

January 19, 2021

Mayor Mitch Colvin and City Council Members
433 Hay St.
Fayetteville NC, 28301

Subject: Implementing Housing for Homeless Communities of the City of Fayetteville

Dear Mayor & City Council Members:

We want you to know that I have been praying for you all. We know that being elected to serve our city at such a time as this is not what you had envisioned when you stood for election. The spread of the coronavirus has challenged us all. Discussion on the tackling of our homeless issues in Fayetteville have not been addressed as follows:

- a. Housing for those who make less than \$25,000 year.
- b. Workforce Commitment for non-skilled workers
- c. One stop business area to assist with jobs, housing, mental health, and substance abuse day center.

These areas were addressed previously on:

*Mayor Colvin address homeless getting jobs and tiny homes on interview with ABC 11 on October 07, 2019.

*Mayor Nat Robertson address veterans homeless for affordable housing 50 units on interview ABC 11.

*Mayor Colvin address the homeless sheltering and applying the 10 year plan to tackle the homeless June 22, 2019 Fayetteville Observer.

*Fayetteville and Cumberland County adopted a plan to end homelessness as part of its 'Continuum of Care' initiative in 2008 Fayetteville Observer.

*Panhandling against the homeless passed by city to fine those. Councilmember Waddell stated on March 06, 2018 in Fayetteville Observer that the ordinance is for public safety, not panhandling.

FEMA Approves North Carolina Request to Stand Up Shelters That Follow Social Distance Guidelines

1) <https://governor.nc.gov/news/fema-approves-north-carolina-request-stand-shelters-follow-social-distance->

guidelines?fbclid=IwAR2TTOukpUyFxRZmCEtMMnmhPOsBoeWao3h4UQQ2E
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2) [https://www.wfae.org/post/fema-help-nc-pay-temporary-housing-homeless- people#stream/0](https://www.wfae.org/post/fema-help-nc-pay-temporary-housing-homeless-people#stream/0)

Aside from the questionable use of funds distributed across the county to those in need, I question the lack of transparency with our officials. Also, you all are showing no compassion for those who are in need and providing no immediate response to the citizens who pay salaries of the public servants. As a leader, I want to encourage citizens to be informed of the lack of work from the officials on housing conditions within the years of public office. In addition, I want it to be known that promises and initiatives continue to get delayed as those officials remain in office. Elected as public servants, many continue to pass initiatives with lack of resources to those in poverty, resulting in the county being in the Tier 1 category. Homeless advocate organizations continue to not be at the conversations to assist in the real policy change. Requesting outside realtors and not initiating any local ones also shows no commitment by officials to invest in the local business community. We are questionable in the officials' true value, dedication, and compassion for the residents of the city and county. Again, thank you for your modest service. I pray that you may have a binding resolution with city and county to finally do surgery on a wound that has not been healed since you have been elected. Please feel free to contact me directly on these matters by email at fayettevillepact@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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