



Dear Neighbor,

What do you think about hundreds of new units of housing for the homeless built in just six months at no upfront cost to the city?

I think it is an idea worth exploring – [but I need your help to break through the politics at City Hall.](#)

Perhaps you saw the story in the *Chronicle* on Sunday. It [outlined several plans](#) to take a city property and use it to create modular micro homes dedicated to getting homeless people off the street. These units can be built in less time and at a lower cost than traditional housing. We would gain the ability to quickly transition the chronically homeless into supportive housing where they can get the services and help they need to stabilize so they can move on and transition to permanent housing.

Homelessness is a crisis in our city. And we must respond to this humanitarian emergency with boldness and vision – not with politics and delay.

As you know, the city spends hundreds of millions of dollars a year now on homeless services. One of the most cost-effective ways that San Francisco has spent these dollars is on what is called “supportive housing,” places where homeless people can find shelter and get the treatment, counseling, job training and time they need to find permanent housing. Our city needs this new supportive housing to address the homelessness crisis we all see in our neighborhoods – and we have the budget to fund the services, but not the budget to build the housing.

Will you help us break the political gridlock by supporting a plan for new units of supportive housing to help get the homeless off the street?

[Please sign here if you think this is an idea worth exploring.](#)

I’ve called for the creation of a working group to create a road map that would allow us to begin piloting this innovative idea in three months – putting our expertise to work to create housing for the homeless now.

I have pushed for a statewide emergency on homelessness – so we can bring in state resources to help solve this crisis. One city can’t do it alone – the whole state must respond.

[But we also need to spend our local money more effectively – and this is a great start to get new housing units built quickly.](#)

Trading unused city property for supportive housing at no upfront cost – I think we should explore this idea quickly. It might not be perfect – and it certainly might need adjustments to make it better. But [I think we need to explore it now.](#)

Do you?

If you do – [please sign our petition today and help us break the gridlock at City Hall on this smart new proposal.](#)

Sincerely,

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