

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Access to safe and affordable housing is the right of every human being on this planet. We should NOT be criminalizing any form of homelessness in the United States, specifically talking about CA right now and instead we should be offering solutions. DTLA and much of CA is in a state of emergency. We should have shelter tents set up near the more remote areas of Downtown so that we may offer temporary shelter to those on the streets while we look for long term solutions. I would like to say it again though, being homeless is not a crime and should not be treated as one. We vote for council members that have the best interest for the people and ones that can offer solutions to large issues such as housing. I'm sure the wonderful council members together can think of a better solution to homelessness than criminalizing the homeless. The relationship between the police and the people is already shakey, don't continue to make it worst but having officers arresting those without homes. Please see my attached proposal for housing solutions. Thank You

How the West was saved

Affordable housing solutions

80% of the housing needs to belong to essential workers that are making the minimum wage in the state. Essentially what we want is LIVE, WORK, PLAY. Lets cut some of the commutes that we've made "normal" and keep everything closer to home. This includes daycare and schools. Based off of the minimum wage the state will access appropriate rental costs for long term living. EX: Bachelors & Studios should be able \$600-\$650 a month. Each city that has affordable housing will charge a service fee of \$25 a month to each tenant. That money goes into a fund that will be called the 'affordable housing fund". We can pull money from other sources that will TBD. (Tourism fee for people that come into the city/state short term?)

Access to affordable housing needs to be ALL ON ONE WEBSITE. We need to be able to CLICK ONE LINK and sign up for an affordable housing list. We can select areas that interest us and also areas where we work at. This list will give us an estimate on when we can expect long term housing to be available. If no long term housing is available but the person is in need, essentially we want to be able to get them into a temporary "Shelter tent" or hotel room. Shelter tents need to be separated by Families & unaccompanied, Men, Women, Queer if possible. We would like to have trained "health aides and health officers on site. Health/Peace officers may have rubber bullets on them or anything additional they need. Police may be outside of the buildings but this approach should be non threatening as possible.

1. Ask property owners to submit their buildings as long term affordable housing. City would pay the balance difference with in reason that owner would request. EX: A bachelor/ studio MAY cost up to \$1200 a month. Renter would pay the \$600 and the affordable housing fund would pay the difference. Property owners who submit their buildings can also be offered a tax credit.
2. Request that the Gov. call for CalTrans to surrender any vacant properties that they own.
3. Locate areas where affordable housing can be built. **We essentially would want to build "work, live, play" areas. Would invite in small business owners to rent any retail space in the live, work, play areas. We can agree to offer**

them special commercial lease pricing in exchange for “reasonable costs of goods/services” and request a small percentage of their sales contribute into the affordable housing fund.

4. Locate hotels or areas that can offer immediate rooms and/or build shelter tents for misplaced minors, LGBTQ, people who do work but maybe had a “rough patch” and just need a temporary place to shelter so they can get back on their feet.
5. Use large convention centers to temporarily house people in major cities.
6. Immediate “shelter tents” in all major cities like DTLA that are experiencing homelessness. This can act as temporary mental health /substance abuse clinics for those it applies to. Goal is to access vacant lots and put up shelter tents for the unhoused that are in downtown LA, Santa Monica, Venice etc. There will be many showers, bathrooms, and laundry cleaning areas made available. Tents shouldn't have more than 30-40 people per tent. Each tent will have health aides on site to assist with assessments and long term placements. Such issues could be...
 1. Mental health evaluation
 2. Are these individuals able to work part-time?
 3. Do they qualify for disability or any other assistance?
 4. Do they have any Drug and/or Alcohol addiction?
7. “Dwellers” zone for those that are in cars or vans, allow parking for dwellers without any push back from police. “Peaceful parking at night in non residential areas”. Bathrooms and showers nearby.
8. To avoid a large wave of people coming into the state to get housing. We eventually would want to form what is called the “West Coast Pact” that agrees to secure affordable housing for 80% of the working population in each state. This would likely include NV, CO, AZ, OR, and Seattle. TBD.

**Proposal Created by Tieira Ryder
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My proposal would include finding and securing land options for tiny homes which would include access to land to put affordably built tiny homes. I would like to create a certain

number of affordable housing communities in Los Angeles that will always belong to the people. The middle class deserves to live comfortably with their families and I believe that 80% of the housing in cities should be accessible to the lower and middle class.

The average cost of a 3 bedroom in Los Angeles about 20 years ago was about \$900, the current cost of a 3 bedroom today is almost 4 times that amount. By making 80% of housing affordable in the city it will allow families to spend more on outside family activities that would benefit the city and many small business owners.

How the housing would work, these are just some options.

- **Create an affordable housing initiative that allows essential workers who make under a certain amount to be added to a list of affordable housing. This list needs to be available at all times for low income workers. Again I would like to put forward an effort to make 80% of the housing in Los Angeles affordable.**
- **Access to empty land to put pre- built tiny homes that are owned by the state. (Affordable housing belonging to the people)** - Put pre-built tiny homes on this land after city approval. Average rent for a tiny built studio would be no more than \$400-\$700. (See @uniteddwelling on IG for examples of a small studio. Appliances not included.)
- Access to empty land to allow parking for people that own their own tiny homes. They would pay a flat rental amount.
- Community involvement, produced possibly on HGTV as an American housing series. (Thinking of revenue it could generate to get the word out about more affordable housing in all of the U.S)

This plan isn't solid, I'm still working it out but I do know that the need for housing in the city of Los Angeles is needed and I'm working on solutions for the crisis.