

Resolution of the Scenic Foothills Community Council Regarding Proposed Solutions to Housing and Homelessness

Whereas on the July 27th, 2021, the Anchorage Assembly passed a resolution committing to a collaborative process for interim and long-term planning to address housing and homelessness in the Municipality, we, the Community Council of Scenic Foothills, would like to support the Mayor and the Assembly in their efforts,

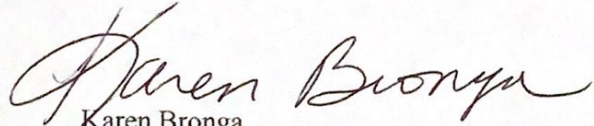
Whereas evidence gathered from successful Housing and Homelessness programs nationwide has shown that Housing First initiatives and stabilizing homeless individuals through housing with services leads to better outcomes and a subsequent higher degree of self-sufficiency for homeless individuals as well as significant tax savings to cities on emergency services,

Whereas the current experts and providers working in the field of homelessness have spoken extensively on July 21st about the current barriers to immediately reducing homelessness in our city and the HRAC has released a document on July 15th with recommendations from people with lived experience in homelessness as well as community stakeholders, we ask the following be considered:

1. That a series of smaller shelters throughout the municipality be considered in lieu of a single large navigation center and that any facility built be limited to a capacity of 175 individuals to assure the safety of the clients it serves as well as the integrity of the surrounding neighborhoods
2. That equivalent resources are dedicated to purchase, renovation, and staffing of treatment facilities, transitional and permanent supportive housing concurrently with or proceeding the purchase or construction of a new shelter facility and that all efforts be made to immediately house those that are able to be housed
3. That a Muni sanctioned camp as described by HRAC is designated in a separate location from any homeless shelter location, renovated, and staffed for unhoused individuals who decline shelter or cannot stay at a shelter
4. That a plan is established for transporting shelter residents to substance abuse treatment facilities, employment sites, legal campgrounds, and other sites
7. That protocols supported by the city be established regarding security and clean-up for neighborhoods in the vicinity of emergency shelters
8. That the Mayoral Administration and Assembly continue to seek the advice of subject matter experts and individuals with lived experience in regards to housing and homelessness

With these recommendations so stated, it is resolved that the Scenic Foothills Community Council supports the Mayor and the Assembly as they move forward in negotiation.

Passed and Approved by Scenic Foothills Community Council on August 2, 2021 by a vote of
13 yays, 0 nay , 0 abstaining

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Bronga". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Karen Bronga
Scenic Foothills Community Council Chair