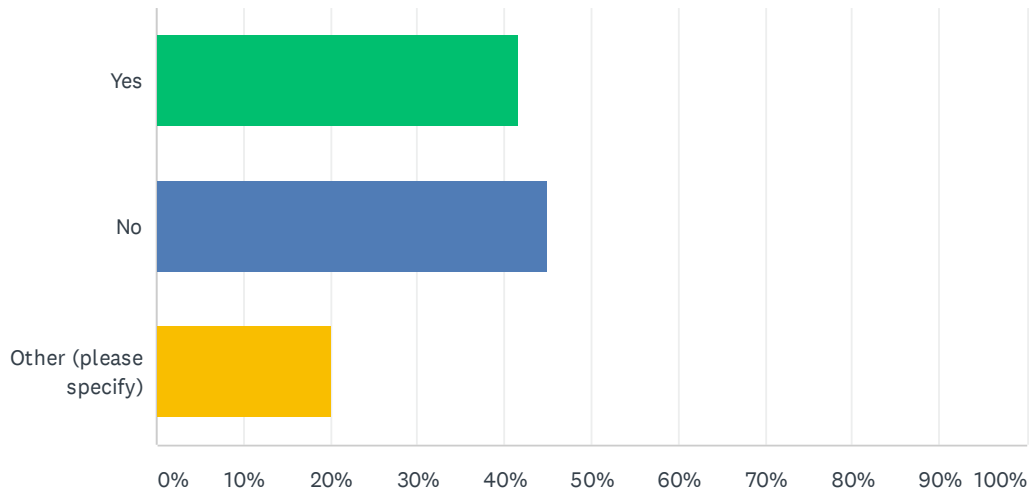


Q1 In Governor Inslee's budget proposal for the 2020 session, which was released in December, he proposes addressing homelessness through increasing funding for and expanding services such as transitional housing, the Housing and Essential Needs program, and permanent supportive housing, as well as constructing new shelters and providing grants to local governments. This proposal would cost \$146 million in the current operating budget and more than \$300 million over the next three years. In order to pay for these investments, the governor has proposed tapping the state's emergency reserve, also known as the "Rainy Day Fund," which is projected to contain about \$2.5 billion at the end of the next biennium. Do you agree with this proposal?

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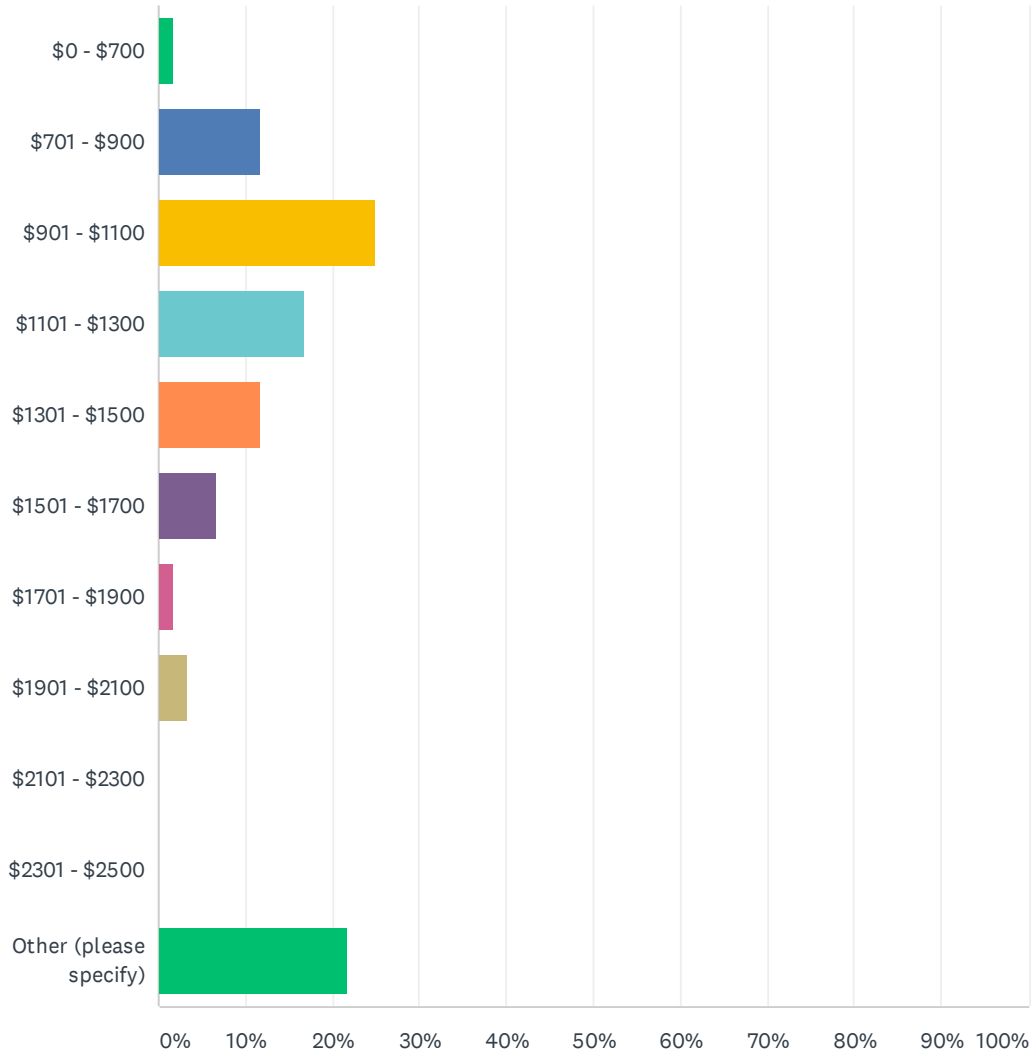
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	41.67%	25
No	45.00%	27
Other (please specify)	20.00%	12
Total Respondents: 60		

