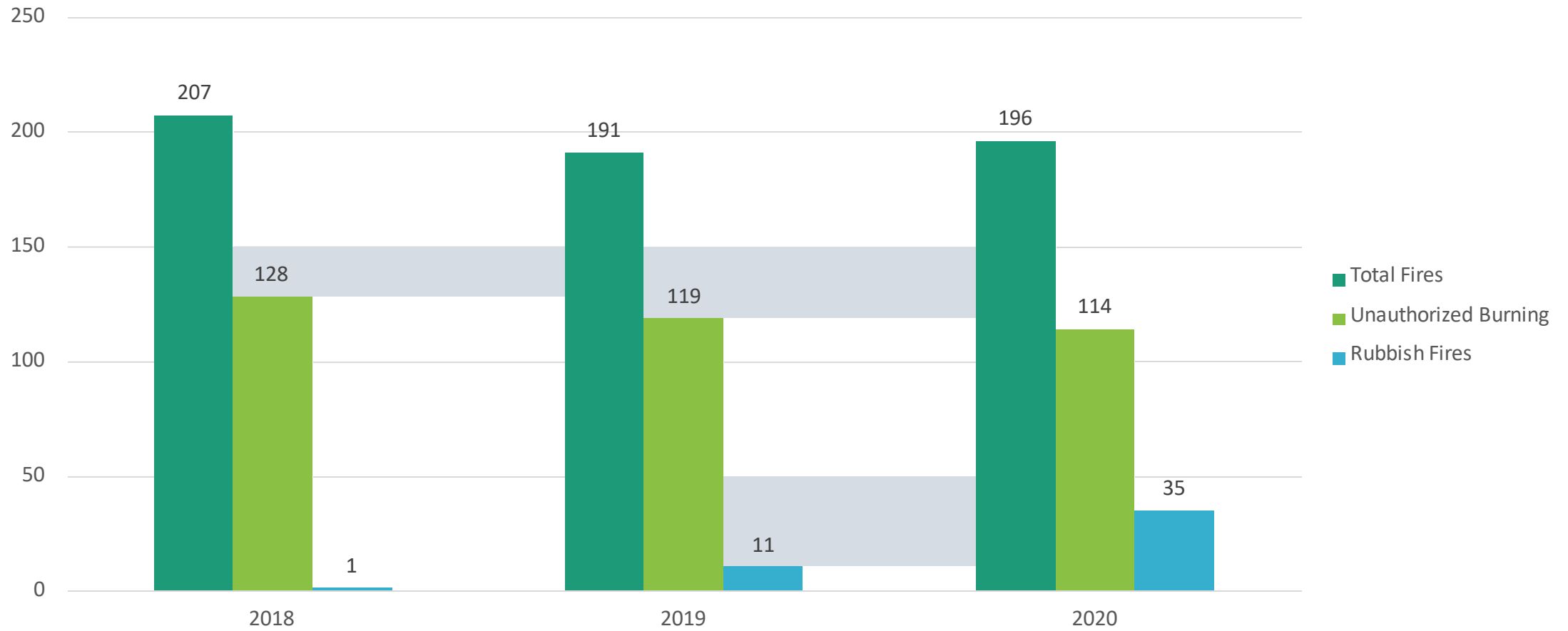
- Captain Joel Goodwin, Corvallis Police Department (CPD)

