Over 1 in 4 Americans Experiencing Homelessness are Californians
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California Residents

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Redlining of Yesterday = Zoning, "Preserving Neighborhood Character," Concentrations of Homelessness of Today

Cause of Homelessness in CA is Not Poverty Alone, But Racism
Solution 1: Interrupt the Cycle of Homelessness & Institutional Response

- 13-20% of Californians leaving prisons discharge to homelessness
- Almost 50% of families in LA County child-welfare-involved families currently or recently homeless
- 45% of frequent hospital users are homeless
- 28.5% of Californians in prison are African-American
- Rate of foster care is 4-5X higher for African-Americans & Indigenous populations than average
- 11,000 Californians living in nursing homes because they would otherwise be discharged to homelessness
Solution 2: Restructure Toward a Single Authority on Homelessness

Currently

Assembly Bill 1845 (L. Rivas/Chiu)
Solution 3: Collaboration Among Jurisdictions To Meet Mandates on Solving Homelessness

Statewide Gaps & Needs Analysis
Plan to Solve Homelessness
Set Benchmarks toward Solving

Counties/Cities/CoCs
Local Gaps & Needs Analysis
Plan to Solve Homelessness
Set Benchmarks toward Solving

Assembly Bill 3269 (Chiu/Santiago)
Solution 4: Campaign to Bring California Home: Dedicated, Ongoing, Equitable Funding

- Create Affordable Housing
  Serving People Experiencing Homelessness As Safety Net

- Fund Rental Assistance, Capital, Operating Support

- Comprehensive Approach
  that Includes Shelters,
  Focus on Exits to Permanent Housing

- Create Med-Cal Benefit, Pay State Costs for Quality Services

- Foster Collaboration Among Jurisdictions,
  Pool Local/State Funds
Join Campaign to Bring California Home

... for people like Deborah

From the age of 13, Deborah lived in institutions for serious mental illness.

She went through over 20 programs as an adult for substance use, and cycled between homelessness and shelters when not in a program.

She had 4 children, and all were in foster care.

While homeless,
    She attempted suicide,
    She was assaulted 4 times,
    She was in and out of jails.

Since living in supportive housing, she has been in recovery for mental illness and substance use disorder, and now is able to take care of her grandchildren.

She works as an advocate and speaks about incarceration, living with behavioral health conditions, and homelessness. She is thriving.

Some people struggle longer than others, but we all deserve a chance to make changes.
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