

# California's Growing Homeless Population

## Will \$1 Billion Spending on California's Homeless Fix the Problem?

"California's largest cities are ground zero of the state's expanding homeless population. Contrary to most city leaders' claims that this is a housing problem, it is not that simple. While California's housing costs are through the roof, **many of those living on the streets are not even from California, but come here for the state's liberal policies on drug use, easy theft opportunities and lack of criminal convictions, generous welfare benefits, as well as the "sanctuary" status – and the weather. Notably, most of the homeless also receive a monthly check from the federal government.**" (my emphasis)

(Source: California Globe November 16, 2020)

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In December 2019 I wrote an article on Sacramento's homeless problem and the City of Sacramento's authorized \$22.5 Million Dollar plan to help some 750-760 of the homeless on the cities streets and by-ways. (see Tweedledum & Tweedledee - Dec. 19, 2019 -SPTW).

Using my own calculator I determined this worked out to a cost of \$29,605 per person helped.

I now hear on the news that Sacramento's homeless problem has increased by 150% since last year and downtown merchants and citizens are "demanding" the city do something to alleviate the problem because the streets are unsafe, unclean and not "good" for business.

I have been unable thus far to determine where the \$22.5 million dollars went and what the results of this "homeless solution" have been.

**"Like most everyone else, I would love to get these poor, struggling people off the streets and into warm dry environments, housing, shelter etc.... but I have a question..... Do any of these officials and decision makers own a CALCULATOR?"** (quote from my earlier article)

Why does government always seem to try to solve actual problems by throwing taxpayer dollars at them rather than tackling the true root causes of such issues so well spelled out in the California Globe article quoted above?

In a related case, I heard in the news last year that the State of Washington spent over \$1 Billion Dollars on its homeless problem (mostly in Seattle) and the problem got worse, not better.

Tweedledum & Tweedledee appear to be still hard at work with "brain dead", "feel good" solutions to problems with your tax dollars.

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