DATA RELATED TO THE
BEHAVIOR-BASED INTERSECTION
of
CORVALLIS PUBLIC SAFETY
and
HIGH-IMPACT HOMELESS

FIRE SAFETY

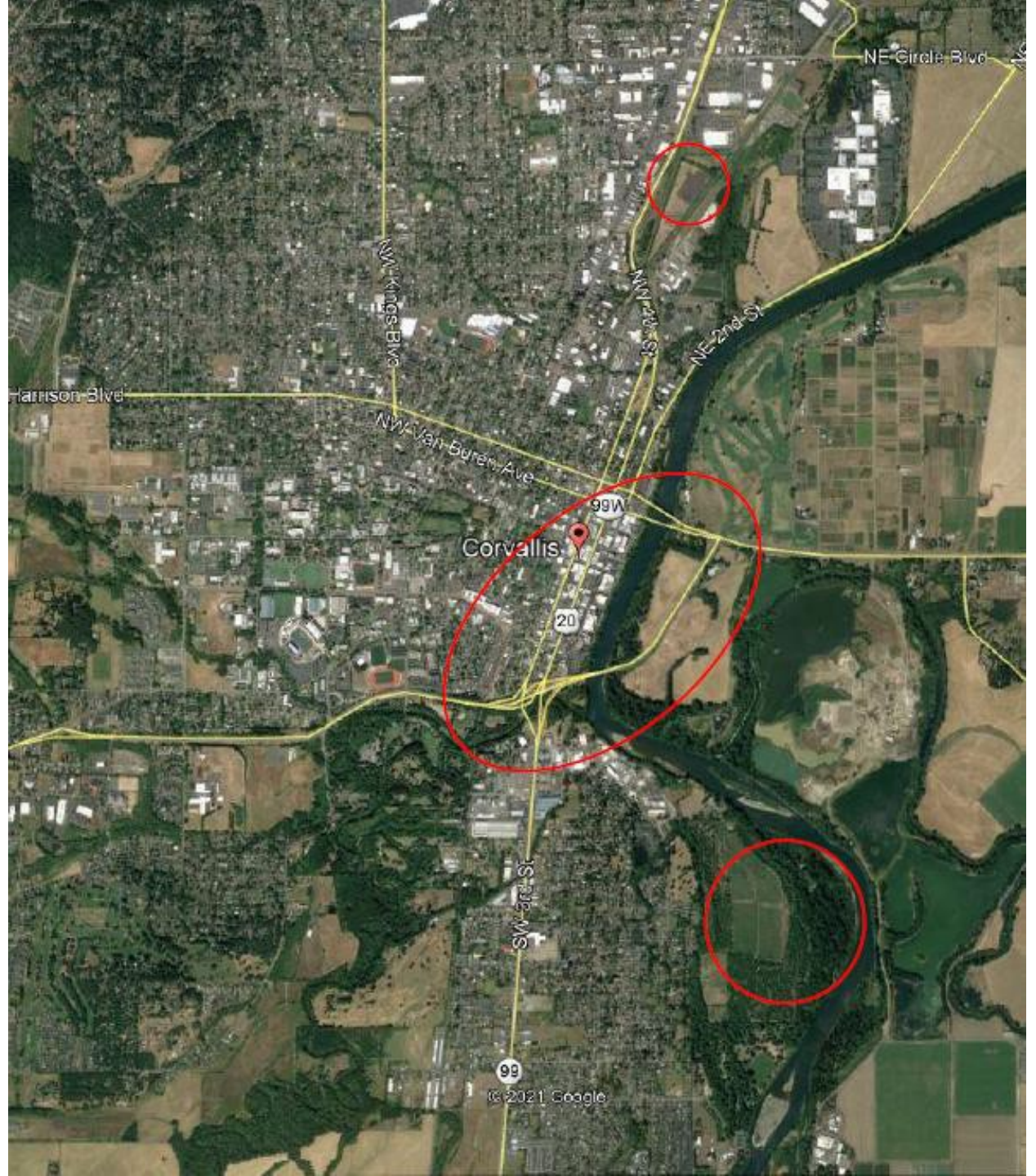


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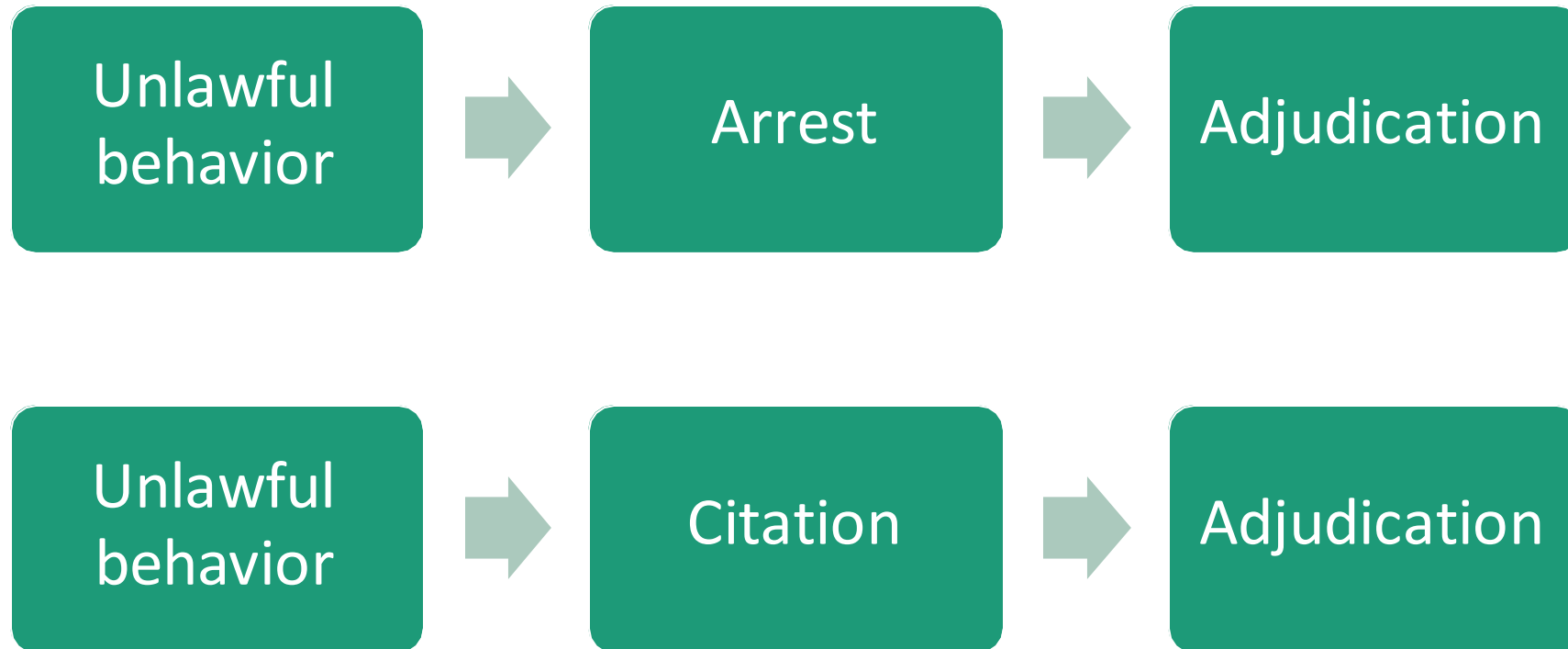


