

## Spokane Homeless Coalition Virtual Zoom Meeting Chat September 3, 2020

09:33:08 From Caroline Lopez she/they WLIHA : Caroline Lopez, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, Director of Organizing: carolinel@wliha.org

09:35:36 From smack : If anyone has young people wanting to get stipends for joining our youth advisory board or if any community members want to check it out-please reach out to Arick Erechar with Volunteers of America-AERECHAR@VOASPOKANE,ORG Youth will advocate for issues regarding homelessness in the community.

09:39:28 From Marcus Riccelli : I just joined the google email group maybe 6 weeks ago. The way people and entities are connecting people in need/clients/patients quickly through that list has been amazing to see. GREAT WORK!

09:39:59 From Jenn Snow (She/Her) : I do not have a mic. One of our case managers at HEN (Jennifer Boisen) got amazing assistance from Connie Nelson to get one of her participants housed. Connie helped Jenn with appealing the decision, and her participant just moved into her new apartment!

09:44:08 From Stacey Herron : that is amazing!

09:44:41 From stever : Steve Russell with Compass Career Solutions Supported Housing Lead (509)209-2713 Stever@careersbycompass.com

09:53:23 From Mary Jones : I apologize to everyone I forgot to mute my mic.

09:55:31 From Aileen Luppert, Spokane County Library District (she/her) : Rep Marcus Riccelli deserves a shout out too!

09:56:18 From Bud Nokes - Peer Spokane (He, Him) : Yes he certainly does!

09:56:47 From Michele T, She/Her, Housing Alliance : He does! He was the lead on passing the critical Source of Income Discrimination Protections a couple years back and is a big advocate for the Housing Trust Fund!

09:56:56 From John Stovall, He/Him, Housing Alliance : Check out the RAP page here!  
[www.residentactionproject.org](http://www.residentactionproject.org)

09:57:02 From Michele T, She/Her, Housing Alliance : I was merely outlining key budget decision makers!

09:57:41 From Aileen Luppert, Spokane County Library District (she/her) : :)

09:58:22 From ConnieN to Barry Barfield(Privately) : Barry, I have to leave early as I have another zoom mtg to attend.

09:58:37 From Bud Nokes - Peer Spokane (He, Him) : John, count me in

09:58:56 From Ramona Pinto : RaMona Pinto BIAWA RaMonaP@BIAWA.org

09:59:07 From Maurice : Michele, thanks for what you shared. I thought I was relatively informed, but your information on the \$8 billion budget shortfall stunned me.

09:59:15 From John Stovall, He/Him, Housing Alliance : <https://nlihc.org/take-action/calls-action>

09:59:34 From Caroline L. she/they Housing Alliance : Resident Action Project [carolinel@wliha.org](mailto:carolinel@wliha.org)

10:00:01 From Bud Nokes - Peer Spokane (He, Him) : [Bud@peerspokane.org](mailto:Bud@peerspokane.org)

10:02:43 From John Stovall, He/Him, Housing Alliance : Interested in passing a Board Resolution for Progressive Revenue? <https://bit.ly/2Z2u9mQ>

10:02:50 From John Stovall, He/Him, Housing Alliance : LD Leads program information - <https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/legislative-district-leads-program>

10:02:57 From Michele T, She/Her, Housing Alliance : If you could ask one for one thing from state lawmakers, either policy or spending, to make a significant difference in reducing and preventing homelessness in your community what would it be?

10:03:25 From Shari DeBerg : Case management

10:03:33 From Barry Barfield : Build 20,000 low income housing units.

10:03:57 From Rayanna Tensley : rent cap. affordable housing

10:03:58 From Nicole Ortega : Diversion dollars

10:04:03 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : Fund urban rest stops/recharging stations in Spokane. These would have 24/7 hygiene stations including toilets and showers, laundry facilities, recharging stations for personal devices, and wifi access.

