

HOME ON THE STREETS: Homelessness in Minneapolis



A Forum for Minneapolis Mayoral Candidates

Tuesday, Sept. 26 | 7–8:30 p.m. (doors at 6:30 p.m.)

First Universalist Church, with assistance from the League of Women Voters, will host a forum for Minneapolis mayoral candidates focusing on issues of homelessness on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Moderated by Monica Nilsson, a local advocate for the homeless, the forum will address the presence of homeless individuals in the community, sleeping in public, community livability, access to shelter, and interaction with resources.

Candidates will be encouraged to demonstrate a depth of knowledge that shows their ability to be a leader in multi-agency efforts to address homelessness.

The *Star Tribune* has reported that the 3,125 homeless people identified in Minneapolis this year represent an overall increase in homelessness by 231 people over the last 10 years. How did this happen, despite significantly intensified efforts to combat homelessness?

The Office to End Homelessness reports that the number of persons identified as chronically homeless in Minneapolis dropped from 919 in 2009 to 360 in 2016. What issues are at the base of chronicity and how should they be addressed?

What considerations are most important to the mayor's leadership role in addressing homelessness?

Co-Sponsors: First Universalist Church, Street Voices of Change in collaboration with the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness, BEACON Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Simpson Housing Services, The SAFE Group, Peace House Community, Our Saviour's Housing, St. Stephen's Human Services, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, and Hats for the Homeless.

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