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1	Unsure. What other things had the rainy day fund been used for? Thinking similar to an emergency fund?	1/31/2020 7:20 PM
2	Don't touch reserves	1/30/2020 11:34 AM
3	Yes, if these are one-time funding needs. Parts of these programs will need to be sustained long term and emergency funds are not for funding ongoing permanent programs. We are in an emergency, but we may see other emergencies in the near future, like issues with roads and transit. Also, is there a recommended amount most states keep in such funds? We should not spend below any such number.	1/24/2020 10:47 PM
4	No, rainy day funds are for just that. I would prefer revenue be raised through additional taxes	1/22/2020 7:40 AM
5	I agree with using "Rainy Day Fund" but don't continue to fund services and projects that don't work. Fund something that does.	1/21/2020 8:37 PM
6	I agree with strong reservations. It is easy to spend money that produces few or no positive results.	1/21/2020 8:02 PM
7	I support the governor but I'm not educated on best way to pay for it. If we use the rainy day fund and everyone is confident that this leaves enough reserve then I support. If not then I would like the money to come from somewhere else.	1/21/2020 12:15 PM
8	I agree with it, but I think the best way to get the public on board is to publish findings after a year to show how this money actually resulted in better homelessness outcomes. The main argument the right wing has against these programs is that they don't work. I think we can show, through data, that they do help people, more would be willing to pay into a fund or see the rainy day fund tapped for these services.	1/21/2020 11:57 AM
9	Use rainy day funds temporarily but we need a state income tax--not just upping sales taxes and property taxes	1/21/2020 11:27 AM
10	The more you spend on homelessness, the bigger the problem gets. We don't have so much as a homelessness problem as we have a drug problem. I have clients that have a shortage in finding labor as candidates can't pass a drug test. With unemployment around 3.5%, funds would be better spent on drug treatment and education vs. additional low income housing.	1/21/2020 11:14 AM
11	It's time to ensure if people want free stuff they must work, stop providing funding.	1/21/2020 10:57 AM
12	Only if it is invested in mental care for the homeless.	1/21/2020 10:50 AM

## Q2 When you think about affordable housing, what does affordable mean to you and your family? (Ranges based on Fair Market Rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in Washington state.)

