

Press Release 4/21/25

My name is Benito Flores, I am 70 years old with uncontrolled diabetes, living on social security, I have sores on my feet and could lose them. I am going to be evicted on 5/7/25 to the street by HACLA/Caltrans. I do not consent to the eviction,

I will resist in a very strong and creative way.

I do not plan to commit suicide but it is likely that I will be killed by the violence of the sheriff or Highway Patrol.

The State and the City are under the obligation of providing permanent housing to homeless elders and families with children.

This is a truth that HACLA and Caltrans are CYNICALLY IGNORING.

That truth is clearly stated in the [CA Health and Safety Code 50801\(i\)](#) second paragraph:

“... with the ultimate goal of moving recently homeless persons to permanent housing as quickly as possible.”

I will be evicted to live on the street, that will convert me into a criminal, staunchly and willfully violator of 41.18, I will be paying a fine of \$500 every day, that makes \$15,000 monthly. LAMC 11.00(m). I can not pay an “affordable” rent with my social security, let alone \$15,000 monthly for sleeping on the sidewalk.

This is just to illustrate the wickedness and stupidity of HACLA and Caltrans.

There are 6 homeless people dying every day in Los Angeles County (2023). I am 70 years old with uncontrolled diabetes, I have sores on my feet and could lose them. I am a strong candidate to die on the street alone and forgotten.

That is why **I chose to die here**, defending my house as a martyr to call the attention of this well organized “housing crisis” and corruption.

HACLA and Caltrans, your righteousness is like filthy rags.
You evicted me supposedly “lawfully”, therefore I am a “lawfully homeless”
My blood, if any, will be in your hands.

**HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT and The State and City must provide permanent housing to homeless elders and families with children.
DO NOT MISTAKE YOURSELVES !!!**

Sincerely Benito Flores
“Lawfully homeless”

