

Blessing Warriors RVA

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Letter: Greetings,

During a most recent City Council/Standing Committee Meeting in Richmond, Virginia, Ordinance #2020-170 was introduced and the need for a building designated as an Emergency Shelter was recognized. This comes as a shock to the community as millions continue to pour into the offices of our local leaders and organizations for not only the most recent State of Emergencies, but also for Covid-19 relief yet our unsheltered AND community in general continue to lack the basic human services advertised during application for funding. We are asking that you put your eyes and ears at the gates of those in charge of receiving this funding and those in charge of developing protocol to address the problem of homelessness in this area. Many cracks in the system has been identified by the community as we continue to watch our local leaders and executives scramble to make things look appealing to State and Federal level leaders when WE know and experience their TRUTHS.

This Petition represents, along with over 2,000 signatures nationally and over 1,500 signatures locally, our concern as tax paying citizens for not only our safety during the event of an emergency but also our concern as citizens for our unsheltered during their time of need. Hand delivered notarized documents are forthcoming.

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Kim Gray	Richmond, VA	2020-07-16	"We can only prosper when we treat others with compassion and humanity."
Traci Eagles	Chesterfield, VA	2020-07-16	"Money is being floundered and misappropriated. Money so desperately needed to help provide the most basic of needs for those unsheltered. These are human beings and shelter is a basic necessity. Why is there no emergency shelter? Why are so many empty buildings sitting in used with power Up and running on yet our unsheltered are literally dying on the streets exposed the elements. Why???"
Donna Brooks	Midlothian, VA	2020-07-16	"Because I care about those who are living on the streets!"
Vicki Williams	Mechanicsville, VA	2020-07-16	"No one should have to live in the elements. We waste money on so many unneeded, unnecessary, frivolous things in our country!"
Jessica Collins	Midlothian, VA	2020-07-16	"We need to start caring about the most vulnerable among us. Too many organizations collect donations and then offer no reasonable way for the most vulnerable to get the help they so desperately need. There needs to be accountability here so that the homeless community can get legitimate help finding housing and maintaining their human dignity."
Ana Maya adkins	Mechanicsville, VA	2020-07-16	"It is necessary to care for those amazing human beings"
Karyn Lovekamp	Deland, FL	2020-07-16	"In the "Richest Country in the World" we should not stand for people not being able to make a basic living. We need to help those most in need."
Janet Nenzel	Henrico, VA	2020-07-16	"Because what is in place now has not, is not and never will work to mitigate the problem and help those most in need."
Cynthia Mitchell	Midlothian, VA	2020-07-16	"They need it!"
Kathryn Phillips	Richmond, VA	2020-07-16	"Richmond should set an example for the rest of VA; it's heartbreaking that this cause has been neglected for so long."
Shirley Carley	Midlothian, VA	2020-07-16	"I believe this is a huge need we are not meeting."
Sandra Witherspoon	Henrico, VA	2020-07-16	"Richmond cannot be considered the "City of Compassion" until it addresses the needs of its most vulnerable citizens. There must be transparency in the distribution of funds to organizations who receive government funding to provide goods and services to these individuals. Richmond needs a 24/7/365 shelter for men and women (separated, of course) with cots, showers, lockers, washing machines & dryers, clothing and food pantry, with a medical staff person, social worker and mental health professional staffed around the clock."

