"It’s never been better because everybody’s off the streets, we own the town. I asked the cops when they first did this 5 o’clock shut down thing, I said "What about us?" he goes ‘You guys don’t count - have fun’".

"My housing expired. Everywhere I go is closed. Even if it’s in my price range, the owner won’t let me visit the place because of the virus. What am I supposed to do? I’ve lost my housing because of it."

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**BACKGROUND**

- Homelessness in CA is greater than in any other state (60%)
- Population of unhoused women is on the rise (39%)
- COVID created unique challenges for this community

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Determine demographics of unhoused female population
2. Describe lived experiences of homeless women during the pandemic → use this to inform future advocacy work and policies

**METHODS**

- Mixed method study of convergent design
- Data collected both via a quantitative survey (n=90) and in-depth person to person interviews (n=21) in 9 encampments and 4 motels

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