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Mitigating the Homeless Issue in the USA

*No Easy Solutions

Would You Sleep Here? Is this the Solution?



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Homeless the Short and Sweet Summary

Don't take or give free enabling housing to the homeless

Take the Homeless to the Housing!

Very simple:

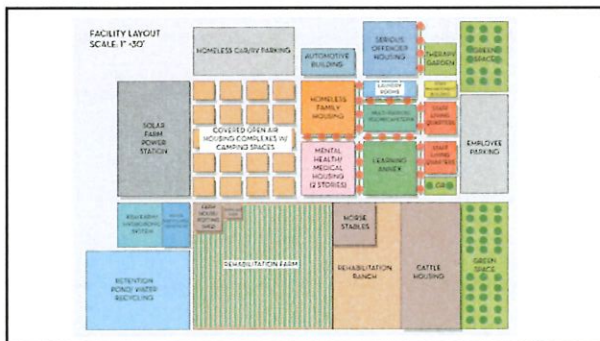
A safe pleasing environment in a Very rural location with ability to expand away from temptations of drugs and alcohol.

* Housing does not always mean barracks, apartments or houses

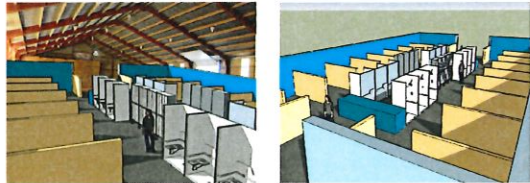
*Did we mention that it's cheaper? Land, labor, etc.

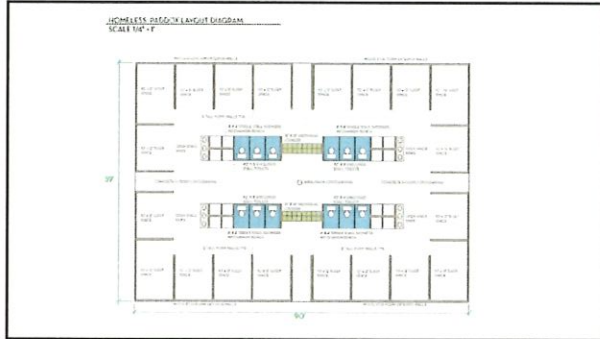
Burden on Everyone \$\$\$

- Burden on homeless: victims of crime & criminal behavior
- Mental illness burden on Social Services and courts
- Overall burden on Taxpayer, police, courts, jails, hospitals, REMSA (ambulance), etc.
- Tourism and our Quality of Life affected
- No one wins under present situation
- Who's responsibility?
 - Feds, States, Counties, Cities, Non-Profits, Taxpayer, Medical Services, Social Services, etc. Therein lies the problem- no coordination. Mitigation does exist- read on!
- Trump administration announces \$2B to help the homeless - Jan 11, 2018 - WASHINGTON— President Donald Trump's administration is announcing \$2 billion in grants for local agencies seeking to help the homeless. The amount announced Thursday is an increase over recent years ...



Many Homeless will not live in crowded shelters: Pets, family, personal choice, etc so provide safe alternatives
 Below offers pet friendly camping areas getting them off the river and streets where they are often the victims of crime
 Note: guess what? People poop and it spreads disease: see San Diego homeless Hep A outbreak. Let's give them a sanitary place to camp.





THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX
 Housing does not always mean houses nor apartments nor open bay barracks
 May be the above ideas plus covered camping areas, (Re-habed) RV Campers
 and trailers in a homeless park , etc.

Cost: Only \$10,000

Cost \$1000 to free: Residents rehab it

- Work and education areas based on need:
- Basic education
 - Trades
 - Automotive
 - Auto & RV Rehabilitation for internal use
 - Art & Music
 - Internal infrastructure and services from food, laundry, maintenance, safety, fire, security, etc.

The Problem is Real and Growing
 Hep A Outbreak in SoCal, Sanitation, Humane treatment
 Citizen quality of life, legal issues

Coming Soon to Reno



True Story of Pablo and Lisa

- Pablo was a nasty violent drunk out of jail however.
In jail he was a model trustee, helpful, hard working and yes- happy. He flourished in a structured no alcohol environment.
- Lisa panhandled with her small dog at a freeway off ramp. She and her boyfriend lived by the river and drank heavily with the money from panhandling. One day her boyfriend flagged down help and the medics found her deceased from a bleed out.
- Who won here?

Throwing Money at the Problem. Is free housing really the answer?

LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICIALS RELEASED A MAJOR DRAFT REPORT WITH 50 RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

OFFICIALS SAID THE RECOMMENDATIONS REPRESENT THE "MOST COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED EFFORT EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE COUNTY TO ATTACK THE CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS AND LIFT THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS OFF THE STREET."

THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROPOSALS ARE ABOUT \$150 MILLION. COUNTY (NOT CITY) FUNDING ALREADY IS AN ADDITIONAL \$51 MILLION IN ADDITION TO THE \$50 MILLION EXISTING BUDGET (101 MILLION)

VOTERS MAY BE ASKED FOR MORE TAXES FOR PROBLEM

* DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS WILL MAKE A DENT IN THE PROBLEM? IT HASN'T SO FAR!

The Joint Powers Agreement

While more government is seldom the solution in this case the JPA concept may have traction:

Current Situation: Multiple players not always in agreement each answering to different voters, boards or communities: County, Cities, State, local authorities, Sheriff, police, healthcare community, etc. etc.

Proposed: Joint Powers Authority has own funding, board, expert staff to be able to actively and quickly address issues.

*This is a national, state and regional issue

Can the homeless legally sleep in cars and trailers on the street?

Desertrain vs. City of Los Angeles



Factors and Issues

Homeless Definition: Addressing the true homeless living on the street or in shelters.

Homeless by mis-fortune, job loss, temporary bad choices: Represents an important minority that may be helped by temporary mass shelter.

Providing individual shelter is costly and enabling. Why not give shelter to those that work at low wage jobs?

Drug and alcohol addition a major problem

If a citizen has a medical event we call 911 and ems responds code 3 but if a person is severely mentally ill, society ignores them- don't make eye contact. Govt prohibited from helping.

Registered sex offenders have trouble finding lodging

Many homeless will not live in shelters

Many will not leave their pets.

Jails full and costly

Present system benefits no one. Harms businesses, tourism, homeless, hospitals, taxpayer: lose/lose

Mitigating Solutions: Build It and They Will Come



SUMMARY

- Safe Rural welcoming facility away from temptations
- Housing but not houses
- In-Resident Restricted facility- no come & go
- Showers/bathing restroom facilities
- Personal lockers
- Teaching facilities
- Employment/Recreation/opportunities
- Safety/personal space
- Mental/medical help
- Drug/Alcohol and relationship therapy
- Arts and Music essential
- Reduces burden on police, courts, corrections, hospitals, social services, quality of life, tourism, etc. Everyone wins!