

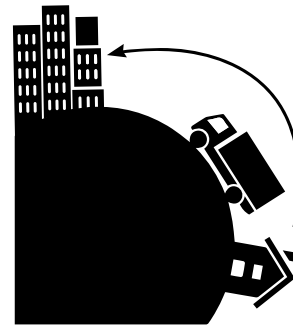
PRO Pods, (Plan, React, Occupy)

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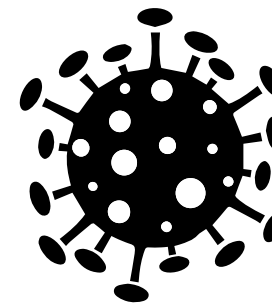
As we continue our battle with a global pandemic that has inarguably been handled in a haphazard fashion, some **monumental structures, deemed “non-essential”, remain vacant on central plots of land.** The Eiffel Tower in Paris and The Vessel Heatherwick in Manhattan are two such monumental structures which have been closed to visitors since the outbreak of COVID-19 began. These two structures, like **many architectural tourist attractions around the globe, are able to handle enormous amounts of foot traffic everyday, and therefore have the potential to become essential in times of a pandemic.** With PRO, they can adapt more necessary functions and even accommodate future urbanization.

PRO is a system of pods which can be used as medical clinics or emergency shelters. As consequences of urbanization, space will become more valuable and the homeless population will inevitably increase. **PRO utilizes the existing structures of monuments to react.** Its versatile form is implemented to reallocate the monuments' function to assist vulnerable populations in the wake of urbanization and increasing frequency of pandemics.

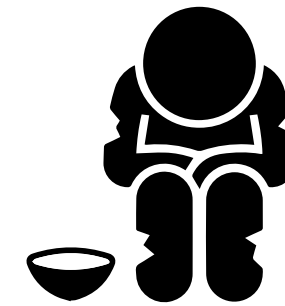
Valuable space is taken up by monuments deemed unusable in their most valuable time. This proposal, PRO Pods, optimizes the city fabric making non-essential structures essential to the human habitat.



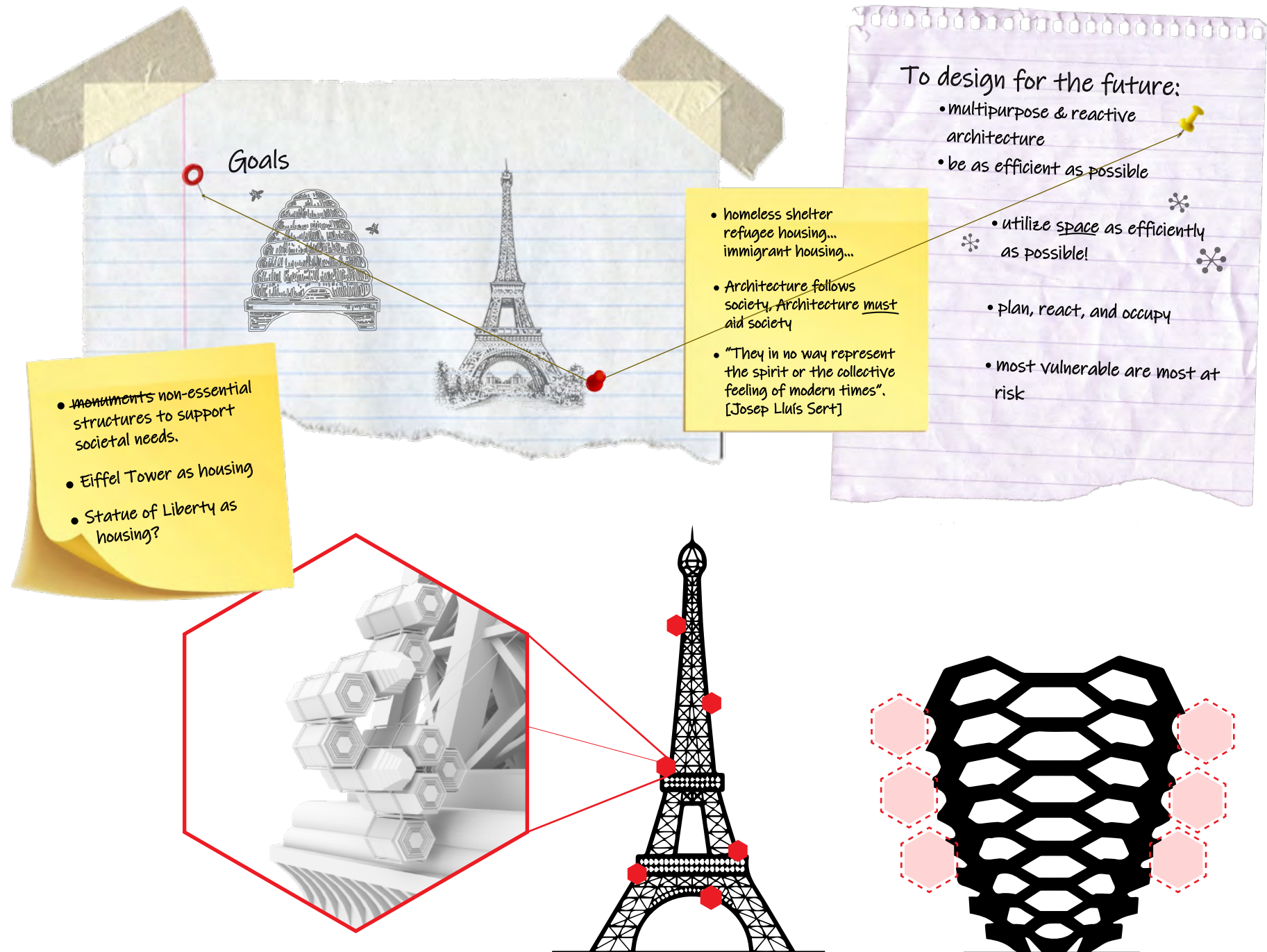
By 2050 more than 2/3 of the world population will live in major cities