Answered: 60 Skipped: 1



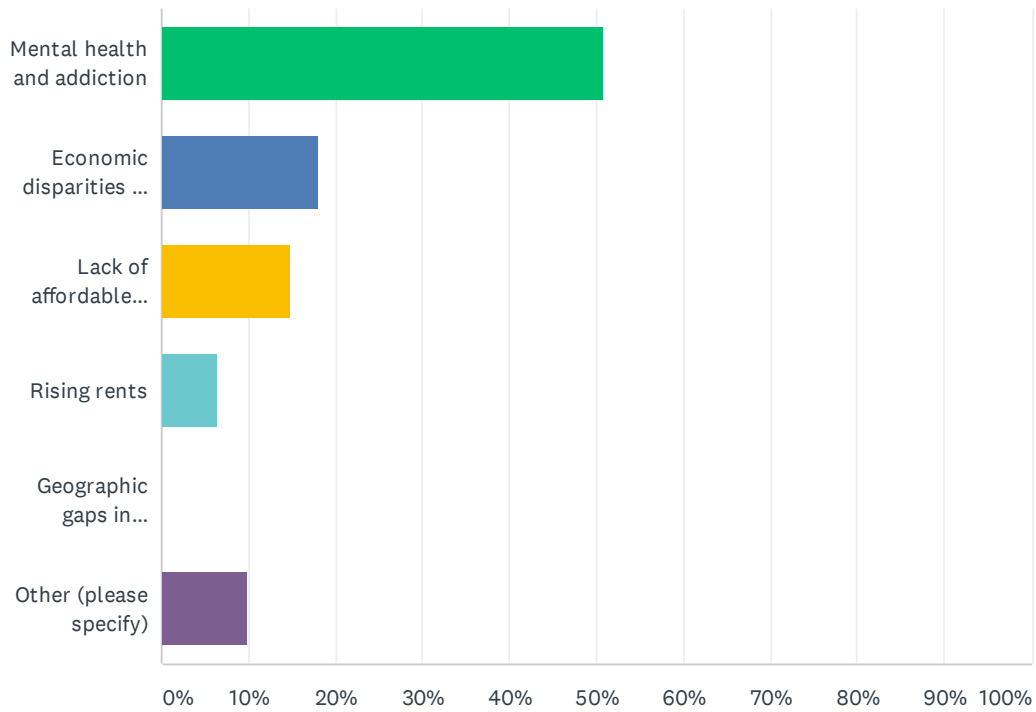
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$0 - \$700	1.67%	1
\$701 - \$900	11.67%	7
\$901 - \$1100	25.00%	15
\$1101 - \$1300	16.67%	10
\$1301 - \$1500	11.67%	7
\$1501 - \$1700	6.67%	4
\$1701 - \$1900	1.67%	1
\$1901 - \$2100	3.33%	2
\$2101 - \$2300	0.00%	0
\$2301 - \$2500	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	21.67%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>60</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	This is market driven. more regulation & restrictions drive up cost & decrease inventory. look inside the public sector for the affect on housing. Seattle has made a lucrative business out of homelessness with little to show for it.	1/29/2020 3:50 PM
2	1000.00-1400.00 depending on amenities.	1/24/2020 11:36 PM
3	Not pay over 30% of their income on housing	1/24/2020 4:58 PM
4	Fortunately our house is long paid for. But thinking of a family of 4 making \$50,000 a year, affordable rent would be \$1,000 - \$1200.	1/22/2020 4:07 PM
5	For MANY households, anything over \$800 is unaffordable. People end up choking our roads with big commutes because they cannot afford to live close to where they work!	1/21/2020 8:02 PM
6	Affordable housing means no more than 30% of your income. The amounts would depend on income and size of your family.	1/21/2020 5:00 PM
7	no more than 30% of minimum wages (assuming 40 hour work week) might equate to \$700 to \$1000 per month. This is just a starting point for people to grow into better housing.	1/21/2020 2:56 PM
8	Not sure how to answer this. Rent is ridiculously high here and affordable is a relative term. As a teacher beginning my career in 2004 I was unable to pay rent in the area I taught in so I lived at home. I'm guessing that those are with lower wage jobs would be in the first, lowest category on your scale to make it affordable.	1/21/2020 12:15 PM
9	Don't know	1/21/2020 11:27 AM
10	Happily in public housing so I'm gratefully not paying market rent now but three years ago I paid \$1100 for a small one bedroom on Queen Anne [REDACTED] and now I pay a much more affordable rent of \$650 for a studio. My current rent is much appreciated and much easier to manage on my own currently.	1/21/2020 11:26 AM
11	It all depend upon location. Both purchasing house or renting is too expensive because of the increased real estate taxes. Reduce taxes	1/21/2020 10:57 AM
12	Please consider investing in mental health instead of housing.	1/21/2020 10:50 AM
13	Depends on the area of the State. All are not created equal for job availability and salary.	1/21/2020 10:34 AM

