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Along with Bill Wilson Center, the County of Santa Clara's District 4, West Valley-Mission Community College District, San Jose State University, County Office of Supportive Housing, Community Solutions, and Foothill College will also be collaborating to house these college students.

"No student should live in a car, on someone's couch, or under an overpass, especially when they're working toward their dreams and careers," said County of Santa Clara Supervisor Susan Ellenberg. "I am proud to see all these stakeholders step up and come together to put these students first and find them stable housing."

"Homelessness is a regional challenge shared by the entire Bay Area, one that cries out for meaningful solutions," said Mary A. Papazian, President of San Jose State University. "Long-term answers can only emerge through joint efforts between government, civic organization and the broader community, and the 100 Day Challenge checks all the right boxes. At SJSU, addressing student housing is a critical part of meeting our students' overall basic needs, so we are pleased to be part of this important initiative."

Along with the kick-off of the 100-Day Challenge, the County is proclaiming the month of November as "National Homeless Youth Awareness Month" in the County of Santa Clara and Bill Wilson Center is unveiling a new report focused on homeless youth in Santa Clara County.

According to the 2019 Homeless Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey, 22% of the homeless respondents (ages 18-25) are currently enrolled in college. Of those currently experiencing homelessness, 14% of respondents noted they are living outside and 10% are living in their car.

"For a growing number of students in Santa Clara County, housing insecurity presents the largest obstacle to higher education," said Brad Davis, West Valley-Mission Community College District Chancellor. "Our county is blessed with outstanding educators across the entire continuum of public and private education, but as rents climb to an all-time high our students are increasingly priced out of higher education, not by tuition and fees, but because they must choose between a roof over their head today or career tomorrow."