

**A Resolution of the North Star Community Council of Anchorage, Alaska Expressing Support for our Unsheltered Neighbors and for Humane, Evidence-Based Housing Policies to be Enacted in the Municipality of Anchorage.**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has seen an increase in outdoor deaths over the last two years.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has failed to provide adequate cold weather shelter for the second year in a row leading to loss of life and unconscionable human suffering.

WHEREAS, the Martin v. Boise 2018 precedent by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled it is unconstitutional to punish homeless people for camping in public spaces when they lack “access to adequate temporary shelter”.

WHEREAS, abatement is an inherently disrupting and damaging process for vulnerable populations, leading to the loss or destruction of property, minimization of human dignity and removal of personal agency.

WHEREAS, the North Star Community Council has been impacted by the increase in unhoused and underserved neighbors within our district.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has constrained resources to dedicate to this crisis in our community.

Now, Therefore, The North Star Community Council Does Hereby Resolve as Follows:

The residents of North Star Community Council do support the use of Municipality of Anchorage resources for evidence-based interventions, programs and services to support our unhoused neighbors that target the current conditions and root causes of homelessness.

The residents of the North Star Community Council do not support the use of Municipality of Anchorage resources for campsite abatement or the criminalization of homelessness.

The residents of the North Star Community Council request that Municipality of Anchorage dedicate resources as follows:

- The funding and establishment of multiple, dispersed, low-barrier emergency shelters
- Accessible daytime warming areas during winter months
- Municipal policy changes that lead to the increased construction of affordable housing

Passed on December 13, 2023 with \_\_\_\_\_ votes in favor, \_\_\_\_\_ votes against, and \_\_\_\_\_ abstained votes.

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Matt Johnson, Chair NSCC

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