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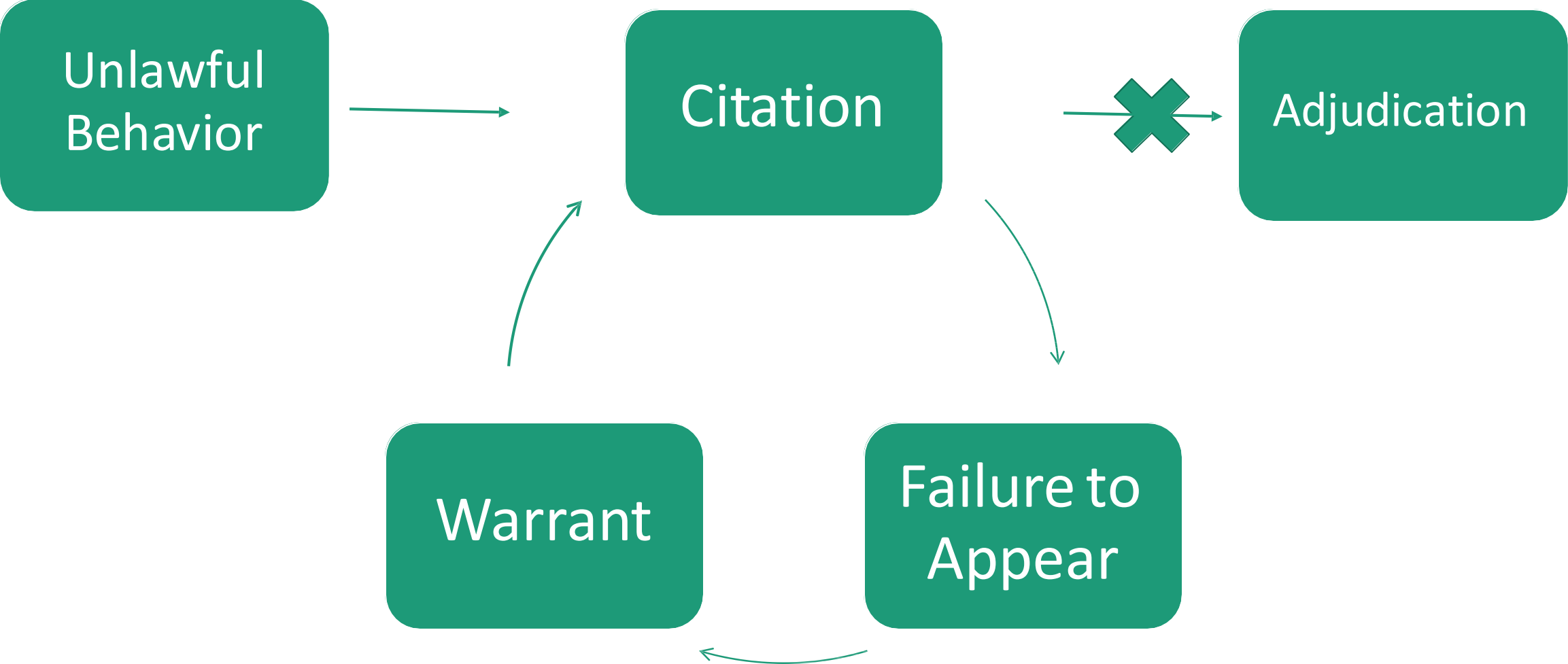
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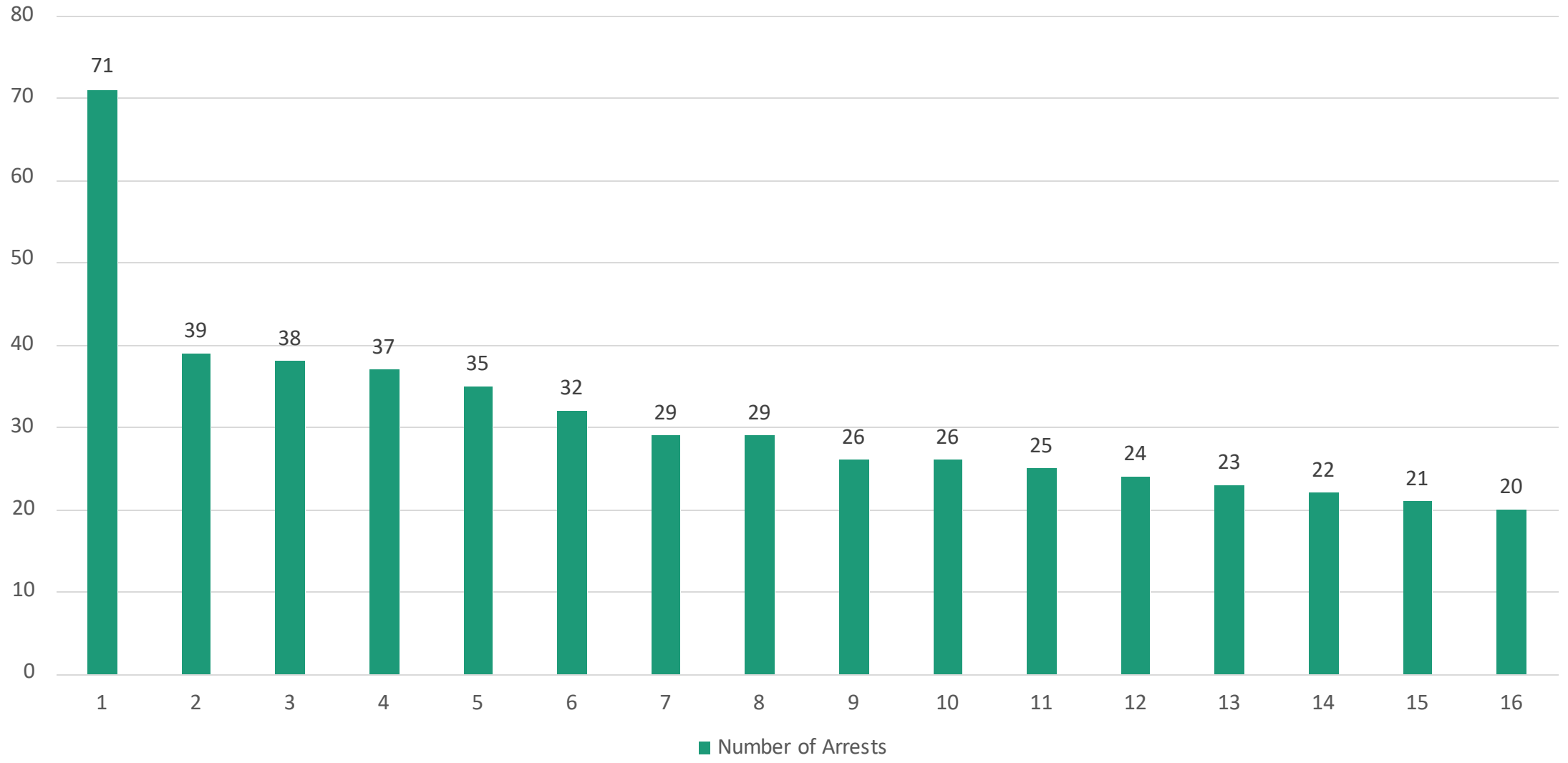
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From January 1st, 2020 through May 18th 2021,
64
people have been arrested
more than ten times.