### Q3 In your opinion, what is the single biggest contributor to homelessness?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mental health and addiction	50.82%	31
Economic disparities and poverty	18.03%	11
Lack of affordable housing	14.75%	9
Rising rents	6.56%	4
Geographic gaps in services	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	9.84%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61</b>

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	mental health& cost increases driven by taxes & building restrictions has driven down housing inventory. you have more & more money & few results to show for it. Look at where the money goes. High bureacratc saleries maintain the situation does not reduce homelessness. look inside government befor you ask for more taxes	1/29/2020 3:50 PM
2	More homeless moving here. There's not enough housing for those that have lived here all there lives.	1/22/2020 8:42 AM
3	I think that there are dual problems. There are the people living on the street-who are mostly mentally ill or addicted-and there are the marginally housed (some of whom are living in tent communities and 'squatting' in tiny houses) who are working poor pushed out of "legitimate housing" by out of control rents and housing purchase prices.	1/21/2020 8:02 PM
4	all of these are likely to contribute somewhat, especially as they relate to getting and keeping a good job and having income for rent.	1/21/2020 2:56 PM
5	People with metal and addiction all need to be placed in facilities where they can be looked after instead of allowing them to roam the streets.	1/21/2020 10:57 AM
6	More reasons than whats on this list. Seperate the takers from the givers.. Simple..	1/21/2020 10:22 AM

Q4 Please use this space to elaborate on how Washington state should address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing, or any other issue you would like to see the Legislature address.

Answered: 46 Skipped: 15

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We are putting bandages on issues. Let's look at causes and address those.	1/30/2020 11:34 AM
2	stable housing, mental & physical health care, then job training.	1/29/2020 3:50 PM
3	Don't forget those that are barely holding onto their homes. Increases in taxes to the middle class are not the answer. Property taxes in Seattle are extreme already	1/29/2020 8:43 AM
4	Since I believe the single biggest contributor to homelessness is mental health and addiction, let's do something to get those with mental health issues treatment; likewise those with addiction, get them help, and get them off the streets.	1/27/2020 8:52 PM
5	We should be approaching this problem from as many angles as we possibly can. We should use housing first approaches, ones that have no restrictions for participation. We should look to legislation like SB 50 in California to increase our housing supply by increasing the height and size of as much zoning as we can. Imagine if we built permanent housing for the chronically unhoused at the locations of Nicklesville. Getting people housing should be our number one priority, not requiring them to meet our moral tests. Treat them like humans who deserve shelter.	1/26/2020 9:19 AM
6	I think we need better shelter services for temporary relief, I have heard several complaints of situations in the shelters that make homeless people stay away from them during the cold and rainy weather. Bedbugs transmitted, dramas unfolding at the shelters, etc.	1/24/2020 11:36 PM
7	We need non-punitive required treatment for addiction and mental health as well as housing and services with the flexibility to provide services those struggling with mental health issues in a way that allows them agency (which may keep them engaged).	1/24/2020 10:47 PM
8	To address some homelessness we need more mental health services.	1/24/2020 4:58 PM
9	I want to express my very strong support for House Bill 2780, sponsored by Reps. Macri, Walen, Fitzgibbon, Gregerson, Morgan, Frame, and Lekanoff. I think passage of this would add an important tool to addressing our affordable housing shortage by allowing for more types of housing construction. It's a great bill and it allows for appropriate flexibility for municipalities to implement new zoning in ways that is appropriate for them. It's also modeled on good legislation that passed last year in Oregon. I urge you to support this legislation as it progresses this year.	1/24/2020 1:54 PM
10	Zoning and NIMBYism is the primary problem with meeting housing demand. More mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods with a variety of housing types near employment and transit is the only way to solve this issue. In short, the expansion of the suburbs and the highway systems is doomed to fail.	1/24/2020 1:46 AM
11	Enforce existing laws, and charge and convict those guilty of crimes. This is becoming the wild, Wild West, and vigilante justice will follow.	1/22/2020 9:35 PM
12	I work with the homeless as a volunteer [REDACTED] Yes, we definitely need more job equity and more affordable housing but so many of the people I deal with have severe mental health and addiction problems. They aren't ready to hold a job and get into traditional housing. They need help. They need a place to stay in a room of their own and get the health care and treatment to make them whole again. Not a mat on the floor where their belongings may be stolen and they're kicked back onto the street at 7 am. In Renton, outside of the ARISE program which is limited, there is no place for homeless men.	1/22/2020 4:07 PM
13	We need a state income tax and to tax huge corporations like Amazon appropriately to fund these issue. Clean energy and plastic restrictions please!	1/22/2020 2:25 PM
14	Homeless people are very mobile and will relocate to any place that tolerates them. Any effort to help them needs careful supervision and monitoring so that it does not merely facilitate a homeless life style. To provide more affordable housing, we need to lower costs of development and permitting. For example, new building projects are faced with enormous costs for drainage retention tanks and ponds. Many cities have desires for elaborate landscaping, street lighting, and so on, but they have dumped these costs onto new home development.	1/22/2020 2:16 PM
15	Send them back to where they came from. No more needles, no more tents, no more free. If you work a 40 hour week then you should be at the top of the list for affordable housing. If you don't work you have no reason to be living in Seattle. Move to eastern Washington. I worked and paid taxes in this state for 52 years. Because of the way the state and county is governed	1/22/2020 8:42 AM



