



## Sanctioned Camps Community Task Force

Letter to FCC

May 25, 2023

Good afternoon,

I'm writing you today in my role as a co-convenor of the [Anchorage Assembly's Sanctioned Camps Community Task Force](#).

As you know, Anchorage is a service hub for those experiencing homelessness in our state and I am hard at work with more than 50 community members in the task force to find solutions that give legal, safe and responsible camping options to our neighbors experiencing homelessness this summer. This message is to share updates about our work and opportunities for community council members to engage in the process.

### About the Task Force

The [Sanctioned Camps Task Force](#) is charged with evaluating and presenting recommendations to the Anchorage Assembly and Municipal Administration on the feasibility of sheltering community options including **sanctioned camps, pallet shelters, modular buildings and relocatable temporary buildings**.

The Task Force is a community-driven initiative and all members of the community are welcome to join in the conversation at any point. With more than 50 people involved in the work, we convene weekly with options to participate both in-person and on Teams.

### Our Work So Far

On Monday, May 22, [we announced recommended locations and requirements](#) to stand up sanctioned camp sites in the near term to address our community's immediate needs. Our recommendations identify potential sites in every Anchorage Assembly district. We expect these recommendations will be reviewed and considered by the Anchorage Assembly at their next meeting on June 6, 2023.

As the Assembly [considers our recommendations](#) to address immediate needs, the task force will continue to work on identifying mid-to-long term recommendations before July 6, 2023.

### Upcoming Meetings and How to Participate

We will continue meeting weekly through June. All of our meetings are publicly noticed and information about how to participate is available on the Assembly website: [Assembly Focus on Homelessness \(muni.org\)](#)

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, June 1, 1 to 2:30pm
- Thursday, June 8, 2 to 3:30pm
- Thursday, June 15, 1 to 2:30pm
- Thursday, June 22, 10:30am to 12pm
- Thursday, June 29, 1 to 2:30pm

Learn more about the Sanctioned Camps Community Task Force and how our work is related to other projects to address homelessness, visit: [Assembly Focus on Homelessness \(muni.org\)](https://www.muni.org/assembly-focus-on-homelessness)

**Could you please help us spread the word to all Community Councils?**

Respectfully,

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