

ENFORCE THE CAMPING BAN!

I'm running for City Council to represent you.

The action of the City Council to eliminate the camping ban a few years ago created massive homelessness related to drug and alcohol abuse and mental illness. These troubled individuals set up camps all over the city's highways and byways where they languish in their troubled state and even die! It's inhumane to those we leave on our streets, and it fosters petty crime that invades our neighborhoods and endangers citizens and visitors alike. In 2021 Austin citizens united in a democratic process and voted for a ballot resolution to reinstate the camping ban. City Hall has seemingly ignored the will of the voters and continues to allow for illegal camping on our streets and byways. To me, ignoring the will of the voters is a direct assault on democracy.

When elected, I will demand that the will of the voters be respected and that the city enforces the camping ban.

My plan is for compassionate enforcement. I want to establish homeless engagement teams made up of mental health/drug interdiction specialists and social workers. I'd also like to engage non-government organizations (NGO's) and faith-based organizations to partner in providing the most appropriate humane and long-term solutions to individual cases. The response to reports of encampments should be immediate and response teams should have a police officer on standby with them (in case of violence) and sanitation personnel to clean up the encampment site.

Join my campaign to enforce the camping ban.

VOTE BILL WELCH FOR CITY COUNCIL

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