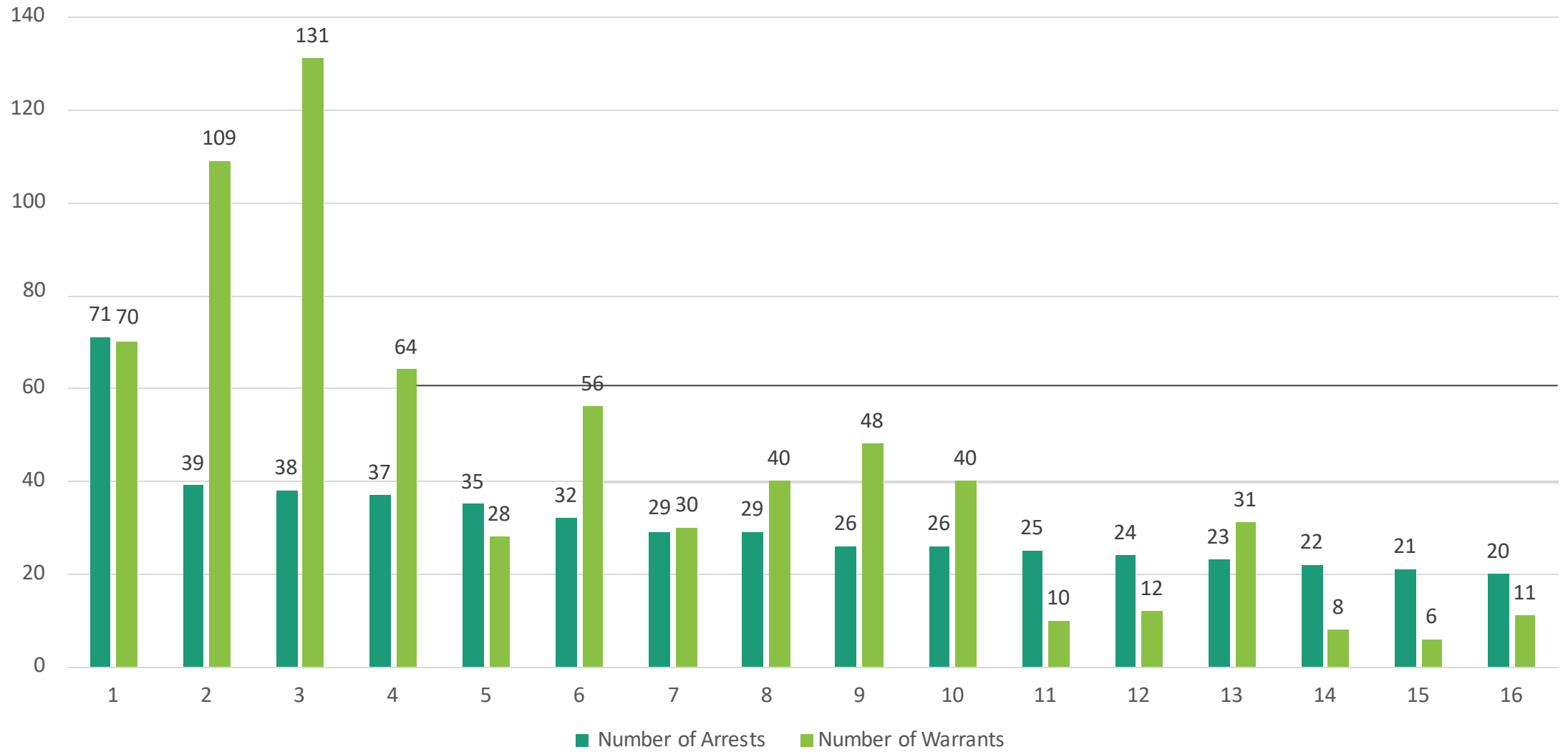
UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR: Repeat offenders

