

DC Council,

639 people have signed a petition on the Action Network telling you to DC Needs to Help Homeless Families.

Here is the petition they signed:

Dear Councilmember,

I am very concerned with the exploding family homelessness crisis this year, which resulted in 775 families including 1,491 children living in emergency shelter at its peak. The DC Council must address this crisis to prevent families from living in the same situation next winter. Therefore, I ask the DC Council to fully fund and implement the Helping Families Home road map; it is a smart and reasonable plan that would guide DC's Department of Human Services towards serving families year-round with sufficient case management and quality services to help families quickly find safe and stable homes.

Sincerely

You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Thank you,

DC Fiscal Policy Institute

1. Allie Canulli (*zip code: 20001*)

I support helping homeless families.

2. Sarah Campbell (*zip code: 20003*)

The whole City was shamed by the lack of planning and interest in the needs of homeless families this winter. It cannot happen again in our prosperous City.

3. Tina Laskaris (*zip code: 20002*)

Unconscionable for DC not to provide much needed help here while offering tax breaks to developers, and other far more frivolous expenditures by comparison. We need to help these children and families.

4. Norma Canedo (*zip code: 20009*)

5. Aaron McCormick (*zip code: 20011*)

Need a year around program not just during hazard weather days

6. Abbey Eulich (*zip code: 20009*)

7. An anonymous signer (*zip code: 05443*)

8. abigail deroberts (*zip code: 20001*)

9. Stacey Ouzts (*zip code: 20017*)

10. Joseph Yearwood (*zip code: 20001*)

11. Amy Vander Vliet (*zip code: 22314*)

12. Adam Rosengerg (*zip code: 20011*)

13. Albert Dickson (*zip code: 20001*)

14. Nicole Adler (*zip code: 20009*)

I am a Playtime Project volunteer lucky enough to spend every Monday with the wonderful children who live at Turning Point shelter. Homelessness is becoming an increasing problem and the DC government should be doing everything in its power to address it and protect the wonderful families in need.

15. Audrey Drake (*zip code: 20012*)

16. Adriana Suriano (*zip code: 20010*)

17. Adriana Dolgetta Cosgriff (*zip code: 20007*)

18. Amanda Jaret (*zip code: 20009*)

Please make fair housing for all families a priority and consider solutions that will correct systemic inequalities that exist in the current system. Rapid rehousing will only replicate existing problems and ensure that the cycle of homelessness will continue. Only a comprehensive program that offers sustainable solutions will provide an adequate response to ensure that all DC citizens have access to basic life necessities and fully participate in society. Thank you in advance for taking this issue seriously and for crafting an appropriate solution.

19. Alyson Higgins (*zip code: 20005*)

I volunteer at the Playtime Project and see families that need help. While I strongly believe in individual responsibility, the government has a role to do too. Please help!

20. Anthony Laufik (*zip code: 20011*)

21. Alexandra Beninda (*zip code: 20008*)

22. Alexis Leonard (*zip code: 20010*)

The DC Council must address the homeless and housing crisis in DC immediately. As the capital of the US we should strive to show better options for taking care of our own residents.

23. Alexis Rife (*zip code: 20001*)

24. Alice McAlexander (*zip code: 20009*)

25. Alicia Laporte (*zip code: 20001*)

26. Allen Snyder (*zip code: 20817*)

27. Allie Woods (*zip code: 20001*)

I volunteer at the Playtime Project and have seen first hand what homelessness does to children and families. We need to help.

28. Allie Panther (*zip code: 20009*)

29. Allison Green (*zip code: 20009*)

30. Allie Wright (*zip code: 22201*)

31. Alexandra Loizias (*zip code: 20011*)

32. Amanda Santello (*zip code: 20016*)

33. Amanda Swift (*zip code: 20018*)

34. AMBER HARDING (*zip code: 20017*)

35. Amanda McDonald (*zip code: 20010*)

Pay attention to what your constituents want!

36. Ann Friedman (*zip code: 20007*)

37. Amy Morse (*zip code: 20010*)

38. Ana Paunovic (*zip code: 21201*)

39. Anna Darrett (*zip code: 95765*)

40. Andrea Sledd (*zip code: 20017*)

41. Andres Harris (*zip code: 20011*)

As a DCPS teacher I know what homelessness can do to a child's education. We as a city must do better than this!

42. Andrew Baris (*zip code: 20878*)

43. Angela Massino (*zip code: 20005*)

44. Angela Scott (*zip code: 20017*)

45. Angie Truesdale (*zip code: 20002*)

46. Anne Rigby (*zip code: 20015*)

47. Ann Hoffman (*zip code: 20015*)

48. Anne Jacobs (*zip code: 20001*)

49. Anthony Francavilla (*zip code: 20001*)

50. Abraham Ahern (*zip code: 20009*)

51. Aprille Knox (*zip code: 20001*)

52. April Williamson (*zip code: 20011*)

53. Ann Barnet (*zip code: 20012*)

54. Rachel Camp (*zip code: 21043*)

55. Ari Brookwell (*zip code: 20016*)

56. Sparkle West (*zip code: 20017*)

57. Ashley Moore (*zip code: 20904*)

58. Ana-Maria Sinitean (*zip code: 20010*)

59. Terri Campbell (*zip code: 20020*)

60. anna williams (*zip code: 20015*)

61. Audrey Merat (*zip code: 20003*)

62. Avele Conlogue (*zip code: 22041*)

Please help these families in need!! Its the responsibility of all of us to take care of those less fortunate!

Make the right decision!

Thanks,
Avele

63. Avi Margolies (*zip code: 20036*)

Come on. Do everything you can to help people without homes for god's sake

64. Afriqiyah Woods (*zip code: 11206*)

65. Alexandra Rocha (*zip code: 20009*)

66. Azadeh Meshkaty (*zip code: 20007*)

We have a responsibility to our residents - ALL of our DC residents - especially the homeless families and children who are among the fastest growing group of the homeless population and who have had the misfortune of being without their own place of residence.

For many, the DC General Shelter is the closest thing to a home. Don't sideline this population when they are most in need. Allow them the dignity and human right of having temporary place of protection from the elements.

Without a place to call home, the taxpayers' investment in education and employment programs will be for naught. You see, finding and sustaining employment is difficult enough without the additional barriers associated with homelessness. To take away a prospect of a shelter would certainly place additional stress on the issue; particularly for DC General's children who will likely face far greater challenges accessing networks of support, the education system, and the tools they would need to succeed as young adults transitioning to work.

To shut down DC General Shelter without another viable solution, would be to close the doors on some semblance of stability, on the hope of making it through life only marginally scathed by poverty and maybe, just maybe, still being successful along the way.

67. Barbara Cornell (*zip code: 20036*)

The lives of these homeless families are on all our consciences. Please take this road map forward and lead the District to where it so desperately needs to be.

68. Baylis Beard Molina (*zip code: 20001*)

69. Barbara Franklin (*zip code: 20015*)

70. Brian Curley (*zip code: 20005*)

71. Ben Shelton (*zip code: 20002*)

72. Stacy Berger (*zip code: 20002*)

This problem is outrageous and I've seen only inaction or solutions that help at the edges. Let's be a city that takes on this problem in an innovative and empathetic way. We can do better. I'm counting on you to step up for these inequities.