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Tony Eagles	Chesterfield, VA	2020-07-16	"I have volunteered with this group for over a year and what is seen nightly is heartbreaking. Something needs to be done and the time to do it is now!"
Jennifer O'Donnell	Richmond, VA	2020-07-16	"Jennifer O'Donnell"
Tracy DeMaio	Mechanicsville, US	2020-07-16	"Its sad that we're in a country where we don't care of people that really need assistants."
trinette moseley	richmond, VA	2020-07-16	"I understand the need for 24 hour full service Emergency Homeless Shelter in Richmond, Va"
Maureen Klecak	Richmond, VA	2020-07-16	"Maureen oliphant"
Laurie Faulconer	Sandston, VA	2020-07-16	"This is a true need! We as a community need to care of each other!"
Sherrie Ange	Cobbs Creek,, VA	2020-07-16	"Everyone deserves a place to lay their head,they shouldn't have to be homeless and on the street."
Dawn-Marie Bey	Henrico, VA	2020-07-16	"Because we should care for each other and leaving people to sleep on the streets in freezing cold and extreme heat is not ok."
Wendy Roundy	Gloucester Courthouse, VA	2020-07-17	"I care about people- who should not be neglected and abandoned. There must be accountability! Funds are available- but mismanaged., while people are vulnerable, homeless, and hungry. I support Blessing Warriors RVA."
Cameron Jennings	Richmond, VA	2020-07-17	"It is impossible to be a "City of Compassion" without addressing the needs of the unsheltered members of our community, period."
Christine Mingus	Richmond, VA	2020-07-17	"This is essential, especially as evictions and unemployment rates are on the rise due to the pandemic - and will likely continue to do so."
Zoe Klug	Richmond, VA	2020-07-17	"Human rights"
Michele Coombs	Richmond, VA	2020-07-17	"We need to take care of our communities..get people the mental health couseling they need and support people and families down on their luck."
April Compton	Williamsburg, VA	2020-07-17	"Everyone has basic needs .. one of them being shelter."
Elizabeth McGuire	Callao, VA	2020-07-18	"NO human should go hungry & not have shelter! PERIOD!!"
Shelly Forrest	Newport News, VA	2020-07-18	"The homeless are still humans that fell on bad times and need help."
Linda Coleman-Clark	US	2020-07-18	"Because I care!!"
cathy bairhalter	charlotte, NC	2020-07-18	"Richmond needs help with the homeless situation. The local government of Richmond should be ashamed of themselves for doing such a disservice to those in need."

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Megan Taylor	US	2020-07-19	"The homeless community need relief and a safe place to go especially in this heat!"
Elisa Alvarez	Rex, GA	2020-07-19	"Elisa Alvarez"
Mary Bull	Williamsburg, US	2020-07-19	"We all need to help care for the neediest"
William Turner	Mattaponi, VA	2020-07-19	"The homeless need a place to sleep."
Colleen Joseph	Richmond, VA	2020-07-19	"It is unbelievable that we don't have a single all weather shelter available in our STATE CAPITAL."
Torren Barrett	Henrico, VA	2020-07-19	"To hot please help"
Miriam Thomas	Sandston, VA	2020-07-19	"It is our duty to help all of our brothers and sisters. The homeless population of our city has been disgustingly underserved and overlooked. This need is immediate and must be met!"
Tracy Boyd	US	2020-07-19	"I love helping people and homeless needs a place to call home those streets are not the answer 💎💎"
Dina Delaney	Morgantown, WV	2020-07-19	"I am signing because I am very thankful for all that blessing warriors do for our homeless. If it was for them they would have nothing."
Renée Kube	Richmond, VA	2020-07-19	"Richmond needs a real emergency shelter. It's way past time."
Jennifer Fitzgerald	Richmond, VA	2020-07-19	"The UNSHELTERED amongst us need us to advocate for them!!!"
R N Lloyd	US	2020-07-19	"We need to care for those who are unable to care for themselves!"
Deborah Dip	Aylett, VA	2020-07-19	"Long overdue. God bless."
Sabine Sanderson	Richmond, US	2020-07-19	"It is unreal how the homeless have been treated in this pandemic"
Emma Phillips	Powhatan, VA	2020-07-19	"It's sad with all of the vacated buildings that we can't do a better job of helping our homeless out. City if Richmond needs to step up."
Beth Schanz	Midlothian, VA	2020-07-19	"Compassion for others should be a way of life."
Katie Sitterson	Richmond, VA	2020-07-19	"Those unsheltered need and deserve refuge from the heat."
Tiffany Robins	Richmond, VA	2020-07-19	"We need this in our city!!!"
Pat Johnson	Valley Lee, MD	2020-07-19	"I'm relocating to Richmond and want what is best for all residents."
Frances Seaton	Richmond, VA	2020-07-19	"It's the right thing to do"
Marshell Butler	Richmond, VA	2020-07-19	"I Care."
Annette Shaw	Mechanicsville, VA	2020-07-19	"Homeless lives matter also."
Lynne D	North Carolina	2020-07-19	"This is so needed for my former hometown! Imagine my shock when I watched a GERMAN documentary about poverty in the US,