Enact policy to support Constitutional rights of freedom to exist (without unlawful search and seizure of person or property) on public areas such as sidewalks, green spaces, parks, etc. Support mandates to shelter in place during COVID-19, which includes camping on public grounds.

Fund and build low-income housing – ideally a nonprofit venture that supports more low-income housing and funding of urban rest stops.

10:04:42 From Maurice : Francis, great to see you and hear from you, my friend.

10:05:46 From Michelle Pappas she/her Disability Action Center : Have publicly owned housing rather than having funds go to developers, who often don't take into consideration the needs of low income and disabled communities.

10:06:36 From Bud Nokes - Peer Spokane (He, Him) : Ken Lee + Joan Medina Are you using the Compass Center in Seattle model?

10:07:17 From Maurice : Can there be a Quid Pro Quo, if a landlord receives COVID money for past rent, the landlord must agree not to evict the tenant for X months if the tenant keeps their rent current? Just a thought.

10:07:29 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : Not familiar with Compass Center model. Learned about urban rest stops in Seattle from Nicklesville folks.

10:07:33 From Sherri Gangitano : Maurice, great idea!

10:07:59 From Holly Jean, SMS : Funding for no barrier, high care transitional housing.

10:08:16 From Dale Briese : Give tax incentives to property owners to donate/convert commercial/office space properties for homeless/low income housing programs that will not be used since COVID shifted jobs to working from home.

10:08:34 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : Would also support safe injection sites at the urban rest stops, at the very least sharps containers in toilet stalls.

10:09:16 From Kermit R Nelson : Continuous planning and coordination with Homeless agencies as the growing wave of homelessness grows.

10:09:30 From DonaldG : Terri your breaking up

10:13:41 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : Bud Nokes - just looked at Compass website, they are only open certain day hours Mon-Friday. We want 24/7 public toilets and ideally also other services for folks to stop in and take care of showers, laundry, wifi, recharging, etc. Not just a few hours during the week.

10:13:58 From Michele T, She/Her, Housing Alliance : Enforcement of the statewide eviction moratorium: 1 (833) 660-4877 and leaving a general message by selecting option 1.

<https://fortress.wa.gov/atg/formhandler/ago/COVID19EvictionComplaintForm.aspx>

10:17:55 From Caroline L. she/they Housing Alliance : What racial disparities related to housing and homelessness are experienced in your community? Question #2: What other disparities are experienced by disability, LGBTQ + status, and age?

10:18:09 From Tenants Union of Washington : Just Cause Eviction

10:19:04 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : There are a disproportionate number of people of color, especially Black and Native people, who are homeless in Spokane. About half of the people are 50 years or older. The numbers of alter abled people, especially those in wheelchairs are also disproportionate. Basic needs such as recharging batteries for electric wheelchairs or even assistance in pushing wheelchairs up ramps and hills is limited. There are some deaf folks on the street and little or no folks ASL fluent to help them. People with food limitations due to allergies and/or religious observances are ignored, e.g. peanut butter, vegan, pork, etc.

10:19:20 From Maurice : I'm developing a documentary on this issue of homeless sweeps & enforcement. If you have homeless client who have been "swept" or cited recently, I would like to interview them and get their story on film. Reach out to me: risingrivermedia@gmail.com

10:20:15 From Ramona Pinto : what percentage of apartments etc. are white versus people of color?

10:20:17 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : This is a link to a great interactive map that shows the hygiene services in Seattle:  
[http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/services-and-programs/addressing-homelessness?fbclid=IwAR1xPeqz0Q2nGEs7riu\\_DcPqB6gxZCzMyrTkKbxRaUoz2pTZCcFL7SLI2Rw#hygiene](http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/services-and-programs/addressing-homelessness?fbclid=IwAR1xPeqz0Q2nGEs7riu_DcPqB6gxZCzMyrTkKbxRaUoz2pTZCcFL7SLI2Rw#hygiene)

10:21:59 From DonaldG : Remedy impacts of the 1994 Crime Bill, in housing

10:22:18 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : Right on, Francis! Thank you.

