

**October 11, 2023**  
**HOMELESS TASK FORCE SYNOPSIS**

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Attached is an overview of my experience with the Homeless Shelter Task Force (Clean Slate Strategy). Let me give you an explanation of my experience.

1. It continues to be an honor to serve you and the other community councils of our area. I continue to do so with any and all upcoming meetings, like the one that occurred on 9/20/23 and 10/11/2023.
2. 9/20/23 – Assembly Housing and Homelessness Committee Meeting
  - a. No plans presented by the Assembly
  - b. Mayors Office has a plan to make a Emergency Shelter at the S.W.S. operation center on 56<sup>th</sup>. The mayor has the latitude to do an emergency rezoning to comply with the emergency need of the shelter. The shelter could house 150 individuals, be a gated facility with only authorized people allowed, have divisions within the facility for women and men, and have shower / latrine provisions. The facility will be open until 4/30/2024.
  - c. Ken McCarty inquired of three (3) questions:
    - What has been investigated and decided of the feasibility of the JBER mobile dorms (sleeps 12)?
    - What is being done to secure identification for homeless who would like to return to their village or state of origin but must get through TSA at the airport?
    - What is the interaction with the Federal delegation regarding Federal mandates, which dictate housing number requirements that are not applicable for Alaska? It is denying people housing resulting in perpetual homelessness.
3. 10/11/23 – Assembly Homeless Shelter Task Force Meeting
  - a. Last Clean Slate Task Force meeting was June 14, 2023
  - b. Contracts are being negotiated to start this week for Emergency Shelters at:
    - Alex & Aviator Hotel – 371 beds
    - SWS (Congregate) – 150 beds
    - TAY (Transitional Add to Youth - Covenant House) – 25 beds
  - c. Emergency shelter beds are until 4/30/23
  - d. Total E.C.S. beds will serve 546 people.

- e. Proposed PATH (Schedule) toward Task Force Homeless Shelter
  - Foundational Questions to be addressed (10/25/2023)
  - Location Alignment (11/8/2023)
  - Location Process
  - Town Hall Meetings (12/2, 12/4, and 12/7)
  - Final Recommendation Location (1/3/2024)
  - Operational Process (1/24/2024)
  - Future Meeting - TBD
- f. Informed that there is consideration of a proposed bond to pay for homeless shelter for the April 2024 Muni election
- g. Brief comment about the Northway Mall
- h. Emergency Shelters – Presented by Miss Johnson
  - Emergency Shelters will be up and operational by 10/16/2023
  - Review meeting - 10/18/2023
  - Can process about 20 people per day
- i. Questions for 10/25/23 Meeting
  - Is a congregate shelter preferred over a non-congregate shelter?
  - How do we not lose control of social norms?
  - What are the results of the Anchorage Coalition on Homelessness Survey?
  - Do we need to revisit the map of criteria of locations, as the SWS facility is not on the current map? How many other potential locations exist?
  - Question of size capability and expense of shelter?
  - Question of one or multiple shelters?
  - What is the exit plan once the need has been met?
  - What are the criteria for homelessness?
  - What is the differentiation demographics of people who have been banned from their village of origin and those who are discouraged from their village but can return?
  - What is the differentiation of multi-family residence usage because of being forced to live by such means and those who choose to live in such means due to economic advantage?
  - What is professional advice from national standardized statistics / data analysis?
  - What is the consideration for shelters in the summer?
  - How is the shelter model fitting with the restorative re-entry model?
  - What is the capacity analysis in addition to demographics?
- j. Audience participation:
  - Ron A – Desire to respect the audience participation by availing a timer clock to inform the presenter how much time they have rather than interrupting them to tell them they have 30 seconds, thus interrupting the flow of thought.
  - Romi S – Social worker from an E.R. asking what to tell people as to where they can go for shelter?

- John H – What safety measures are taken in consideration for shelters?
- k. Gaveled out
- After the gavel out the I.T. person created a timer on the projector for future audience participations.

I hope the information is helpful. Let me know if you wish to meet to discuss these issues further.

Ken McCarty

### HOMELESS DATA ANALYSIS

Community	State	2020 Census Population	2020 Census Median Household Income	Employment Rate	2022 Homeless Calculations Per Given Night	Demographic Homeless Per 10,000 G.P.	Percent of Population
Anchorage	AK	291,247	\$86,654.00	38.3%	1,494	51.3	0.51%
Los Angeles	CA	3,822,238	\$77,456.00	58.3%			0.00%
Los Angeles County	CA	10,014,009			65,111	65.0	0.65%
Sacramento	CA	1,585,055	\$80,063.00	58.2%	9,278	58.5	0.59%
San Francisco	CA	873,965	\$121,826.00	62.8%	7,754	88.7	0.89%
Boise, Idaho	ID	386,541	\$72,405.00	41.5%	620	16.0	0.16%
Chicago	IL	2,746,388	\$66,576.00	43.7%	3,875	14.1	0.14%
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Boston	MA	675,647	\$79,283.00	63.6%	4,439	65.7	0.66%
Omaha, Nebraska	NE	486,051	\$62,948.00	38.1%	1,346	27.7	0.28%
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Las Vegas	NV	641,903	\$59,746.00	54.6%	5,645	87.9	0.88%
Reno, Nevada	NV	264,165	\$67,478.00	35.9%	1,605	60.8	0.61%
Portland, Oregon	OR	652,503	\$79,057.00	65.6%	5,228	80.1	0.80%

**Homeless analysis based on 2020 Census and Homeless Coalition statistics.**