73. Brittany (*zip code: 23704*)

74. Sarah Berman (*zip code: 20742*)

Having gotten to know a lot of these families through Homeless Children's Playtime Project makes me want to make sure that they never have to suffer. Please strongly consider finding new ways to help them because they deserve it!

75. Elizabeth Davis (*zip code: 20001*)

76. Betsy Ott (*zip code: 20010*)

77. Brendan Gilfillan (*zip code: 20009*)

78. Buffy Grant (*zip code: 20024*)

79. Bhavik Patel (*zip code: 20008*)

Improve the housing situation the right way! Rapid re-housing is not the answer. Let's make real SUSTAINABLE change.

80. Bianca Poll (*zip code: 20002*)

81. Robert Robinson (*zip code: 20018*)

82. Carla Boccella (*zip code: 20018*)

83. Christine Matthews (*zip code: 20017*)

Please do everything you can to insure sufficient housing for homeless people as well as make more affordable housing available. This is high on my priority list.

84. Brianne Nadeau (*zip code: 20009*)

85. Brittany Carambio (*zip code: 20002*)

86. Bryce Jacobs (*zip code: 20009*)

87. Brian Stewart (*zip code: 20037*)

88. Benjamin Suarato (*zip code: 20010*)

89. Ben Brown (*zip code: 20005*)

This is something that can't be ignored, as it is a problem you see every day on your walk to work, on your walk home, and your walk to anywhere in town. Action needs to be taken, and it can't wait!

90. Elizabeth Jones (*zip code: 20002*)

Everyone should care. Everyone can't fit it... Fix it.

91. Cara Capizzi (*zip code: 20017*)

The city needs to require real affordable housing so that families can afford to live.

92. Carl Bergman (*zip code: 20012*)

Please fund the Evictions with Dignity Act. It not only ends street evictions, but makes it easier to place families in new housing with their own goods.

93. Carol Samuda (*zip code: 20020*)

Homelessness traumatizes children.
End homelessness in the Nation's Capital.

94. Caroline Ettinger (*zip code: 20007*)

95. Carrie Keefe (*zip code: 20005*)

96. Carolyn Bethea (*zip code: 20008*)

97. Joyce Carter (*zip code: 20011*)

98. Robert Carter (*zip code: 20017*)

Everyone deserves a home, especially children. The fact that this is happening brings to light a failure in our system. It is not too late to make a change, but it is far to late to not make a change. Children are the future.

99. Carol Weiss (*zip code: 20016*)

100. Carlyn Salamone (*zip code: 20009*)

101. Christian Schunk (*zip code: 20009*)

I am worried that

102. Casey Swegman (*zip code: 20024*)

103. Caterina Fava (*zip code: 20002*)

104. Catherine Bittar (*zip code: 20009*)

105. Catherine Waters (*zip code: 20009*)

106. Carol Boochever (*zip code: 20016*)

107. Cecilia Salinas (*zip code: 20010*)

108. Chris Byrd (*zip code: 20002*)

109. Benjamin Holmes (*zip code: 20010*)

110. Chris Chaulk (*zip code: 48197*)

Help the homeless! They are desperate!!

111. Chris Lash (*zip code: 20002*)

112. Hakima Cheik (*zip code: 20003*)

Everyone deserves quality of life!!!!!!

113. Chelsea O'Haire (*zip code: 20007*)

114. Chelsey Ney (*zip code: 20012*)

115. Cheryl Cort (*zip code: 20009*)

116. Chris Furlong (*zip code: 20007*)

117. Christal Goetz (*zip code: 20003*)

"A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members." ~ Mahatma Ghandi

How great do YOU think DC is doing at treating its weakest members?

118. christina otero (*zip code: 97225*)

Children are always the greatest victims. Help them, please.

119. Chris McCune (*zip code: 20009*)

120. Cassi Hunter (*zip code: 20175*)

121. Claire Graybill (*zip code: 22182*)

122. Clara Hogan (*zip code: 20037*)

I volunteer each with with the precious babies at DC General. I'm overwhelmed with emotion each time I walk in. We as a city need to come together to create a real, meaningful, and implementable plan for these families. I beg you to make this your top priority.

Best,
Clara

123. Claire Reardon (*zip code: 21043*)

As a volunteer for the Homeless Children's Playtime Project, I have seen the need for improvements in the shelter system first hand. I hope the council will take steps to improve the lives of DC's most vulnerable residents.

124. Cory MacDonald (*zip code: 22030*)

Everyone needs help. everyone

125. Patrick Slevin (*zip code: 20010*)

126. Colin Felsman (*zip code: 20005*)

127. collin evans (*zip code: 20001*)

128. Colter Carambio (*zip code: 20002*)

129. Sean Murphy (*zip code: 20002*)

Please exercise some leadership on this Councilmembers...particularly, those of you running to be our next Mayor.

130. Corey Lewson (*zip code: 20005*)

131. Corrine Turke (*zip code: 20001*)

132. Courtney Albon (*zip code: 20002*)

133. Craig Auster (*zip code: 20002*)

134. Cristina Margolies (*zip code: 20036*)

135. Crystal Taylor-Dietz (*zip code: 20723*)

136. Ben Kaczmariski (*zip code: 20001*)

An ad-hoc approach to address a systemic issue is poor planning.

137. Joshua Dadeboe (*zip code: 20020*)

Properly addressing the homelessness crisis need to be a priority for the council.

138. Dahlia Rockowitz (*zip code: 20009*)

139. Damon King (*zip code: 20009*)

140. Dana Hoyes (*zip code: 20009*)

141. Danielle Rothman (*zip code: 20009*)

As a Site Manager with the Homeless Children's Playtime Project, I have had the privilege and honor to work with families at DC General, as well as at other shelters & transitional housing programs, for over 3 years. I have met parents who have been through seemingly insurmountable obstacles struggle to provide a better life for their children. These parents were once children too, and the vast majority of them were raised in poverty & often in abusive homes. They want their children to have a better chance in life than they themselves were given. I have had the joy of seeing their children smile, play, laugh, and love just like all children deserve to do. And I have experienced the heartbreak of watching strong, stoic parents cry because of the effects that homelessness has on their children. The stress that homelessness causes results in emotional dysregulation, which affects children's peer relationships and school performance. A stable home environment will give these bright and beautiful children their best chance to succeed & break the vicious cycle of poverty. It's time for DC to make a change and end the ever-worsening homelessness crisis. Families deserve housing. Children deserve homes.

142. dan maceda (*zip code: 20001*)

Do something now while the city has the resources.

143. Emily Vuxton (*zip code: 20003*)

144. Dave Chandrasekaran (*zip code: 20010*)

I have lived in the city for over 9 years, and have witnessed amazing development and growth for various segments of the District. But homelessness remains one of the areas we continue to lag, not only because of the struggling economy that makes it harder for some families to maintain or find work, but because the city does not appear to be making the comprehensive investment and commitment to effectively addressing the issue. I sincerely hope you will support this road map to make sure that every DC resident is being served by our community.

