

Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing

Public Comment:

As a part of the loyal opposition, I want to present another point of view on homeless. My background is below.

First I ask you to look at the Powerpoint at www.HomelessSolutionsUSA.org (I believe you have to type it in not search.)

The first reality is that agree or not the present administration is moving away from housing toward treatment that was long supported by Democrats in the past. I and others believe it's Drug Addiction and Mental Illness not Housing or Jobs.

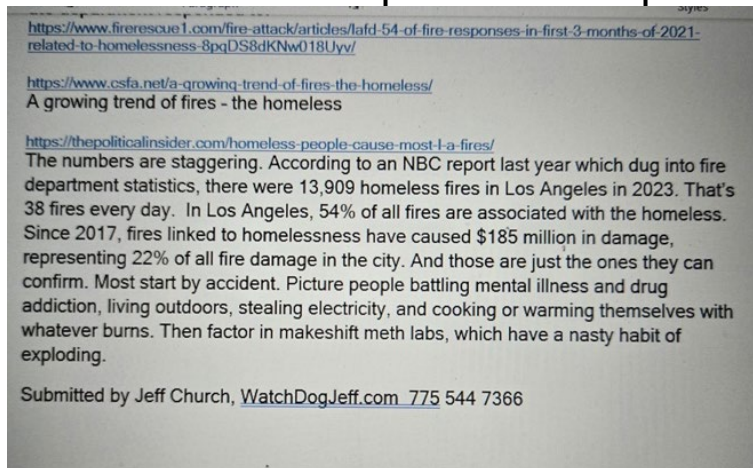
Following California's lead we need changes in NRS 4333 Mental Health Commitments to allow Judicially approved longer stays for those in need.

NRS 433.003 Declaration of legislative intent.

2. To charge the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the Division of Child and Family Services, of the Department with recognizing their duty to act in the best interests of their respective consumers by placing them in the least restrictive environment.

It is not in the best interest of souls tormented by perceived demons and totally unable to care for themselves to be released on the street, often to be victimized. Sadly but it is necessary to place these persons in a humane treatment facility while meeting all NRS 433 legal and Judicial requirements.

Stats show that mentally ill are prone to petty criminal behavior or worse and fires be them accidental or arson. Homeless fires are the #1 fire calls that urban fire departments respond to.



At the 2026 Homeless Alliance conference, these realities cannot be ignored and must be discussed.

The official stated policies of the DHHS and Administration cannot be ignored.



I'll point out that year after year I offer, as the loyal opposition, to present that point of view and the at first agreed then refused saying that none of these ideas are prove. Really, which programs that are offered are working? We have more homeless than ever! Plan A is proven not to work but I or others can't present the other side.

Please urge the conference hosts to include all sides and I'm sure somebody from the federal government could be found to attend and speak.

If you can't log in a copy of the updated Powerpoint available on request.

Sincerely,

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