



To the Mayor, City Manager, City Council, and People of Eugene

Homelessness is an ongoing crisis which the city has long failed to take seriously. As winter approaches, we will once again be faced with an emergency situation that was entirely preventable. It is time for city officials to step up and take real action to protect our city's most vulnerable, rather than cynically search for new ways to criminalize their presence. To be made just, the city's ordinances and attitudes must be radically altered. We demand the following changes:

1. The Illegal Camping Ordinance, 4.815, must be repealed or put on temporary hold.
2. The trespassing measure, 4.807, must be limited to apply only to presence in or on a private property itself, and not its surroundings.
3. Police should be trained to treat homeless people as people, with respect and compassion.
4. The homeless cannot wait for roofs to be built. The city must designate campgrounds sufficient for 800 people, with 40 to 75 people at each site.
5. The city must provide tents, electric heater, lockers, power outlets, showers, restrooms, security cameras and laundry.
6. The city should encourage charities to provide food and clothing at these sites.
7. The city should provide counseling and job training programs.
8. The city must take steps to end employment discrimination on the basis of housing status. Economic exclusion is bigoted and unacceptable.
9. Ask that Eugene focus on hiring local people in an effort to stem the tide of non-local people moving to Eugene.
10. 1. Ask that two words be added to the zoning code book under allowed uses of a space that is zoned commercial: homeless shelter
10. 2. Slip a decimal point on the conditional use permit for the mission. Instead of allowing only 400 overnight guests, allow much more, at least the 500 who are already getting meals and camp out in the neighborhood should be allowed in.

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