145. Janay Davenport (*zip code: 20020*)

146. David Cohen (*zip code: 20008*)

I see homeless people everywhere. A homeless man I know lost his toes to frostbite, with a lengthy hospitalization. Surely providing shelter will be both more humane and less costly.

147. David J Bardin (*zip code: 20008*)

148. Deidre Harner (*zip code: 20011*)

149. Deloris Dempsey (*zip code: 20017*)

No one should be without housing!!

150. Barbara D'Emilio (*zip code: 20011*)

151. Denise Curry (*zip code: 20018*)

152. Derrick Snowden (*zip code: 20012*)

I support helping homeless families.

153. Doncella Hampton (*zip code: 21114*)

154. Diana Lewis (*zip code: 20009*)

155. Daniel Essrow (*zip code: 20003*)

156. Debra Keats (*zip code: 20003*)

157. Meredith Dodson (*zip code: 20001*)

158. Doerthe Braun (*zip code: 20814*)

159. Katie Donlevie (*zip code: 20003*)

160. Doris Daniels (*zip code: 20011*)

161. Dana Payes (*zip code: 20010*)

162. Daniel Gordon (*zip code: 20009*)

163. Daniel Solomon (*zip code: 20008*)

An impressive list of the most effective non-profits serving the homeless have all endorsed the Roadmap. I urge you to adopt and implement its recommendations.

164. Daniel I Maceda (*zip code: 20002*)

165. Diane Weinroth (*zip code: 20017*)

166. dane coalson (*zip code: 20009*)

167. Elena A. Alvarez (*zip code: 20007*)

168. Emily Biesecker (*zip code: 20009*)

169. Peter edelman (*zip code: 20008*)

Please act soon and meaningfully

170. Elisabeth Fernandez-Kimmel (*zip code: 20001*)

171. Evan Taylor (*zip code: 20003*)

172. Betsy Gottesman (*zip code: 20002*)

173. Lizz Reeves (*zip code: 22201*)

174. Elizabeth Jenkins-Sahlin (*zip code: 20011*)

I am very concerned about the number of children who are homeless and/or living in shelters and the fact those same children are at great risk of having to be removed from their families of origin due to abuse or neglect. If we do more to support families on the front end maybe we won't have to spend so much time, energy, and resources trying to meet their needs when they become wards of the District.

175. Elizabeth Schmidt (*zip code: 20037*)

176. Eleis Brennan (*zip code: 20005*)

177. Elena Hoffnagle (*zip code: 20010*)

178. Elena Vanko (*zip code: 20010*)

179. elena yndurain (*zip code: elena.yndurain@gmail.com*)

180. Eli Kintisch (*zip code: 20009*)

181. Elissa Silverman (*zip code: 20002*)

Let's work to make sure that we help families by putting them in permanent housing that saves money as well as lives. Thank you. Elissa.

182. Liz Copeland (*zip code: 20009*)

183. Ellen Thomson (*zip code: 20003*)

184. Ellen Harms (*zip code: 20011*)

185. Elspeth Rollert (*zip code: 20009*)

186. Eric Lui (*zip code: 20009*)

187. Emma Connolly (*zip code: 20003*)

188. Emily Barge (*zip code: 20005*)

Please take this necessary step in order to care for our city's most vulnerable in their time of need.

189. Emily Wirzba (*zip code: 20010*)

190. Emily McKay (*zip code: 20010-1006*)

191. Emily Beyer (*zip code: 20002*)

192. Emily Citkowski (*zip code: 20010*)

193. Emily Ring (*zip code: 22209*)

194. Eric Vance (*zip code: 20007*)

Working for the playtime project has changed my life. Working so close with homeless children and families opened my eyes to the world around me. They are no different from any of us that have a home so they deserve one as well.

195. Eric Johnson (*zip code: 20018*)

196. Erin West (*zip code: 20011*)

197. An anonymous signer (*zip code: 20009*)

198. Evan Oxhorn (*zip code: 20002*)

199. Eva Stokes Wood (*zip code: 20748*)

200. Elizabeth Austin (*zip code: 20011*)

201. Ezana Teferra (*zip code: 20009*)

202. Faith Swords (*zip code: 20010*)

203. Frank Demarais (*zip code: 20018*)

The programs exist to provide Permanent Supportive Housing to families who need that and Rapid Rehousing to others. These programs have proven value and success rates, but the District has failed to commit the resources. Please don't accept the same excuses and blaming of the victims - hold the Departments accountable to provide the needed services, and stop the long term damage that short term thinking imposes.

204. Freonie Hingley (*zip code: 19087*)

205. Ingrid Simmon (*zip code: 20020*)

206. Dewitt Fortewberry (*zip code: 20020*)

207. Frani Gallagher (*zip code: 20005*)

208. Fred Leamnson (*zip code: 20191*)

I drive a van for Martha's Table every Monday. I see firsthand the need for these families.

209. Erica Freund (*zip code: 20008*)

210. Blake Frey (*zip code: 20001*)

Volunteering in DCG has provided myself a unique perspective of homelessness in the shelter, I am all for fixing the housing situation in DC, however, I do not feel that rapid re-housing is the right way to go

211. Fritz von Fleckenstein (*zip code: 20017*)

212. Frances Neal (*zip code: 20019*)

213. Fiona Teng (*zip code: 20010*)

214. DC Fiscal Policy Institute (*zip code: 20002*)

215. Kathleen Hellington (*zip code: 20782*)

216. Gabrielle Majewski (*zip code: 20001*)

217. Gareth Fryar (*zip code: 20036*)

Without help from the D.C. City Council to promote permanent affordable housing and effective housing supports more and more children and their families will find themselves homeless and without a place to turn to in the most desperate time of need. Also, while shelters are not anyone's ideal place to live, they (including DC General) are safer than living on the streets. Please, you were elected to help ALL of the people of D.C., and many of those without a voice need you to act now in their favor and speak on their behalf. Do the right thing, help the homeless.

218. Gillian Avery (*zip code: 20009*)

219. Genevieve Billia (*zip code: 20009*)

220. George Maslyar (*zip code: 20002*)

221. Gina Charusombat (*zip code: 20001*)

222. Giselle Anzalone (*zip code: 20010*)

223. Gloria Jenkins (*zip code: 20011*)

224. Sarah Goodman (*zip code: 20009*)

225. Marsha Goodman-Wood (*zip code: 20015*)

226. Grace Anderson (*zip code: 20009*)

Rapid Rehousing is a temporary solution that will ultimately lead to a higher rate of homelessness in our city.

227. Graham Wheeler (*zip code: 20005*)

228. Grant Earich (*zip code: 20009*)

End Homelessness, please.

