

*What is the nature of justice? What is equality? What is compassion?*

**Houseless-ness in the news:** *A non-definitive, curated list of resources compiled by Melinda E Pittman, volunteer, St Francis Dining Hall, member St Francis Dining Hall Council, 1-29-2020*

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**States,** National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, Eric Tars, Senior Attorney, etars@nlchp.org,

202.638.2535, 2000 M St NW, Suite 210, Washington DC 20036, <https://nlchp.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Special-Rapporteur-Right-to-Privacy.pdf>

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Desiree Hellegers | 10 Jan 2020, Street Roots, <https://news.streetroots.org/2020/01/10/camp-sweeps-have-human-toll-just-look-debbie-ann-beaver>

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*Who profits from houseless-ness?*

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**Homeless set up camps on Salem Capitol Mall,** Author: Lindsay Nadrich , Published: 5:47 PM PST December 23, 2019 , Updated: 6:05 PM PST December 23, 2019 ,  
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### **Does Socialism Have to Be ‘Godless’?**

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*“To ask the ‘right’ question is far more important than to receive the answer. The solution of a problem lies in the understanding of the problem; the answer is not outside the problem, it is in the problem.”*

Jiddu Krishnamurti, The Flight of the Eagle, Harper Collins, 1971

**From:** [Melinda Pittman](#)  
**To:** [McClymont, Keelan](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Portland City Council Communication Spot on January 29  
**Date:** Friday, January 3, 2020 7:01:38 PM  
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Thank you Keelan. My topic is another perspective on reducing house-less-ness in Portland. I am a volunteer with the St Francis Dining Hall.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak before the Council.

Peace,

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On Fri, Jan 3, 2020 at 9:20 AM McClymont, Keelan  
<[Keelan.McClymont@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Keelan.McClymont@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

Hi Melinda – **please send your topic.** Once I receive your topic, I will send a confirmation.

Yes, Nick's passing was a terrible shock. He was a remarkable man and public servant. We have been so fortunate to have him leading our City, and it's very sad that we'll have to go on without him.

Keelan McClymont

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Yes, please! I would very much appreciate time to make this short address to City Council, thank you. Wow, Nick Fish's quick passing is quite a shock, He was a good man, and

I appreciated him along with thousands of us. Peace, and thank you.

Melinda E Pittman

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Request of Melinda Pittman to address Council regarding another perspective on reducing houselessness in Portland (Communication)

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