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Good morning to you members of the City Council, we come before you not to praise you but to demand that you finally do something positive about the people living on our streets. You know that last year we lost over 56 human beings who died alone waiting for some help. By the way, this is a low figure because it only reports people who actually died on the streets and not those who died in hospitals, on someone's couch or in so many other places. You have before you six suggestions coming from a man who is homeless/houseless and seems to have caught your attention. These six recommendations are not written in stone, they should be seen as a blueprint to finally getting serious about achieving the worthy goal of ending homelessness/houselessness. We use the word houselessness because many can't get into housing because of their credit background.

Let me tell you a story of two guys who have enough money each month to sustain a dwelling but can't get past the credit checks or regulations that allow apartment owners to charge money to check them out, refuse their application and keep their 40-50 dollars. If our assistance programs can't get these two off the streets and into some type of livable unit, we don't have a system, we have what I call a dog and pony show. It may help the politicians cut ribbons but has little impact on the problem of really doing something that will have a major impact on homelessness/houselessness. Just about every study I have read says you must put the homeless on any committee you set up to deal with this complicated problem. They have good ideas out there but you have to be present to hear them. Many people have come before you with suggestions, yet you still do not have a committee which includes the very people you are trying to serve. Please have one of your staff read the following report called, "The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty" and would you look in the Executive Summary page 12 under recommendations:

<http://www.nlchp.org/content/pubs/11.14.11%20Criminalization%20Report%20&%20Advocacy%20Manual,%20FINAL1.pdf>

You should be able to see the first recommendation is to include members of the homeless population on the committee, but you refuse to do this basic thing. As long as we have 1600-2000 human beings being turned away because there is "No room at the Inn," we should be outraged, and ashamed.

Many of us stand ready to help, not just criticize, that is the worth of the six points brought to you today and other suggestions including Lightning's noble fight to get the county to use the jail sitting empty as a place for centralized services. Wapato is now a monument to stupidity, but could be a model for creativity. Again there are many possibilities out there but you have to let the people in and listen to what they say. I will be over there each and every week to remind you that more have died and they could have been saved. Thank you for your time!

Given to you by Michael Withey-Activist

Delivered By Joe Walsh-Lone Vet-Activist

August 29, 2013

With the help of the homeless community, homeless advocates and the general public, this document was formed. You will find within this document, some of the answers to the issue of homelessness.

Here are some ideas to ponder:

1. Eco-Villages

Small communities that are self sustaining already exist in Portland, Oregon, successfully. Homeless advocates have been working hard to bring their plans to fruition, lacking only the support of our city government and members of the homeless industry. These Eco-Villages are our least expensive and most favorable option for a long term solution.

2. Americorp Relief Camps

Americorp comes in after natural disasters to bring immediate relief and temporary housing. Federally funded and volunteer run, this option would save tax payers millions of dollars in emergency room visits, legal costs, etc.

3. Rest Stations

A "Rest Station" is a place in which one would erect a tent in which to sleep, from dusk till dawn. While at a Rest Station one would not be allowed to consume alcohol or drugs. One would not be allowed to roam or visit with others. One would be there to sleep and only to sleep. Rest Stations could be located throughout the city in "Low Key" areas so as not to disturb residents or business. Rest Stations would be monitored by security officers.

4. Existing Buildings

City or privately owned buildings could be transformed into housing using volunteers and donated building materials. Millions of tax dollars would be saved on construction costs.

5. Leased Campgrounds

City or privately owned land could be leased and a permit to operate a campground could be granted. A fee could be charged to residents that would cover costs including security.

6. Existing Campgrounds

Dodge Park is a camp ground operated by Portland Parks and is closed to the public between October and May. This park should be made available to a responsible entity that can guarantee that the park will remain in its pristine state and that this camp be a safe, clean and cooperative environment.

PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION REQUEST
Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM

Council Meeting Date: Sept 4, 2013

Today's Date 7/18

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Reason for the request: Justice


(signed)

- Give your request to the Council Clerk's office by Thursday at 5:00 pm to sign up for the following Wednesday Meeting. Holiday deadline schedule is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. (See contact information below.)
- You will be placed on the Wednesday Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken promptly at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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Request of Joe Walsh to address Council regarding justice (Communication)

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