

Together, We Stopped the Ban on Daytime Camping!

The Guerra/Jennings Ordinance Was **Withdrawn** on Jan.12

With this great news, we are **No Longer Going to City Hall on Jan. 16**

What happened?

- Councilmembers Eric Guerra (D6) and Rick Jennings(D7) were trying to introduce a ban on “daytime camping” by the unhoused. It would have led to countless “sweeps” of encampments by the Sac PD and mass arrests throughout the city.
- We said “**No!**” to the criminalization of the homeless.
- Facing opposition, Guerra and Jennings withdrew their ordinance.
- **Along with our advocacy partner, Sacramento Area Congregations Together (SacACT), we declare victory !**

What do we think should be done about the homelessness crisis?

- We affirm the universal right to a safe, decent, and affordable home.
- We reject the criminalization of the unhoused and their portrayal as subhuman enemies.
- We embrace progressive policies, such as:
 - * The creation of a substantial number of new shelter beds and affordable homes;
 - * Enhancement of Section 8 and the anti-racist Fair Housing Act;
 - * Poverty assistance that is generous, respectful, and culturally sensitive;
 - * Improved public aid for domestic violence survivors, veterans, refugees, and LGBTQ youth;
 - * New, additional funding of mental health and addiction treatment services.

Our Work on the Homelessness Crisis in Sacramento Remains Unfinished.

- The fact that an extremist law like the daytime camping ban got this far is troubling.
- We ask that you continue to reach out to your Councilmembers. Please express your opposition to “sweeps” of the unhoused and your support for compassionate and just programs designed to bring Sacramento’s housing crisis to an end.

Who can I talk to at UUSS for more information?

Rev. Lucy Bunch and our Ministerial Intern, Rosemary Dodd.

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