

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The UN Declaration of Human Rights states that every citizen has rights and responsibilities to their society. It also states that one of those rights is the right to housing. Since the United States helped to write and ratify the Declaration of Human Rights, I ask that our society be true to what it has said, and fulfill this promise. I believe that every society has the obligation to provide basic shelter or housing to those who need it, up to the best of that society's ability. I won't comment on any other society; after all, why would I pull the speck out of another society's eye when there's a log in our own? I do not believe that our society is currently doing its best to meet its obligation to guarantee basic shelter or housing to those who need it. Codifying a legal right to shelter would allow any citizen to step forward and assert their right to shelter in court. New York City has had a right to shelter since 1981, and Massachusetts has had a right to shelter since 1983, so we know what a right to shelter would look like in practice. I call upon the City of Los Angeles to make this an enforceable right.