229. Marcia Green (*zip code: 20011*)

230. Gurwin Ahuja (*zip code: 20002*)

231. Sarah Gutschow (*zip code: 20009*)

232. Nihad Hadziomerovic (*zip code: 20005*)

233. Hailey Huget (*zip code: 20010*)

234. Haley Adams (*zip code: 20009*)

235. Krystle Harding (*zip code: 20902*)

Please help

236. Elinor Hart (*zip code: 20009*)

237. Heather Wade (*zip code: 20009*)

I work for the Homeless Children's Playtime Project, and I see the disempowerment and depletion of self-determination that results from families being warehoused at DC General. Resources used for the dangerous and dank shelter should be used for more sustainable solutions. This is truly a human rights issue. I wonder if the Council would continue to turn a blind eye if they knew what it was like to be a member of one of these homeless families, and I am sure no council member would ever will that one of her or his own children had to live in such an environment. Until the council begins to see ALL children in the District as JUST as valuable as her or his own children, these crises will continue to occur.

238. Heidi Vanderwerff (*zip code: 20011*)

I am ashamed of my city for this situation. Please do not continue to ignore at any cost!

239. Helena Djordjevic (*zip code: 20850*)

240. Hila Berl (*zip code: 20009*)

241. Hana Viswanathan (*zip code: 20008*)
Families deserve to raise their children with dignity!

242. Holly Crowe (*zip code: 20003*)

243. Howard Croft (*zip code: 20020*)

244. Ian Howley (*zip code: 20010*)

245. Heather Casciato (*zip code: 20010*)
We are the nation's capitol, we should be setting the very best example. It is atrocious that we are instead one of the worst cities on the issue of homelessness.

246. Katie Hufnagel (*zip code: 20002*)

247. Hannah Shaw (*zip code: 08540*)
(Former resident of 20002)

248. Ian Pollack (*zip code: 20009*)

249. Imane'v West (*zip code: 20017*)

250. Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Foundation (*zip code: 20824*)

251. Naveena Khattri (*zip code: 20016*)

252. Iryna Fedets (*zip code: 20010*)

253. Danielle Marshall (*zip code: 20008*)

254. Jessica Abrahams (*zip code: 20015*)

255. Jagruti Bhakta (*zip code: 20002*)

256. Jazmin Albarran (*zip code: 20009*)

257. Wright James (*zip code: 200017*)
A double digit rise in the Homelessness rate in DC is more than deplorable. We have to do something to protect our residents.

258. Jamila Larson (*zip code: 20010*)

With David Berns leaving this summer after a poorly planned hypothermia season, next winter is likely to be worse because the Mayor's plan is woefully inadequate. We desperately need your leadership to help make sure we have a vision to house and safely shelter families when necessary. Too many precious lives are at stake.

259. Jane Rutherford (*zip code: 20002*)

260. Janet W. Brown (*zip code: 20009*)

261. Jason Rosenbaum (*zip code: 20009*)

262. James Cox-Chapman (*zip code: 20009*)

263. JAY VINTON (*zip code: 20015*)

264. Evelyn Brewster (*zip code: 20010*)

265. Jani Benitez (*zip code: 20018*)

266. Jennifer Berger (*zip code: 20049*)

This plan outlines important suggestions as to how to prevent homelessness long term. Please note that Goal 3d re expanding the model of the Alternatives to Landlord Tenant Court Project beyond seniors misattributes that program as a DCHA program. The Alternatives Project is a social

267. Jaclyn Borowski (*zip code: 20010*)

268. Joseph C. Brown (*zip code: 20012*)

269. Jenette Chance (*zip code: 20001*)

270. Jerry Clark (*zip code: 20009*)

271. Joanna Calabrese (*zip code: 20005*)

272. Justin Feltman (*zip code: 20001*)

If you haven't been to DC General, either check it out or take my word for it. Changes are needed and they are needed fast!

273. Jacob Kahane (*zip code: 20009*)

274. Julia EDdy (*zip code: 20001*)

275. Jenefer Ellingston (*zip code: 20002*)

I may have signed twice - not sure

276. Jen Howard (*zip code: 20009*)

277. Jennifer Vincej (*zip code: 02642*)

278. Jennifer Svetlik (*zip code: 20017*)

279. Jennifer Phillips (*zip code: 20011*)

280. Jennifer Riggins (*zip code: 20607*)

Matthew 25:41-46 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

281. Jessica Raven (*zip code: 20001*)

282. Jesse Boateng (*zip code: 20024*)

283. Jessica Snowden (*zip code: 20012*)

284. Jessica McCarron (*zip code: 20009*)

285. Jessica Pavlick (*zip code: 20854*)

286. jessica schrier (*zip code: 20036*)

287. Carmen Starks (*zip code: 20001*)

This is a request to fully fund and implement the Helping Families Home road map.

CARMEN A. STARKS

288. Jordan Worthington (*zip code: 20002*)

289. Jason Gruzeski (*zip code: 63011*)

290. An anonymous signer (*zip code: 20020*)

291. Jane Ellis (*zip code: 20015*)

Please help the children who are forced into a life living in uncertainty to have a permanent home, school and life where they can thrive and become great contributing members of society. Having spent time with them - I know they are the future.

292. Julia Sayles (*zip code: 20024*)

293. Joe Margolis (*zip code: 20037*)

294. Joan Meier (*zip code: 20052*)

Thank you for being proactive to reduce the suffering of children and their caregivers in homeless crises.

295. Jean Johnson (*zip code: 20008*)

296. Jennie Nevin (*zip code: 20001*)

I think I speak for basically everyone I know in saying that this crisis must be resolved or our city can only be considered to have failed its citizens.

297. Jane Wilson (*zip code: 22003*)

298. adelia sabintsev (*zip code: 20037*)

299. Barbara Collins (*zip code: 20020*)

We need an answer!

300. Joseph Figini (*zip code: 20009*)

301. Joel Schwarz (*zip code: 20009*)

Please give families a fighting chance.

302. Johanna Gray (*zip code: 20001*)

Dear DC Council,

Please implement the provisions of the "Helping Families Home: A Roadmap for the District" to ensure that DC's safety net is strengthened to prevent this year's homelessness crisis next winter.

303. John Nyarku (*zip code: 20001*)

304. John Cipriani (*zip code: 20010*)

305. John Murphy (*zip code: 20816*)

306. John Hisle (*zip code: 20007*)

We are counting on you to stand with and for those in our City most I need of our support - It is the right thing to do!

307. Jolene Wun (*zip code: 20010*)

308. Jon Yoder (*zip code: 20003*)

There were times when I had nowhere to live, except my mother's house. It's terrifying, horrifying, having nowhere to live. We should all have a home, and in a society as jacked up with wealth as ours, that should be possible. We must have compassion, as every religion tells us. We must have love, the bottom line of all people.

309. Jordan Grucza (*zip code: 63118*)

310. joslyn williams (*zip code: 20024*)

311. Joy Chen (*zip code: 20010*)

312. Joseph Ross (*zip code: 20009-1259*)

DC's homeless families need their community to stand behind them and to let them know that they are valued members of our city by providing them with shelter, warmth, and security during the harshest months of the year. A community that does nothing to provide for its weakest and most disenfranchised people is no place I want to pay taxes in and call home.

313. Judith Sandalow (*zip code: 20010*)

314. Rebecca Schunior (*zip code: 20024*)

315. Julie Smeykal (*zip code: 19436*)

316. Susan Sedgewick (*zip code: 20003*)

Take action now to protect homeless children! This has to be a priority.