- From January 1st 2020 through May 18th 2021,
 - **16**
 - people have been arrested
 - **more than twenty times.**

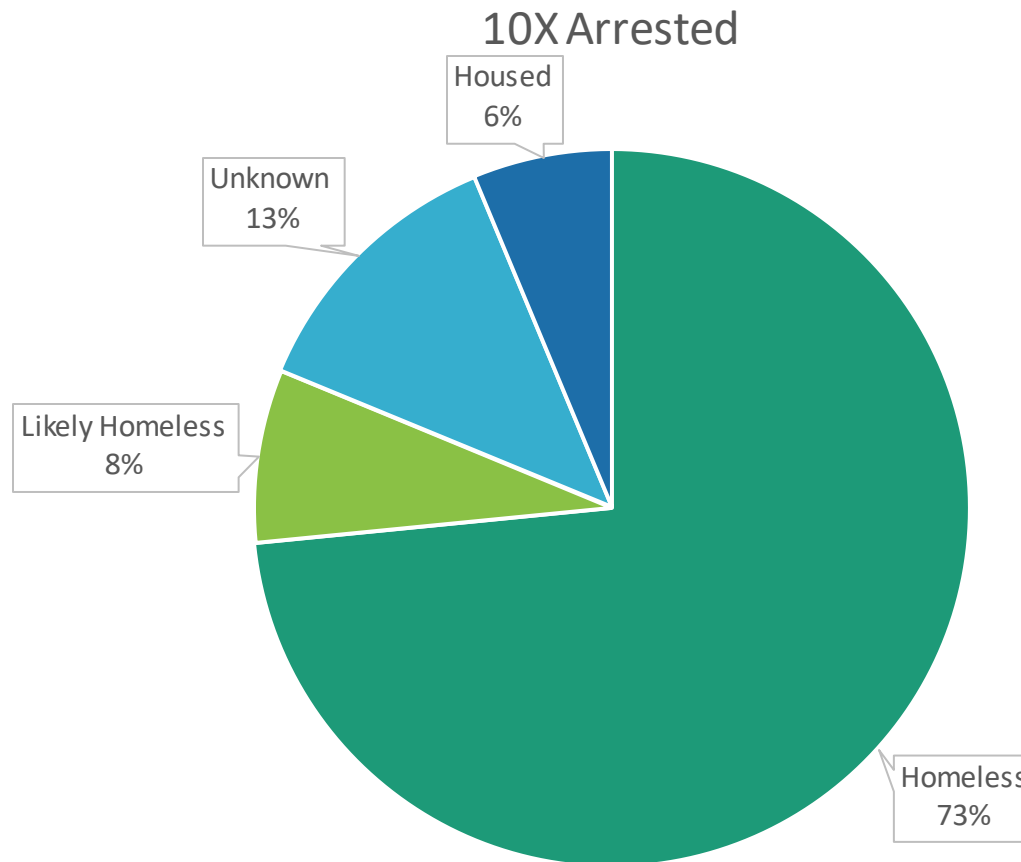
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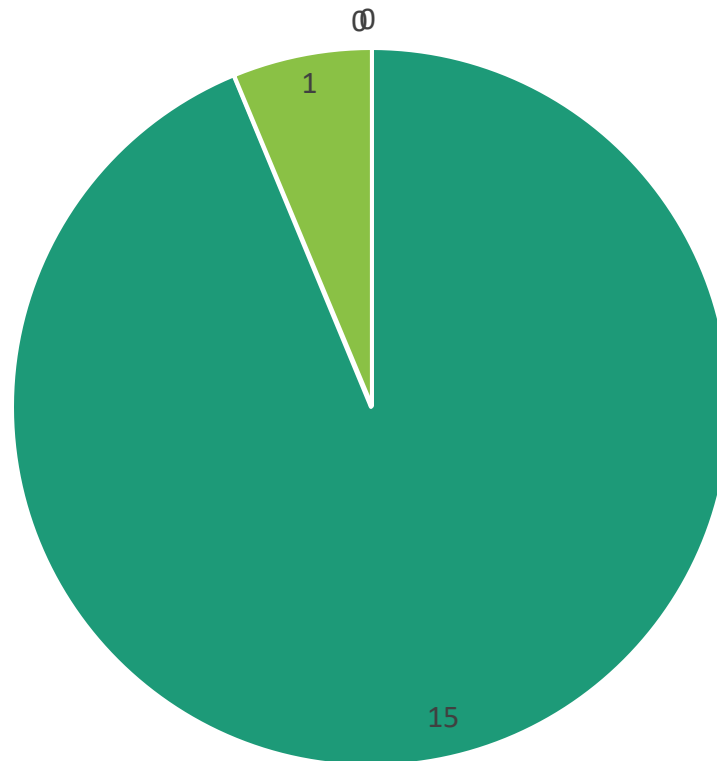


