

The response to the homeless crisis in Eugene has been to dehumanize the unhoused and further exacerbate harm and trauma. Camps of unhoused are swept with regularity despite a worldwide pandemic which has contributed to a devastating number of people losing their housing. How can people in desperate situations be expected to recover when city governments actively work to criminalize rather than provide access to basic human needs? Everyone at some point needs support and help. Some have the safety net of family or friends. Others have had the capability to access public services and advocates. We can see that an alarming number of people have neither. Please support HB 2367 to allow everyone the Right to Rest safely and to invest in productive solutions rather than punitive measures.