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			and RICHMOND< VA was featured (shame) for its high eviction rate and homeless population! Please help."
Lillian Varin	Richmond, VA	2020-07-19	"Need 24 hours Not just 12 hour cooling centers."
Ladiee Rozay	Annapolis, MD	2020-07-19	"These people need help"
Cindy Frey	Chester, VA	2020-07-19	"I can't imagine trying to brave the elements without AC or heat. We don't allow our animals to stay out for extended periods of time in extreme heat and cold, why would we allow our friends without homes to do the same? Please provide emergency shelter to the less fortunate."
Jacqueline Cunningham	Williamsburg, VA	2020-07-19	"Time to help the helpless instead of the tyrannical rioters!"
Shanna Powell	NorthChesterfield, VA	2020-07-19	"Shanna Powell"
Stephen Weekly	Chesapeake, VA	2020-07-19	"Ending homelessness can be easily done. Other countries have eliminated it, and so can we."
Donna Byrd	Highland springs, VA	2020-07-20	"They need this. Not a want"
Tamala Green	Champaign, IL	2020-07-20	"It's for a good cause. It's out responsibility to help those less fortunate"
Sadiqa Chambliss	Richmond, VA	2020-07-20	"No one deserves to be homeless"
Sonja Waddy	Richmond, VA	2020-07-20	"It's necessary"
Greg Petruncio	Oakton, VA	2020-07-20	"Every human has value and needs, even the homeless! Please open a shelter to give the homeless so form of respite."
Taylor Shaw	Somerset, NC	2020-07-22	"Everyone needs someplace to go"
Lottie Wallace	Henrico, VA	2020-07-22	"It is NEEDED"
karen wittich	Richmond, VA	2020-07-23	"It's been a need for a long time! The numbers are only going to go up! Get started!!!!?"
meg hamilton	augusta, WV	2020-07-23	"I am actually in Richmond—we must reach out to those in need!"
Angela BUCK	Glen Allen, VA	2020-07-24	"Everyone should be off the street"
Michelle Williams	Midlothian, VA	2020-07-25	"Our displaced individuals need to continue to have a voice. They need to continue to have services and the individuals who selflessly continue to provide support need a voice as well Richmond Va. and surrounding counties have volunteers that need finding to be able to keep support going , to develop housing, keep housing that is available our displaced individuals need a fresh start EVERYDAY"
Shanika Booker	Richmond, VA	2020-07-25	"If we don't come together to help one another, who else will?"