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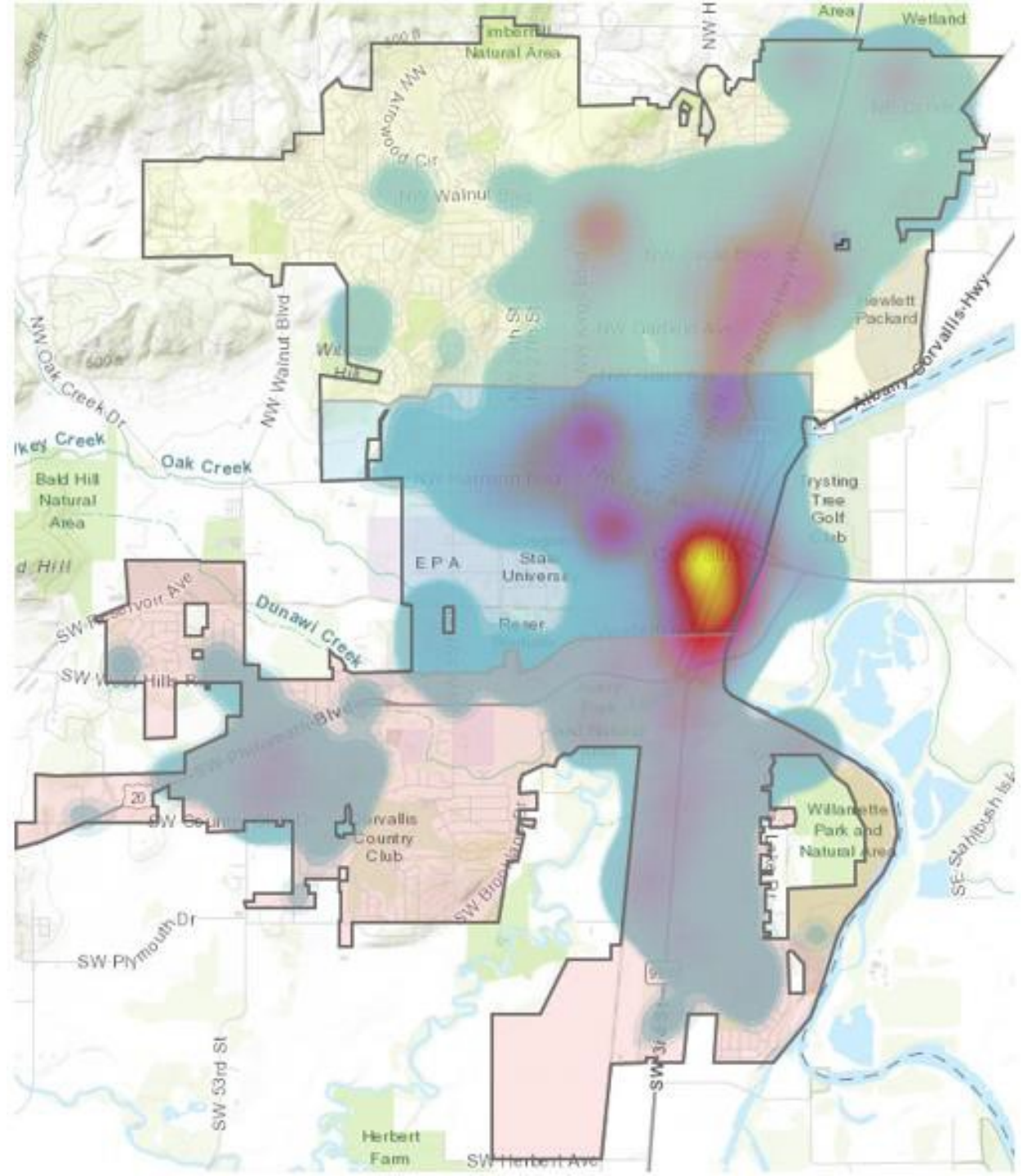
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20X Arrested