317. Julianne Appleton (*zip code: 20009*)

318. Julia Huang (*zip code: 20001*)

319. Julia Fowler (*zip code: 20745*)

320. Julie Colatrella (*zip code: 20009*)

321. Julie Miller (*zip code: 20011*)

The rate that family homelessness has increased since last year is massive. You can no longer pretend that this is not a time-sensitive issue or that it is a small fix. Please use your power for GOOD and help families find affordable housing that is not for a temporary fix, but for a lifetime!

322. Julie Palian (*zip code: 20181*)

Show children that they matter to us because they do. What on earth can matter more than this?

323. Joy Welan (*zip code: 20001*)

324. Joseph Yearwood (*zip code: 20001*)

325. Jacqueline Hannah (*zip code: 61801*)

326. Katie Palermo (*zip code: 20036*)

327. Kathleen Margillo (*zip code: 20003*)

328. kahlie Collier (*zip code: 04963*)

329. Karen Cunningham (*zip code: 20010*)

330. Karen Zhang (*zip code: 20057*)

331. Katelyn Reitz (*zip code: 20016*)

Please do not cut funding for homeless families. I volunteer weekly with Playtime Project and know the seriousness of these proposed cuts, it's not worth it.

332. Katharine Stockrahm (*zip code: 20010*)

333. Kate Mitchell (*zip code: 20002*)

334. Katherine Tucker (*zip code: 20001*)

335. Katherine Segarra (*zip code: 20009*)

I volunteer with these children once a week at Playtime. Stability and support make a huge difference in their lives. Please address this city's homeless children problem.

336. Kate Stritzinger (*zip code: 20010*)

337. Kathie Shahan (*zip code: 2001*)

For once, make out children a priority.

338. Kathleen Fawcett (*zip code: 20010*)

339. Kathryn Davis (*zip code: 20009*)

340. Katherine Haines (*zip code: 20010*)

I understand that one of the roadblocks to building additional shelters or supportive housing units is typically community opposition - "not in my backyard." However, there are also a number of sympathizers to families and individuals experiencing homelessness in the district that would

advocate on their behalf for smaller, more decentralized shelters in their neighborhoods. I would like to see more outreach to ANCs to gain support for a decentralized shelter system. If you need any help in the Columbia Heights area, please contact me.

341. Katie Cassetta (*zip code: 06880*)

342. Kathryn Baer (*zip code: 20003*)

Reducing the number of families living in emergency shelter is very important, but it is also crucial to ensure that they have access to shelter whenever they need it, as the road map envisions.

343. Katie Bergfeld (*zip code: 20782*)

344. Kelli Beyer (*zip code: 20008*)

345. Kate Childs (*zip code: 20009*)

346. Kendra Kinnaid (*zip code: 20011*)

347. Kameron Cox (*zip code: 20002*)

348. Katie Dunn (*zip code: 20009*)

349. Keith Ivey (*zip code: 20008*)

350. Rebecca Kellett (*zip code: 20003*)

351. Kelley Ellsworth (*zip code: 20016*)

This is completely unacceptable. Every night that a family is homeless, the children are deeply scarred, and these scars can impact their lives for years to come. We must do all we can do to ensure that family homelessness is eliminated.

352. Kelli Beyer (*zip code: 20008*)

Children deserve to grow up in homes, not shelters. Please visit www.playtimeproject.org/meet-families to see the faces of family homelessness in DC. Khoel has spent a quarter of his life at DC General Shelter. This road map will help families like his home.

Thank you for your hard work to help homeless families.

Sincerely,

Kelli Beyer
Washington DC Resident
Ward 3

353. Kerry Ann Dobies (*zip code: 20009*)

I full support this cause!

354. Kesh Ladduwahetty (*zip code: 20008*)

As a taxpayer, I cannot think of a better use for our public funds than ending family homelessness, and homelessness in general.

355. Keya John (*zip code: 20017*)

356. Kayla Gatalica (*zip code: 20008*)

357. Katherine MacLean (*zip code: 20007*)

358. Kristina Burton (*zip code: 20007*)

359. Kobina Nyarku (*zip code: 20001*)

Homelessness is a horrible aspect which destroys lifetime achievements one can have!

360. Korrin Bishop (*zip code: 20008*)

361. Katherine Piggott-Tooke (*zip code: 20003*)

362. Kristen Brown (*zip code: 20007*)

363. Kristen Grauer (*zip code: 20639*)

364. Kristen Arnold (*zip code: 20002*)

DC Council,

I have volunteered at DC General emergency shelter for over a year, and during that time I have met some of the brightest, motivated young boys and girls and also witnessed a daily life that no child should experience. DC General is an inadequate shelter for adults, and especially for children. I appreciate your advocacy for sound affordable and permanent supportive housing policies, and ask that you support the Helping Families Home plan laid out by the DC Fiscal Policy Institute.

365. Kristin Mowery (*zip code: 98226*)

366. Kelsie Salmen (*zip code: 22209*)

Organizations like Playtime need much more support'n

367. Kathleen Stratton (*zip code: 20008*)

368. Kristin Casey (*zip code: 20007*)

369. Kurt Runge (*zip code: 20002*)

370. Kurt Runge (*zip code: 20002*)

371. Keith Watson (*zip code: 20007*)
Fund the homeless programs to their fullest

372. Kyle Lefler (*zip code: 20009*)

373. Lauren Waterhouse (*zip code: 20010*)

374. Laura Fuchs (*zip code: 20009*)

375. Laura Recchie (*zip code: 20010*)

376. Laura Thomas (*zip code: 20815*)

377. Lauren Stillwell (*zip code: 20024*)

378. Lauren Kidwell (*zip code: 20009*)

379. Lauren Margetich (*zip code: 20742*)

380. Lauren Conley (*zip code: 20018*)
Do this for children and families!

381. Lauren Woolley (*zip code: 22204*)

382. Laurent Ross (*zip code: 20011*)

383. Linda Beebe (*zip code: 20008*)
Please take the necessary steps so that homeless families are not left out in the cold this year.

384. Lindsay Zoeller (*zip code: 20002-6377*)

385. Leah Stohr (*zip code: 20003*)

386. Catriona Lennox (*zip code: 20008*)

387. Leslie Powell (*zip code: 20011*)

388. Alexis Herman (*zip code: 20010*)

389. Lucas Fleischer (*zip code: 20002*)
I am a DC native, and I live in DC, and I vote. This is an issue I'll consider carefully in my next vote for

DC council.

390. Lucy Hoagland (*zip code: 20009*)

391. An anonymous signer (*zip code: 20009*)

392. Linda Samuel (*zip code: 20003*)

393. Lindsay Stepp (*zip code: 20001*)

394. Lindsay Morris (*zip code: 20009*)

395. Livia Bardin (*zip code: 20008*)

Surely in a city this rich, the Council can find the funds to help these desperately needy people. Please do so.

