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People living on the streets, unable to take care of themselves due to addiction, mental health issues, a bad stroke of luck or other circumstances or the pandemic is not the new normal. Living in a pandemic which forces us to self isolate is not the new normal. Record low interest rates and monthly purchases of \$100 billion of mortgage backed securities by the Federal Reserve causing record high housing prices is not the new normal. The federal government spending \$3 trillion that is yet to arrive on grants to states, cities, individuals, trade groups and businesses is not the new normal. Changing laws to fit current extremely different conditions from normal is irrational. People living on the streets is an emergency and should not be viewed as the new normal.

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