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Heather Bailey	Richmond, VA	2020-07-26	"This is LOOOOOOOONG Overdue! Any strides made in helping have been the kindness of peoples hearts and the desperation of the circumstances. Time to make positive change. A 24 hour emergency homeless shelter would be a start!"
Ellen West-Taylor	Glen Allen, VA	2020-07-26	"There is such a need in Richmond,Va!!!!!"
Beth Saxton	Mechanicsville, VA	2020-07-26	"I'm signing because a full time 24 hour emergency shelter is desperately needed in RVA!"
Kerry Barrett	Richmond, VA	2020-07-26	"I care and these are Gods people"
Jessica Parker	US	2020-07-26	"The city has no problem leaving the lights on all the time at the Arthur Ashe center...why can't this building, or similar building be used for a permanent full time shelter. That's where I want my tax dollars spent. House the homeless now!"
Denise Dance	Midlothian, VA	2020-07-26	"The need is real, the need is great"
Phil Wilayto	Richmond, VA	2020-07-26	"Years ago, someone working for a non-profit serving homeless people in Richmond told me that if all the money coming into the city to address homelessness were divided up among all homeless people, each could receive \$30,000 a year. This is a money-making industry, not a service. One suggestion that I would make about the petition is not to refer to homeless "citizens." Not all homeless people are citizens and we should he's supporting all who need our support."
Patricia McDaniel	Hanover, VA	2020-07-26	"If we're the greatest country on earth, we should be able to take care of ALL of our citizens"
Betsy Barkley	Richmond, VA	2020-07-26	"This is important!"
Mary Stebbins	Mystic, CT	2020-07-26	"This, as with too many other black deaths, is MURDER. All officers there are accountable under the Felony Murder Rule and must be fired, arrested and tried like the rest of us!"
Victoria Phillips	Richmond, VA	2020-07-26	"Come on, Richmond! Let's show some love!"
Gary Parrish	Colonial Heights, US	2020-07-26	"GaryPARRISH"
Jaye Jones	Richmond, VA	2020-07-26	"We need to help our community!"
Ceilidh Garten	Richmond, VA	2020-07-26	"it's a human right."
Diana Botset	Chester, VA	2020-07-26	"Richmond MUST do something to help with homelessness!!"
Thomas Alleman	Richmond, VA	2020-07-26	"Housing is a right. If you do not think so, try living without one for awhile."
Theodore Wu	Colonial Heights, VA	2020-07-26	"We need more homeless shelters"

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Cynthia Marshall	Chesapeake, VA	2020-07-27	"No one should have to sleep on the streets."
Marshall O'Leary	Richmond, VA	2020-07-27	"Having a home is having safety."
cookie riggleman	Bunker Hill, WV	2020-07-27	"Plz help them"
Robin Bastin	Richmond, VA	2020-07-27	"The homeless population is a vulnerable group that needs our attention and help."
Jennie Irwin	Richmond, VA	2020-07-27	"My family currently lives in a hotel. We have been here since February. We have credit issues so know one will rent to us. I tried for over two months to get help and no one would even return my phone calls. We can barely afford the hotel. There are MANY families here in the same situation. True affordable housing would help. \$1400 for a two bedroom is NOT AFFORDABLE. Something needs to be done."
Amanda Welch	Sandston, VA	2020-07-28	"I've been homeless and this is a much needed resource for any community looking to improve quality of life for all residents not just those who can afford it but for all!"
Maria Sanchez	Sandston, VA	2020-07-29	"Im signing this, bc I took bn homeless. I too know what it feels like to be alone an feeling like tgeres no hope or love out here for me. But they are JUST AS HUMAN AS ANYONE ELSE!! U NEVER KNOW WHAT ANYONE GOES THRU!! U HAVE MY SIGNATURE"
Charlotte Suhr	Richmond, VA	2020-07-29	"It is necessary to provide for basic human needs. Especially for those unable to provide for themselves."
Katrina McCauley	Sandston, VA	2020-07-30	"I support Ms. Snead and truly believe that our homeless community has suffered long enough, most of these people have served our country! The least you could do is provide them the opportunity to live healthy and thrive in our city!"
Toma Long-Leonard	US	2020-08-02	"This is a well needed service"
alli Fulk	Lithia, FL	2020-08-05	"I believe everyone should have a roof over their head and food to eat. To me, it's unacceptable in the US that anyone is homeless. We need to do better."
Paula Gil	Houston, TX	2020-08-07	"I read everything and I agree with everything in this article. we need to have a 24 hours homeless emergency shelter for these people. They are not animals they are HUMAN BEINGS!! Were is the compassion of the American people. no one should Judge them no one knows how they got this way or why. Life is so hard specially for other who are going through difficult times. We need to try and help all our people because if we don't who will. The world works in mysterious ways one day it could be you who is homeless you just never know. God is Love and we should do good things in this world as we live here we will not be here forever so in the mean time let do something that matter for others."
Maya Alemayehu	Fairfax, VA	2020-08-16	"I live nearby!"