396. Elizabeth Odongo (*zip code: 20782*)

397. Laura Summer (*zip code: 20057*)

398. Floyd W. Robinson (*zip code: 20017*)

399. Elaine Scudder (*zip code: 20005*)

400. Liana Steir (*zip code: 20002*)

401. Luis Avila (*zip code: 20010*)

We live in the nation's capital, and what we do for those who suffer the most is reflected throughout the nation, as an example of humanity and compassion.

402. Lula Campbell (*zip code: 20011*)

403. Layla Zaidane (*zip code: 12345*)

404. Caitlin Clark (*zip code: 21502*)

405. Michael Madden (*zip code: 20018*)

406. Maggie Easterlin (*zip code: 20001*)

407. Maggie Riden (*zip code: 20005*)

408. Margaret Murphy (*zip code: 20003*)

409. MaiLien Le (*zip code: 20002*)

Please increase funding for homeless shelters.

410. Majs Milicevic (*zip code: 20817*)

411. Melvin Allen (*zip code: 20001*)

412. Margaret Ann Goodwin (*zip code: 20003*)

It's time we made it a priority to address homelessness in D.C.

413. Marc Dettmann (*zip code: 20010*)

414. Marc Howard (*zip code: 20002*)

415. Marcie Cohen (*zip code: 20036*)

416. Maggie Marshall (*zip code: 20001*)

417. Margo Hufstetler (*zip code: 22201*)

418. Kathleen Margolis (*zip code: 20814*)

419. Mariama Bramble (*zip code: 20003*)

420. Mariangela Anzalone (*zip code: 20009*)

421. Marianna Leavy-Sperounis (*zip code: 20009*)

422. Marie Fritz (*zip code: 20020*)

423. Marilyn Heymann (*zip code: 200361302*)

424. Marissa Dungan (*zip code: 20011*)

425. Marlan Green (*zip code: 20002*)

Please lead us out of this homelessness crisis. It is a shameful thing to be happening in our nation's capitol.

426. Marta Beresin (*zip code: 20007*)

427. Martha Huizenga (*zip code: 20003*)

428. Mary Bolton (*zip code: 20009*)

Please stop this crushing human experience!!! Everyone needs a roof!!!!

429. Mary Fraker (*zip code: 20003*)

430. Mary Lindsey (*zip code: 20740*)

Let's give these kids - who find themselves so vulnerable through no fault of their own - a fighting chance.

431. Marya McQuirter (*zip code: 20008*)

432. Maryam Jillani (*zip code: 20008*)

433. Mary Donovan (*zip code: 20003*)

Full funding is desperately needed.

434. Mary Simmons (*zip code: 20001*)

435. Maggie Vander Eems (*zip code: 22201*)

436. Matt Abbruzzese (*zip code: 20009*)

437. Matt Beltrami (*zip code: 20009*)

438. Matthew White (*zip code: 20010*)

439. Max Bentovim (*zip code: 20017*)

Those we entrust with the most responsibility must be first and foremost responsible to those among us who have the least.

440. Craig Keenan (*zip code: 20010*)

Please give DC families a place to live!

441. Mary McCue (*zip code: 20003*)

Please consider this carefully. Last winter was extremely hard -- and a tragedy for many.

442. Levi N. McFadden, Sr. (*zip code: 20001*)

443. Alston McGain (*zip code: 20001*)

444. Meg Ansara (*zip code: 20002*)

445. Megan Conway (*zip code: 20010*)

446. Meg Biallas (*zip code: 20003*)

447. Melinda Good (*zip code: 20003*)

448. Melissa Galetto (*zip code: 20002*)

449. Melissa Dahlin (*zip code: 20002*)

450. Monica Bhattacharya (*zip code: 20001*)

451. Micah Backus (*zip code: 20010*)

452. Michael Emancipator (*zip code: 20009*)

Please act now!

453. Michael Stennis (*zip code: 20009*)

As a member of the D.C. community, I demand change for the homeless men, women and children, who also are members of our D.C. community. We need to help them, so that one day they can eventually help themselves. The time is now!

454. Mickey Emmanuel (*zip code: 20815*)

The need for affordable and safe housing for families year round is striking. Please implement the helping families home road map.

455. Mieya Timmons (*zip code: 20001*)

Some families really need the public's help. It's not the children's fault. It's a cycle that needs to be stopped. Lower the rent and stop poverty.

456. Michael Murphy (*zip code: 20001*)

457. michael Reardon (*zip code: 20001*)

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458. Michael Schrader (*zip code: 20009*)

459. Miriam Wood (*zip code: 11105*)

460. Miriam Savad (*zip code: 20010*)

461. Mitchell Crispell (*zip code: 20009*)

462. Marie Fritz (*zip code: 20020*)

463. Meghan Anson (*zip code: 20009*)

464. Molly Shaw (*zip code: 20002*)

465. monica lazere (*zip code: 54601*)

466. Monte Hillis (*zip code: 20017*)

To see children in such squalor in this time of great wealth and posterity is untenable. DCGH is its own little prison of poverty in an island of indifference. Where is the outrage?!!!

467. Morris E. James (*zip code: 20001*)

468. Michael Scott (*zip code: 20017*)

The D.C. Catholic Conference representing the public policy interests of the Archdiocese of Washington supports Helping Families Home: A Roadmap for The District.

469. Maureen Shea (*zip code: 20003*)

470. Milena Durdic (*zip code: 20017*)

471. nancy prager (*zip code: 20008*)

472. Nata Brown (*zip code: 20001*)

473. Jennifer Sanderson (*zip code: 20781*)

474. Nathan Harrington (*zip code: 20032*)

475. Nicole Devine (*zip code: 20009*)

476. Kenneth Nesper (*zip code: 20017*)

477. Nina Gross (*zip code: 20007*)

478. Nicole Ahdiyyih (*zip code: 20009*)

479. Nick Masada (*zip code: 20016*)

480. Noel Tieszen (*zip code: 20032*)

481. Marilyn Noguera (*zip code: 20018*)

Now is the time to turn this situation around!

482. Nolan Treadway (*zip code: 20018*)

483. Natalie Wasserman (*zip code: 20016*)

This city needs to do more to protect families from the ravages of homelessness. Children need a home, not a homeless shelter. The Council and powers that be must come up with a comprehensive plan to end homelessness in a city where you are either too poor to afford a place to live or so rich that you drive up the costs of living for those who do not have.

484. Nora Wiseman (*zip code: 22202*)

485. nicholas yaciuk (*zip code: 33467*)

486. Olivia A. Chase (*zip code: 20020*)

487. Andy Oare (*zip code: 20010*)

488. Flo Boccella (*zip code: 20016*)

489. Olivia Coleman (*zip code: 20850*)

490. Brian Piotrowski (*zip code: 20010*)

491. S Onder (*zip code: 20017*)

As a volunteer at DC General, I see the dire needs of families -- we can do better than this in our nation's capital! Let's make sure we find a place for all of our families as DC grows -- and before next winter!

492. Lauren Onkeles-Klein (*zip code: 20017*)

With the knowledge that, to date, \$9 million of additional funding within DHS (much from TANF) had been diverted to housing this year, and we still were forcing families to sleep in the gyms of our local recreation centers without privacy or access to shower facilities, creating a proactive steps to address family homelessness is a critical component of any comprehensive housing plan.