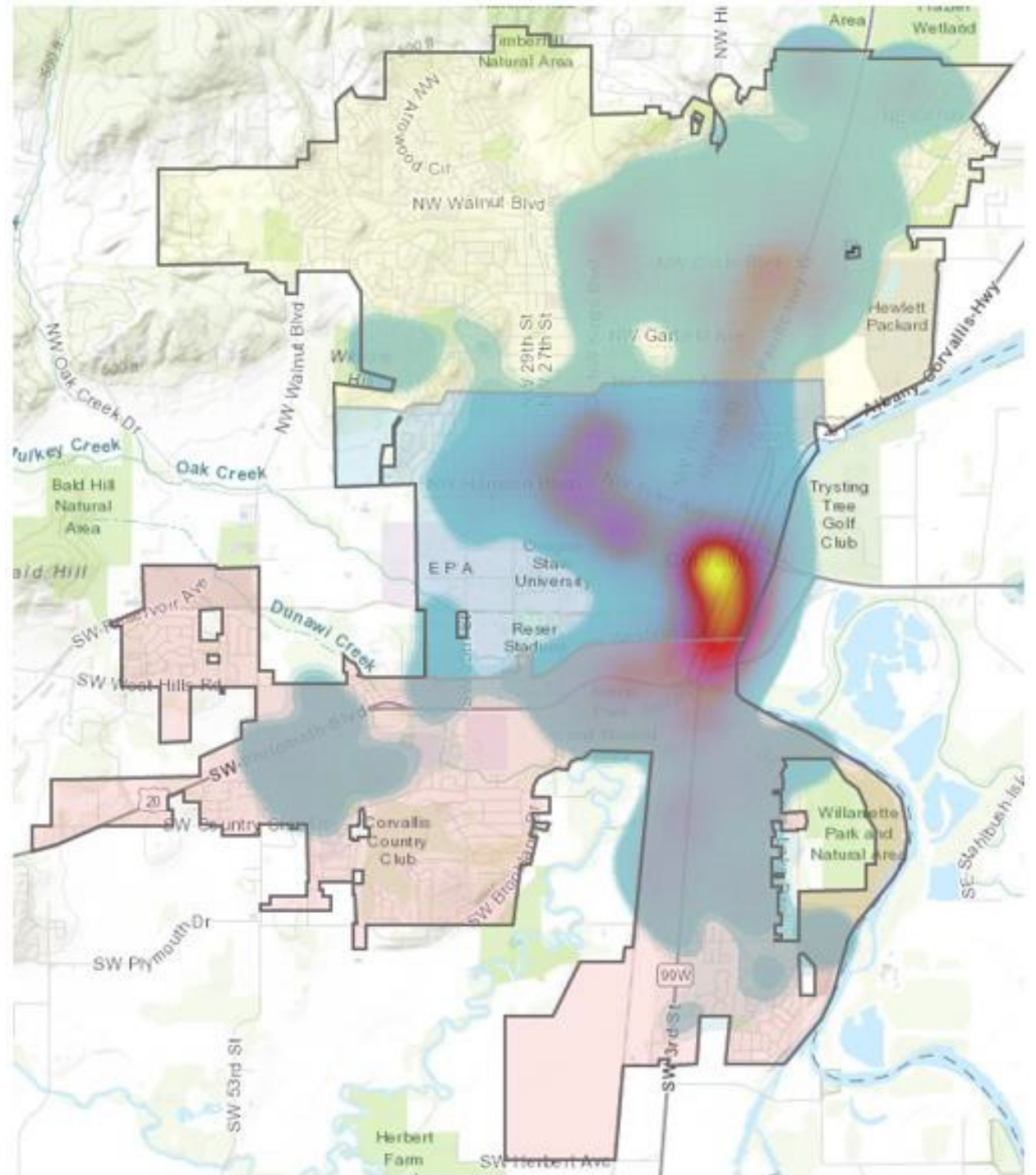


- Homeless
- Likely Homeless
- Unknown
- Housed

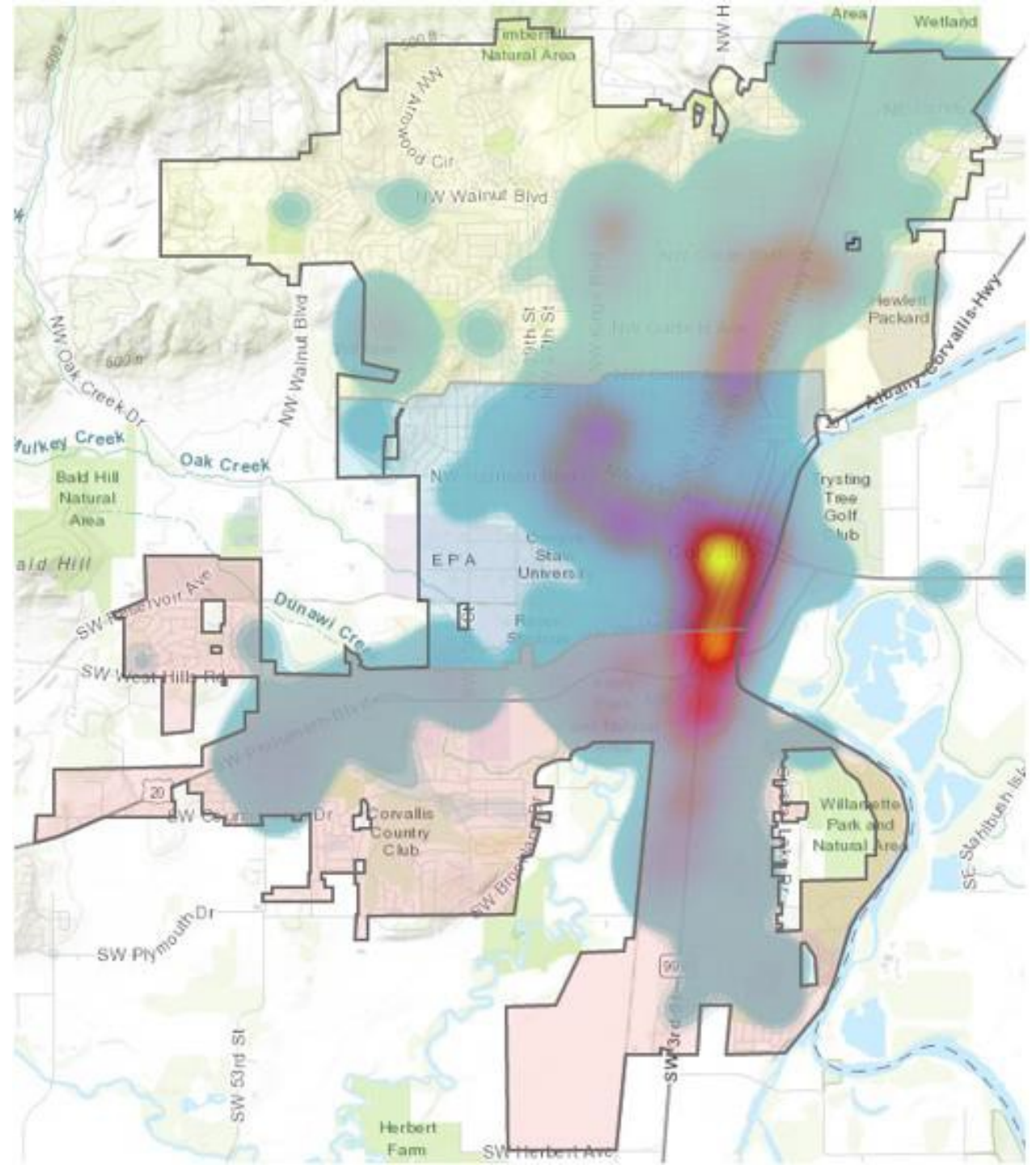
UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR: Arrest location (2018)



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(2019)



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(2020)



UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR:

Total CPD calls for service downtown
(Excluding traffic)

2019: 24%

2020: 25%

2021 (YTD): 28%

UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR: MICROSHELTERS

- Three current microshelter sites permitted by the City of Corvallis
 - Two have been in place long enough to review data
- Feedback from CD is positive
- Average calls to address about 1x per month
 - ***These calls do not appear to be related to the microshelters***

UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR:

Tent camping

- Parks are often used as tent camping locations
- Pioneer Park, BMX Park, and Skate Park have long been favorites in Corvallis
 - 2019: 526 CFS
 - 2020: 1,012 CFS
 - 2021 YTD: 374 CFS

OFFICER SAFETY



QUESTIONS?

Next Steps

- Board recruitment in June and July for two openings.
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