



REAL SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS PLEDGE

Local government officials make stand for alternatives to housing first and harm-reduction

In acknowledging the failures of the so-called harm-reduction and housing first approaches to reduce homelessness and drug addiction, as a local elected official, I pledge to advocate for the following policy proposals in my community:

1. Requiring that individuals who receive taxpayer-subsidized supportive housing while experiencing substance use disorders actively participate in a drug treatment program, with the ultimate goal of sobriety.
2. Defunding existing harm-reduction programs such as "safe consumption sites" and needle exchanges and introducing land-use regulations to prohibit the future siting of such facilities.
3. Investing in the creation of additional mental health treatment beds, slots, and capacity. In particular, resources focused on involuntary commitment under Ricky's Law for those experiencing substance use disorders should be prioritized.
4. Requiring mandatory minimum sentencing from judicial officers for prolific offenders who have been arrested, prosecuted, and convicted of drug-related crimes on multiple occasions.
5. Enacting stricter laws to address unauthorized encampments, including unauthorized vehicular encampments. Prior to addressing encampment issues, alternative shelter capacity must be made available.
6. Discouraging panhandling in the public right-of-way and instead encouraging community donations to local nonprofits.
7. Partnering with effective nonprofits with proven success in addressing homelessness and substance use disorders.

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