493. Shaunya Owens (*zip code: 20746*)

494. Patti Alexander (*zip code: 20001*)

495. Paula Reichel (*zip code: 20002*)

496. Brian Friedman (*zip code: 11211*)

497. Paul Axelrod (*zip code: 20009*)

498. Jack Pfeiffer (*zip code: 20002*)

Dear Councilmembers,

Plenty of DC Tax dollars are going toward housing programs for DC's Homeless. Lets make sure we

aren't just throwing money at the problem, but doing this smart. Let's invest in housing first and the necessary social service programs to support these individuals and families so that 1 we are keeping people in their homes to begin with, before they become homeless, 2 we are keeping families stable and in housing and job programs once they are in housing first, 3 we are making sure that developers and house flippers are participating and investing in the solutions not just adding to the problems. It's not as if they haven't made plenty of money.

Thank you,
Jack Pfeiffer

499. Phillip Johnson (*zip code: 20018*)

500. Phillip L. Collins (*zip code: 20020*)
Act now!!

501. Daniel Plaut (*zip code: 20010*)

502. Pamela Frasier (*zip code: 20707*)

503. Ann Price (*zip code: 20001*)

504. Paula Rothman (*zip code: 20009*)

505. Kristin Purdy (*zip code: 20001*)

506. Paula White (*zip code: 20011*)

It is simply a shame to have the riches nation in the world to allow human beings to live in the streets.

507. Sid Schwarz (*zip code: 20012*)

508. Rachel Hartig (*zip code: 20008Please*)

Please address the question of homelessness in D.C. We have no more urgent problem. We cannot allow our families to live on the streets.

509. Rachel Holtzman (*zip code: 20009*)

Dear Councilmember,

I am very concerned with the exploding family homelessness crisis this year, which resulted in over 775 families including 1,491 children living in emergency shelter at its peak. The DC Council must address this crisis to prevent families from living in the same situation next winter.

I volunteer twice a week to play with homeless kids at the DC General Homeless shelter and have seen first hand the impact that homelessness has on children.

We must do something.

510. Rachel Sassoon (*zip code: 20009*)

511. Elena Rakhaeva (*zip code: 20008*)

512. Rebecca Alban (*zip code: 20010*)

Homelessness is a crisis; its embarrassing that DC, the Nation's capitol, has this problem

513. Raquel Farah (*zip code: 20007*)

Families need permanent solutions to homelessness! Please act to help ensure that vulnerable residents are not forced to leave the District because of the lack of affordable housing. Continue raising the minimum wage and looking for ways opportunities to fund affordable housing options and jobs, especially east of the river. Thank you.

514. Roxana Roman (*zip code: 20012*)

515. Rasheen Carbin (*zip code: 20017*)

516. Robyn Dudley (*zip code: 20001*)

517. Rebecca Ennen (*zip code: 20011*)

We have the resources. Let's make this happen for the 775 families and for the many women and men I see every day.

518. Rebecca Hayes (*zip code: 23915*)

As a former DC resident and tax payer, I understand the great financial burden on local resources, but something must be done. Perhaps a cooperative effort between DC, MD, and VA?

519. Ronald Anderson (*zip code: 20001*)

Do for the people of DC

520. Jenny Reed (*zip code: 20011*)

521. Rachel Austin (*zip code: 20009*)

As a Playtime Project volunteer and DC resident, I have had a chance to see how important this issue is to our city. I know that resources are scarce and that there are many issues that might seem more important, but part of our responsibility as citizens of this country is to do what we can to help those who need it the most.

522. Richard Breault (*zip code: 20007*)

Please,decide to fund Homeless ending efforts.Before ,IT IS TO LATE,a 13% increase ,is just the Tip of the flood of newly homeless.Do YOU,want to see the #'s of Homeless,most tragicy,children Swell to 20,30,50,70% before the Council and the City take needed action!

523. Richard Jenkins (*zip code: 20017*)

524. Rebecca Brink (*zip code: 20002*)

525. Randall Keesler (*zip code: 20017*)

Help end homelessness. Invest in low income housing options! Stop talking.

526. Robert Kosineski (*zip code: 20007*)

527. Robin Ngo (*zip code: 20015*)

528. Roberta Colton (*zip code: 20008-3808*)

Please act now to help these needy families!

529. Emily Rotbart (*zip code: 20005*)

530. Robert Royce-Malmgren (*zip code: 60622*)

Please choose the best solution, not the most expedient one.

531. Richard Rutherford (*zip code: 20002*)

532. Rosemary Lynch (*zip code: 20017*)

You simply must address this imperative. It is a moral as well as an economic obligation.

533. Randolph Scott (*zip code: 20032*)

End homelessness now!

534. Ryan Carrington (*zip code: 20011*)

The state of attention to the homeless in this city is frightening. In my work with the Church of the Pilgrims in Dupont Circle, we see many homeless and hungry neighbors who have no possibility of upward advancement and often struggle to get housing. There are frequent complaints about the quality of shelters or worse about being turned away from shelters. The use of motels, while potentially a positive step to address this gap, is not a long-term solution. Our city needs to commit to help those in need in a much more dignified way that provides a pathway to employment, appropriate medical and counseling services (if needed), and permanent housing. We also need to be more mindful of those in precarious housing situations and not deny them help because they are just shy of a criterion for homelessness, as they too need help to avoid falling into homelessness. How can our city afford bike lanes, street improvements, and a new soccer stadium while allowing people to sleep through the coldest winter in recent decades without warm shelter and adequate meals. As a Petworth resident, I look to Mayor-Elect Bowser to put housing, jobs, and education as priorities, and those priorities should start with those among us who know most need help, not those who are most able to broaden the tax base.

535. Sabrina Nettles (*zip code: 20011*)

DC families need real help, not just a temporary room, housed in between the jail, the methadone clinic, and the emergency psychiatric center. The barriers are difficult, and the solutions won't be easy, but if we start having real conversations now, we won't be forced to make desperate moves next winter.

536. Samantha Mayberry (*zip code: 20010*)

537. Samantha Waxman (*zip code: 20010*)

538. Sam Berger (*zip code: 20008*)

539. Emily Samsel (*zip code: 20009*)

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540. Sandra Cordero (*zip code: 20010*)

541. Sandra Kelly (*zip code: 20001*)

542. Sandy Perlstein (*zip code: 20012*)

543. Sarah Bessell (*zip code: 20024*)

544. Sarah Bedy (*zip code: 20009*)

545. Sarah Lamm (*zip code: 20016*)

546. Sarah Scruggs (*zip code: 20009*)

547. Sarita Singh (*zip code: 20019*)

548. Sascha Meinrath (*zip code: 20010*)

549. Saptarshi Basu (*zip code: 20008*)

Please consider this petition!

550. Susan Bennett (*zip code: 20016*)

551. Susan Brooks (*zip code: 20008*)

552. Sarah Driscoll (*zip code: 20009*)

553. Scott McNeilly (*zip code: 20015*)

554. Scott HARDING (*zip code: 20017*)

555. Sczerina Perot (*zip code: 20016*)

We can create a better future for children by not creating a traumatic present. House homeless kids.

