

PROJECT

H.A.L.O.

Helping the homeless community with awareness, action, and love,
while observing the issues and solutions.



Episode 2 Clips

From the episode with the CEO of the People Concern - John Maceri and the HMST (Homeless Multi-Disciplinary Street Team)

Ernesto on importance of self care



Ernesto on difficulties of preventative medicine on the streets



Outro of Episode 2



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Intro

I chose this project to show that homelessness is not as simple as some may think it is. There isn't just a one size fits all solution and the people that are experiencing homelessness are humans and deserve to have their dignity.

I decided to go with a podcast or audio as my vessel because I think hearing information from the actual source is vital to people retaining and paying attention to the details. Also the tone of someone's voice can make all the difference and can really show how invested many of these individuals are in the work they do.

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Episode 5 Clips

From the episode with the Midnight Mission's Volunteer Manager Andrew Linares

Andrew reconnecting with his family after getting sober



Andrew on how his drug use started



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Recording

I used a variety of recording devices including, Zoom in a studio, a portable Tascam recorder, and even my iPhone.

A challenge I faced while recording was having the Tascam take too long to stop and restart to record, so I had to think on my feet and whip out my phone to record the rest of the ongoing conversation. I was able to fix what I missed with edits and VOs I inserted.

Another challenge was asking the tough questions with Andrew Linares, but I am glad I did because they were some of the most compelling answers I received throughout my whole process. He even openly admits he wouldn't have been able to do an interview like this before but has grown a lot through his 12 step process.

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Episode 4 Clips

From the episode with Lily Sofiani, the Assistant Deputy of Homelessness Policy in LA County, under Supervisor Holly Mitchell

Lily differentiates between city and county housing responsibilities



Lily explains 3 policies or processes that have been successful in aiding the homeless community



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Finding Interviews

I emailed over 50 organizations and professionals. It was difficult to get responses, which made me realize how important it is to build a network of people who know other types of people. I luckily was able to use my radio network to get into contact with great interviews like Lily Sofiani and Andrew Linares.

I also found that I had a difficulty getting ahold of LAHSA (LA Homeless Services Authority). In my interviews I found that they aren't very communicative with the people or organizations that they have to work with either, which was interesting.

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Conclusion

Where to go from here:

I will be publishing these 5 episodes on streaming services and plan to continue the podcast.

My ideas of future interviews or topics so far include:

- Santa Monica Motels Pavilion & American
- Mental Health Professionals
- LAPD Officer (near Skid Row)
- ER Nurse (near Skid Row)
- People Experiencing Homelessness

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Published Episodes:

- [Ep 1 - Gary Painter, USC Professor](#)
- [Ep 2 - John Maceri & The People Concern Street Team](#)
- [Ep 3 - Julia Ostunio & The OC Rescue Mission](#)
- [Ep 4 - Lily Sofiani, Assistant Deputy of Homelessness Policy](#)
- [Ep 5 - Andrew Linares & The Midnight Mission](#)

