

## Partial List of Suggested Solutions

A possible third caption might be called **Suggested Solutions**. Two come to mind, but there are many more that I've read about that should be considered in any effort to come up with a viable 'long-term' solution to homelessness. These two seem to focus more on short-term than on long-term solutions, but maybe that's where any discussions need to start:

- There are a number of ways to combat homelessness that would cost the city very little--some methods could even become self-sustaining by offering work opportunities to the homeless, along with INSTANT housing...see below:
  1. Utilize the empty hospitals that exist in Los Angeles county --approx. ten of them...the homeless can help rehab/retro fit them into shared housing and also activate the kitchen/dining rooms. Hospitals are ideal in that they already have private and shared rooms, office space, kitchen, and dining area. Often all that is needed is cleaning, paint and some updating. Supplemental fresh food can be grown on the roof-tops.
  2. Create more boarding houses for chronically homeless --hire a "host/manager" to make sure rules are followed. The city can rent large homes, divide bedrooms to maximize the number of beds available offered, and then charge rent on a sliding scale (NO RENTAL SUBSIDIES NEEDED!) The newly housed, formerly homeless can take turns working in the kitchen and garden--and raise some of their food hydroponically. Raising food is also very therapeutic. Services can also be offered like pet sitting.
  3. Instead of building expensive INDIVIDUAL apartments for the homeless (FOOLISH!), build DORMITORIES, like colleges do for their students, with individual or shared rooms, and common lounging and kitchen areas. It is foolish to offer individual apartments to those who often CANNOT live on their own because of mental problems or other issues. Dormitories and/or shared housing makes it easier to insure that special needs can be met in a VERY cost effective manner.
  4. IMMEDIATELY set up CAMPGROUND on city or county land for homeless people that have restrooms, showers, and a community room. This is a very cost effective way to address the problem of homeless people who do not want to give up their pets...also this method costs very little money, and could be set up within a month's time. This method is a no-brainer to get homeless off the street within a very short time frame. The homeless could be charged on a sliding scale to pay for upkeep, security.
  5. IN ADDITION: The City of L.A. needs to allocate a MINIMUM of one-tenth of one percent of HHH money (\$1.2 million) to have Regina Well, Senior Crisis Chaplain and Executive Director at Homeless Task Force (Venice, California) expand this program here in Venice.
- Another is the 'homeless-managed' tent city experience from Ballard in Seattle that I personally visited.

Both seem to assume rather narrow zoning changes which would not engender the longer-term impact I'm looking for - an impact which would create and maintain a housing supply/demand balance as the population grows.