556. Shalontia Dowe (*zip code: 20019*)

557. Sean Keady (*zip code: 20001*)

558. Sean McCauley (*zip code: 22204*)

559. An anonymous signer (*zip code: 20017*)

560. Stephanie Marrone (*zip code: 22310*)

561. Shana Smith (*zip code: 20016*)

562. Shannon Burke-Kranzberg (*zip code: 20007*)

These children deserve better. Please act in time to ensure this doesn't happen next year.

563. Shannon Martin (*zip code: 20003*)

Every week I volunteer with the Teens who live in the emergency shelter at DC General, through the Homeless Children's Playtime Project. Some of them have been there only a few weeks, and others have been there more than a year. These families are in crisis, and we as a community need to do all that we can to make sure that next winter, more families - more children - don't end up in the same predicament. Please take the time to review the roadmap outlined by DCFPI and other advocates so that we can find and support a practical solution to this very pertinent issue.

564. Sharon Brewer (*zip code: 20023*)

565. Shawnette James-Mauney (*zip code: 20018*)

566. Shauniece Carter (*zip code: 20004*)

567. Sheldon Good (*zip code: 20001*)

568. Sidney Booth (*zip code: 20010*)

It seems at times that human suffering overseas receives more attention than what transpires closer to home in our own city. I urge you to vote for full funding of programs to provide more housing for homeless families, veterans, and other vulnerable individuals who need our assistance.
Thank you.

569. Andrea Simic (*zip code: 20814*)

570. Alissa Tombaugh (*zip code: 20012*)

These children cannot afford for us to wait until another crisis arises to address the situation. We need to invest in their futures now by ensuring that funding is sufficient to ensure their well-being and that of their families. Please fund this plan.

571. S J (*zip code: 20005*)

572. Sheila Kelly (*zip code: 20017-3012*)

573. Julia Springer (*zip code: 20016*)

574. Simon Landau (*zip code: 20010*)

575. Kevin Lewis (*zip code: 20001*)

576. Joanna Smith (*zip code: 20005*)

577. Sandra moscoso (*zip code: 20003*)

578. Sara Mosenkis (*zip code: 20010*)

579. Cere Stetson (*zip code: 97405*)

580. S V (*zip code: 20017*)

581. Samantha Bertocchi (*zip code: 20057*)

582. Dominique Spencer (*zip code: 20017*)

We can end involuntary homelessness. The people in these shelters are your constituents too. Do something more! Do something better!

583. Sara Spizzirri (*zip code: 20009*)

584. Stacey Lawless (*zip code: 27278*)

585. Harry Stein (*zip code: 20009*)

586. Stephanie Gunter (*zip code: 22201*)

587. Steve Asher (*zip code: 20007*)

588. Steve Walker (*zip code: 20748*)

589. Ruth Scarbrough (*zip code: 20001*)

590. Sam quinn (*zip code: 20007*)

591. Theresa Roberson (*zip code: 20017*)

592. Trevor Lewis (*zip code: 20009*)

593. Tamaso Johnson (*zip code: 20001*)

Please prioritize funding for these proven programs to help families with housing needs.

594. Tara Hill (*zip code: 20009*)

595. Tim Brightbill (*zip code: 20006*)

Please help DC's homeless families. Our nation's capital should be better than this.

596. Tess Byars (*zip code: 20010*)

I volunteer with the children in our programs every week and see how hard their mothers are working. We need to do more to ensure that these families have access to safe, affordable housing.

597. Takia Gadsden (*zip code: 20019*)

598. Tandice Ghajar (*zip code: 20008*)

Thank you

599. Margery Hardwick (*zip code: 20009*)

600. Theresa Cusick (*zip code: 20012*)

Giving the prosperity of our city we can well afford to put additional resources towards fulfilling this urgent need.

601. Tiffany Hingley (*zip code: 22201*)

The children and families deserve more opportunities in life than what they are given. We never know the potential of someone until we put their dreams within reach.

602. Thomas Winslow (*zip code: 20001*)

603. Terri Thompson (*zip code: 20015*)

604. Tiago Sanfelice (*zip code: 20001*)

I have been a volunteer in the DC general shelter for 3 years and I have seen how families that are

put in rapid -housing keep coming back. That plan does not solve the issue and harms or city's most vulnerable population

605. Timothy D'Emilio (*zip code: 20011*)

Families and children deserve a stable, supportive place to grow. Let's commit to it in our budget planning.

606. Tom Knoll (*zip code: 20001*)

We are better than this.

607. Thelma Johnson (*zip code: 20020*)

608. Tricia Robinson (*zip code: 21122*)

609. Todd Holtzman (*zip code: 20009*)

610. Lindsey Miller (*zip code: 20009*)

It's your duty to protect vulnerable families in our city!

611. Tom Goss (*zip code: 20011*)

612. Tom Howarth (*zip code: 20001*)

DC General Shelter needs to be closed asap and replaced with decent housing that will help people get up and out of poverty and not up and out of the District.

613. Trina Crawley (*zip code: 20001*)

614. Michael Maranda (*zip code: 48108*)

615. Callie Cappel-Lynch (*zip code: 20009*)

616. Gemma Sage (*zip code: 20001*)

617. Thomas Williams (*zip code: 20001*)

618. Elizabeth Festa (*zip code: 20002*)

Don't shut down the shelter. I have met people who live there. It needs to be maintained for humans, and it needs to be open. All families need to have decent shelter. It is not their fault the rent is so high in DC! Protect them.

619. Tyler Brandon (*zip code: 20008*)

620. Urla Barrow (*zip code: 20002*)

Urla Barrow

621. Valentine Davies (*zip code: 20001*)

The children and families deserve better at DC General.

622. Molly Vetter (*zip code: 20003*)

623. Victor Zapanta (*zip code: 20010*)

624. Vishal Goswami (*zip code: 32712*)

625. Vanessa Schuster (*zip code: 20003*)

626. Wambui Munge (*zip code: 22209*)

627. Angela Wang (*zip code: 20010*)

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628. Warren Flood (*zip code: 20009*)

629. Bill Hoffman (*zip code: 20015*)

The new COG figures on DC homelessness are staggering. I want the budget for FY2015 to more adequately grapple with the crisis by doing whatever is necessary (including raising my taxes) to ensure that we deal with chronic homelessness as well as placing a safety net under those needing transitional assistance to weather a temporary storm.

630. Sanjay Bhatia (*zip code: 20009*)

631. Tanya Bryant (*zip code: 20011*)

632. Wilhelmina D. Goff (*zip code: 20001*)

633. Barbara Yeomans (*zip code: 20015*)

634. Yvonne Harvey (*zip code: 20011*)

635. Yasmin Lalani (*zip code: 20036*)

636. Yoori Koo (*zip code: 20002*)

637. Zach Narva (*zip code: 20009*)

638. A Martin (*zip code: 20003*)

639. Emily (*zip code: 20037*)