10:23:52 From Amber Abrahamson : Thank you Terri Anderson and Julie!!

10:23:52 From Tracey Osso : There is a great need for affordable housing for justice involved individuals. They may have only been incarcerated for 30 days or 19 months, but they won't pass a background check for housing.

10:25:10 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : intersectionality - yes! thank you Terri

10:25:31 From Tracey Osso : Elderly individuals on fixed incomes in the middle are also affected. For example, if the senior only makes \$1100 a month and have a background then there is a big housing gap.

10:25:39 From Michele T, She/Her, Housing Alliance : What is the most pressing housing/homelessness issue in your community?

10:25:46 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : War on homeless people. Police, security, and private actors playing whack-a-mole by hassling homeless people for existing in public spaces such as sidewalks, green spaces, parks, skywalks, indoor and outdoor plazas, etc. – often for just standing around or sitting and eating/drinking after having made purchases at business establishments.

Lack of 24/7 public toilets and hygiene stations, including showers and laundry facilities.

10:25:57 From John Stovall, He/Him, Housing Alliance : Question 3: What is the most pressing housing/homelessness issue in your community?

10:26:47 From Aileen Luppert, Spokane County Library District (she/her) : Lack of it.

10:26:56 From Aileen Luppert, Spokane County Library District (she/her) : yes

10:27:02 From Aileen Luppert, Spokane County Library District (she/her) : affordable housing

10:27:38 From Tenants Union of Washington : tenant protections especially just cause eviction

10:27:38 From Amber Abrahamson : Just Cause Protection Statewide and Cancel Rent/ Mortgages!!

10:27:39 From Dena Carr She/Her House of Charity : Mental Health Services

10:27:57 From Shari DeBerg : How can be facilitate cultural/spiritual change in the community so that our value is no one lives without shelter?

10:28:02 From Dale Briese : The PIT will show what the gaps were in January 2019 before COVID

10:28:13 From Bud Nokes - Peer Spokane (He, Him) : Has the idea of people living in a "Village" like the have in Seattle??

10:28:14 From Dale Briese : Woops...January 2020 not 2019

10:28:49 From Sherri Gangitano : coordination of services, barriers that keep people from getting the help they need, focusing on outer areas vs just City of Spokane. I'm in Spokane Valley and there isn't really anything out here, only in the city and some we don't qualify for a valley residents.

10:28:52 From Tenants Union of Washington : Rental assistance or cancel rent and mortgages

10:29:52 From Tenants Union of Washington : No rental assistance help for Airway Heights who are nearly 65% renters

10:29:58 From Dale Briese : COVID has its own Stigma/vulnerabilities keeping folks away from care and housing providers

10:30:25 From Barry Barfield : Jewels Helping Hands

10:31:10 From Stacey; Next Gen Zone : Public toilets and public telephones

10:31:16 From DonaldG : We have seen a number of new veterans that have moved from outside the area from large metro areas

10:31:18 From Holly Jean, SMS : Rental assistance

10:32:28 From Dale Briese : The amount of homeless in cars has also increased

10:33:46 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : War on homeless people. Police, security, and private actors playing whack-a-mole by hassling homeless people for existing in public spaces such as sidewalks, green spaces, parks, skywalks, indoor and outdoor plazas, etc. – often for just standing around or sitting and eating/drinking after having made purchases at business establishments.

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10:34:20 From Tracey Osso : Rent deposit assistance so individuals can move in to housing

10:35:20 From Marcus Riccelli : I committed to the City Council and former Mayor over a year ago to secure a significant chunk of funding for a day shelter in the City through our State Capital Budget including retrofitting a building for showers, lockers etc. I was told it was in the works and here we are a year and a half later. The state would not provide the operating funding but we would definitely work to help fund the facility at a significant level. I would make it a top priority as I have communicated previously.

