

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

2/15/2018

RESOLUTION 2018.2

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to homelessness in Oregon; and the prevention and reduction thereof

WHEREAS, Article II, Section C, Subsections 3, 4, and 5, of the 2018 DPLC Platform, speak to the need to provide humane and equitable engagement, the meaningful opportunity to gain, and to sustain housing, health, or nourishment, and

WHEREAS, stable housing and shelter are increasingly limited in Lane County, in both capacity, as well as in regards to the economic, health, and social issues that decrease the ability to obtain and maintain consistency in residential occupancy or emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, the supports and outcomes of the services directed toward intervention and prevention of homeless are underfunded, overburdened, and lacking in priority among the recent legislative efforts; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Article directs this body to pursue the creation of laws, the utilization of funding mechanisms, as well as gives the ability to suspend local charges and create incentives to achieve the Platform's human rights objectives;

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: To actively support efforts within the Lane County Poverty and Homelessness Board strategic plan and municipal level shelter concepts that meet the 2018 Platform Human Rights focuses, as well as the work of the local human rights commission.

SECTION 2: To advocate in the 2018-2019 interim and legislative sessions, for accessible low income housing, expanding emergency shelter, identifying gaps in service and served populations, while supporting "homeless to housed" methodologies and benchmarks.

SECTION 3: To promote strategies and bill concepts that restore dignity, and bring alternative solutions for persons whose safety and health are jeopardized without a clear path to resolution; regardless of their housing, legal, health, or employment limitations.

SECTION 4: To seek changes in improving the conditions for homeless and indigent persons,

with regards to emergency shelter and low income housing, eliminating criminalization, expedited social security and disability benefits, and the elimination of workfare, on the state and federal level.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, February 15, 2018**