

First Friday Noontime Forum Series
“Continuing the Growth and Prosperity of Downtown Lancaster”

Highlights – Part III

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- ❖ Homelessness and poverty impact costs and performance.
- ❖ The city poverty rate is now 72%, up from 69% in 2005.
- ❖ On any given day there are 900 homeless students in the SDoL
- ❖ Shelters add students to the District. Poverty needs to be addressed on a regional basis.
- ❖ People come to live in the city because they need the services that are located there.
- ❖ There needs to be a mechanism to help fund the homeless from a county level.
- ❖ There are few opportunities for low-income families to live outside of the city.
- ❖ The best economic development engine is good schools.