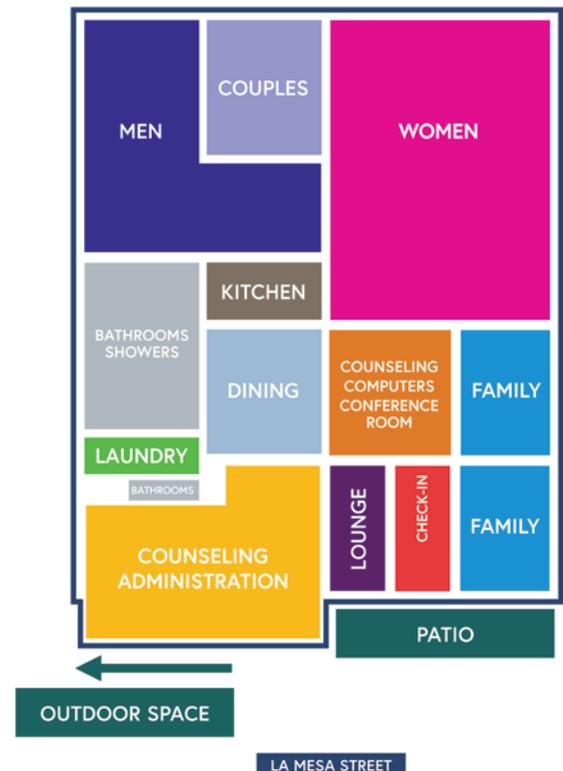
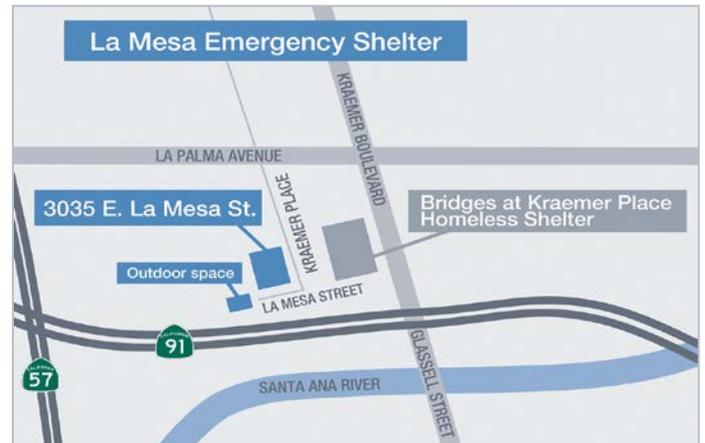




FactSheet

La Mesa Emergency Shelter

- **What:** temporary homeless shelter with supportive services
- **Where:** 3035 E. La Mesa St.
- **Beds:** 102
- **Why:**
 - Expands Anaheim's ability to help people out of homelessness
 - Allows Anaheim to continue addressing impacts on parks, neighborhoods and streets
 - Part of settlement of Orange County Catholic Worker lawsuit against county of Orange, Anaheim and others
 - ▶ See [Addressing Homelessness Fact Sheet](#)
- **Building:** 12,500 square feet, with 10,000-square-foot outdoor space
- **Features:**
 - Men's, women's, couples, family living spaces
 - Single beds, individual nightstands, privacy partitions
 - Personal storage space
 - Restrooms, showers
 - Kitchen, dining
 - Lounge area with TV
 - Computers
 - Pets
 - Outdoor recreation space





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- **Owner:** city of Anaheim
- **Total cost:** \$12 million for building acquisition, buildout and operation
- **Funding:** proceeds from prior city land sales, surplus city revenue
- **Contractors:** Bentley Construction Remodeling Inc., Horizons Construction Co., Caisteal Builders Inc.
- **Operator:** Orange-based Illumination Foundation
- **Employees:** 15, including program manager, therapists, case managers, counselors
- **Operational period:** up to three years until the opening of Salvation Army Center of Hope and additional beds across north Orange County
- **Serving:** homeless referred by Anaheim's outreach workers, the Anaheim Police Department, others dealing with homelessness in the city
- **Security:** private security onsite; Anaheim Police to patrol, respond and oversee security to ensure public safety and minimal impact on surrounding areas, similar to what has been done at Bridges at Kraemer Place
 - ▶ See [Addressing Homelessness Fact Sheet](#)
- **Timeline:**
 - **December 2018:** building acquisition, exterior work
 - **Jan. 7, 2019:** interior work begins
 - **Feb. 22, 2019:** build completed
 - **March 6, 2019:** shelter opening, first residents

Illumination Foundation

- **What:** nonprofit working to prevent homelessness, transition families and others living in homelessness to housing
- **Founded:** 2007
- **Headquarters:** Orange
- **Services:** weekly outreach, case management, medical care, mental health and workforce services, emergency, transitional and permanent housing
- **Shelters, facilities:** 16
- **Locations:** Orange County, Los Angeles, Inland Empire
- **Anaheim:**
 - **2018:** Illumination Foundation opens, operates 200-bed Anaheim Interim Emergency Shelter
 - **2014:** Illumination Foundation starts program with Anaheim, Anaheim Union High School District for homeless students, families
 - **2015:** identified, placed families at Rockwood Apartments, an Anaheim community with supportive services for formerly homeless families and others that opened in 2016



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- **Location:** Anaheim Canyon industrial area, near Riverside (91) Freeway and across from county-run, 200-bed Bridges at Kraemer Place Homeless Shelter
- **Prior building use:** Piano Empire Megastore, family business with about five employees that sold pianos to families, schools, community center, others
- **Zoning:** shelter permitted under SB2 zoning created by California Senate Bill 2, a 2007 law streamlining emergency shelters
- **Anaheim shelter crisis resolution:** adopted August 2018, commits city to expanding shelter and services on an urgent basis