10:40:46 From Ramona Pinto : There doesn't seem to be compliance with those laws

10:42:37 From Bud Nokes - Peer Spokane (He, Him) : Marcus, you know me. I would be the first one in line to help in anyway. I remember being so excited when this came about. Whatever happened to that funding? I am right here. Let's get it done

10:43:11 From Caroline L. she/they Housing Alliance : Thank you all so much. This is really helpful and impactful!

10:43:12 From Aileen Luppert, Spokane County Library District (she/her) : Thank you for the work you are doing for our state!

10:43:21 From Jenn Snow (She/Her), Goodwill/HEN : Thank you!

10:43:35 From Ramona Pinto : Thanks so much!!

10:43:39 From Marcus Riccelli : Regarding the day shelter and state funding  
<https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/tmp/2019/03/WarmingCenterLettertoMayorCondon.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3p5zO7H6duVz60C9Pc9gjWCF0A4DYW5wiagNPOkiWX3ngmUpYJis9I6N0>

10:43:40 From Colin Messke : Thanks!

10:44:01 From John Stovall, He/Him, Housing Alliance : Send me an email if you want to get involved in advocacy! [johns@wliha.org](mailto:johns@wliha.org)

10:44:15 From Dale Briese : Thank you WLIHC!

10:44:48 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : Ken Lee > [kenlee4kenlee@yahoo.com](mailto:kenlee4kenlee@yahoo.com)  
Joan Medina > [onlinejoan@yahoo.com](mailto:onlinejoan@yahoo.com)

10:44:53 From Bud Nokes - Peer Spokane (He, Him) : I'll be looking forward to it

10:45:34 From Toni Jo : can we have the chat information emailed to the list?

10:45:56 From DonaldG : Please include me in email chain [donaldg@giin.org](mailto:donaldg@giin.org) I am now program rep for Spokane County

10:47:19 From Kermit R Nelson to Barry Barfield(Privately) : Barry is there a way to get video recordings of these meetings?

10:48:41 From shackenber : If anyone has any questions about Community Court email me at [Shackenber@spokanecity.org](mailto:Shackenber@spokanecity.org)

10:50:19 From Debbie City of Spokane to Barry Barfield(Privately) : Please add me to your email list. dcato@spokanecity.org

10:50:43 From DonaldG to Barry Barfield(Privately) : Barry please send me a copy of the chat, Thank you! donaldg@giin.org

10:52:40 From Marcus Riccelli : Targeting individual reporters is always best but here are the catch all email addresses for a few news@spokesman.com, News4@kxly.com, q6news@khq.com, newstips@krem.com,

10:55:56 From Stacey; Next Gen Zone : Anyone working on voter registration/engagement/possible in-person voting for people experiencing homelessness?

10:56:33 From Ken Lee + Joan Medina (he+she) OmbudsmanGuardians, CampHope, + : Contact info for NW Justice Project?

10:56:37 From Michele T, She/Her, Housing Alliance : The Housing Alliance has a toolkit against the criminalization of homelessness that includes talking points. We are updating it right now and will be sure to circle back with the resource once it is updated.

10:56:42 From Julie Garcia : Jewels registers voters on Sundays at our service center.

10:58:39 From FRANCIS A : Dr. Susan Hales with the League of Women voters has been doing work on voter registrations in Community Court pre-Covid

10:59:24 From iPhone : I have to go to my next obligation. thank you for the invite!

10:59:27 From Michele T, She/Her, Housing Alliance : Thanks again everyone

11:00:38 From Julie Garcia : Susan Hales is who prepares our houselss voter registration packets! Susan is an angel.

11:01:05 From FRANCIS A : The Community Court has not issued a warrant since March.

11:04:43 From John Stovall, He/Him, Housing Alliance : Have to run, thanks for allowing me to join today!

11:05:41 From Dale Briese : Thanks Everyone for all your efforts!

11:07:50 From Kermit R Nelson : I have to go .... thanks!

11:10:24 From Joe Sams : Thanks Everyone... Have a great month!

11:20:15 From Julie Garcia : thanks all.