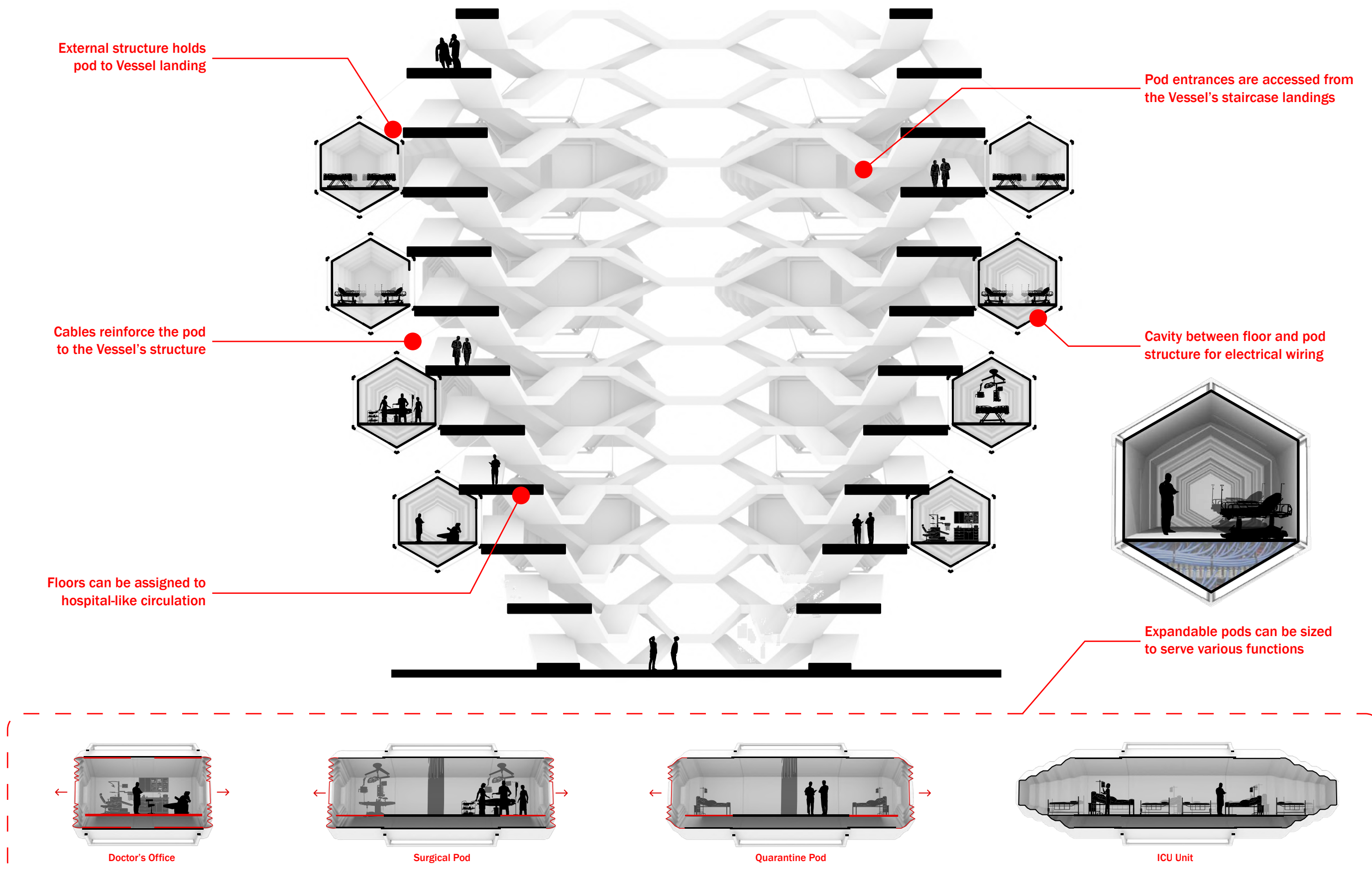
Pandemics are going to become more frequent



Urbanization will lead to a rise in vulnerable populations



Clinic Pods,



External structure connects
to stack pods together

Cables reinforce the pods
to the Eiffel Tower's structure

Pods can be rotated to provide
more room as stacked housing

Openings for doors are located on every
side of each pod to be able to connect
circulation through stacked pods if needed

Collapsible sides are interchangeable
and can become windows

Housing Pods,