City Council “Homelessness Workshop” Community Toolkit
2pm Tuesday, April 29th, 2025
915 I St, Sacramento City Hall

The new mayor has called for a City Council workshop on homelessness to discuss “new” strategies and priorities. A recent proposal, by the head of the Department of Community Response, to charge residents for the use of the Emergency Homeless Response System was met by community shock and the reporting related to that proposal led to the announcement of this workshop, ITEM 25 on the agenda (read more HERE).

We are inviting out all those who care about the deepening crises of housing insecurity and homelessness, who believe we can and must build a stronger community where everyone has a safe and decent place to call home – and where the most vulnerable among us are not also the targets of repetitious and cruel state violence.

Your voice is needed to chart another path forward in this city! Please join us at City Hall! You can also reach out to your council member directly! More info below! Written public comment on ITEM 25 is also available here. Make sure to send your comment directly to your council person as well!

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Potential Talking Points

★ The city's current proposals are:
- Vague
- Ahistorical
- Lacking the urgency required for the scale of crises
- Not focused on long term solutions

★ The City and County sheltering system is broken. According to the most recent CoC (Continuum of Care) Coordinated Access System report, only 13% of demand for voluntary shelter placement was met.

★ Housing is a moral and human right and our policy makers have the power to make that a reality in our community!! Housing is the ONLY solution to homelessness.

★ Since the Grants Pass ruling, the City of Sacramento's arrests and citations for experiencing homelessness have exploded, increasing 4-5X over the previous year's numbers.

★ Forced displacement and destruction of personal property are also main strategies of the City related to homelessness. Expensive and cruel, people are far worse off after these evictions.

★ Our focus should be on:
- Permanent policy solutions to the housing insecurity crisis –
- Ensuring families and individuals stay in their homes
- Alleviating the disastrous health outcomes of the public health crisis of homelessness
- Meeting homeless families and individuals where they are at, to build rapport and connect to relevant, desired resources, NOT for surveillance, displacement, and enforcement

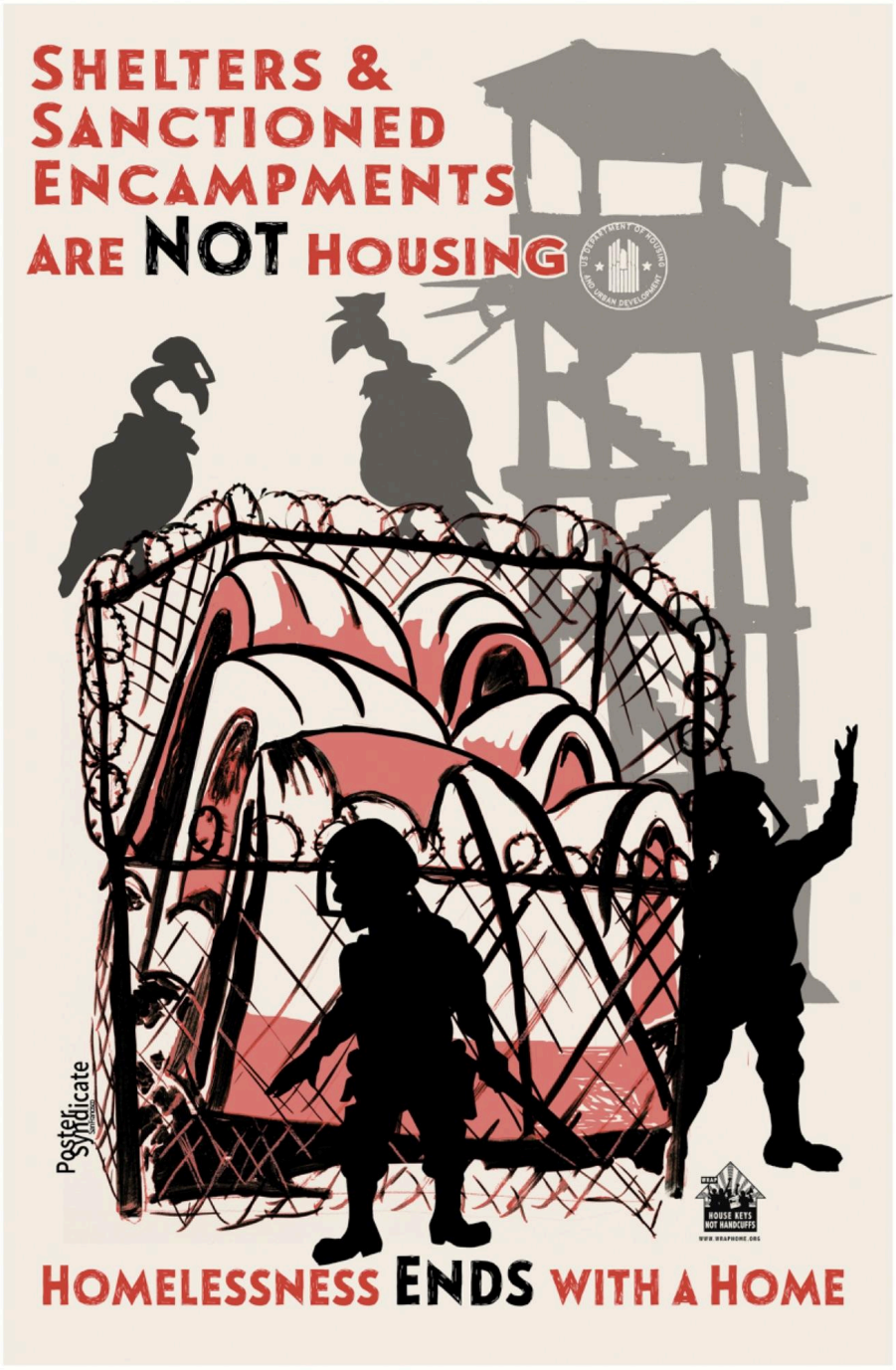
★ Today's agenda includes renewed contracts that will cut shelter program staffing across multiple city funded shelters, reportedly because of overall budget shortfalls and a reduction in HHAP funds(state homelessness assistance).

★ In August 2023, the City approved UNLIMITED OVERTIME for Sac PD, Code Enforcement and DCR to implement its Homeless Response Protocol, which focuses on enforcement of anti-homeless laws and encampment removal, with the goal of closing 311 calls. So in other words, unlimited overtime budget for sweeps while services are being cut.

★ Instead of cutting vital services, the city should create a tax for Sacramento's wealthiest individuals and corporations, they must pay their fair share in resolving homelessness.

Additional Information

Sacramento Service Not Sweeps Coalition created a policy platform in 2020 that is unfortunately still relevant today and is linked here, The group also created a Comprehensive Community Plan as the city endeavored upon and then abandoned its own “comprehensive siting plan” in 2021-2022. These can both be referenced in addressing strategies and priorities of the City Council related to homelessness.


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