

**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”

