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I have the privilege to know that my housing has always been secure. I honestly can not imagine not having a home. What a relief it would be for so many to know they can stay put without fear of losing all of their meager belongings or being “swept” away like garbage. I would like parks & golf courses to be a safe space for those who have no safe space. But I would also like more public education as to how a person might find themselves without a home as well as what has led to such extreme income disparity and high housing costs. Then we need to start working on getting as many people housed as we can. No more empty homes! We are losing our humanity. Prioritizing those of us with the least may help us get it back.

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