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I'm moving to another state. It's too expensive to stay here. I'm not going to pay more taxes to house the homeless!

16	I think they need to create a place where the ones that have drug issues and mental health issues are taken and kept there. A place they would get free from the drugs and treat underlying mental issues and give them education to help them with jobs and life issues.	1/22/2020 7:42 AM
17	While affordable housing is a large part of the problem, one must also focus on assisting those with mental health and addiction issues.	1/22/2020 7:40 AM
18	Affordable housing is a big problem, but we need to be careful with how providing affordable housing provided. This may be something we have to talk about, not sure I can type out my thoughts. Since a large portion of the homeless are mentally ill/addict we also need to make sure that they are receiving proper care and not just being housed which can lead to bigger issues down the road. In order to get addicts properly housed it begins with the justice system reform, long term treatment and appropriate housing when they are finished with treatment. The revolving door at the justice system level is a crucial part in change and if we spend the money to put them through treatment but they have no where to go when they get done, it will only be a matter of time before they relapse no matter how committed they seem when they graduate their program.	1/21/2020 10:51 PM
19	send them to CA.	1/21/2020 8:52 PM
20	I would think about turning McNeil Island into a homeless/rehab facility. Provide good clean housing, care, education and get folks who want to be helped back on their feet. Those who don't, well... that's for those in a much higher pay grade to figure out. It's got to be a lot cheaper and more effective than what is going on now.	1/21/2020 8:37 PM
21	I think that we need to look at both the short-term housing supply by both direct tax revenue support and tax breaks for those providing low to moderate income housing, AND we need to look at how our zoning laws and tax structures encourage high income housing at the expense of lower income housing, AND we need consider providing renters' tax breaks similar to home owners tax breaks. We also need to look at providing livable URBAN mixed income housing that allows people of ALL walks of life to live close to where they work/shop/go to school etc. Such planning helps to solve a number of problems facing our state at this time.	1/21/2020 8:02 PM
22	Should the Housing Trust fund be increased? I don't know what the state does vs. cities but anything that makes it easier for people to AVOID homelessness in the first place, then for them to navigate the various ways they can get assistance in getting a place to stay.	1/21/2020 5:00 PM
23	Money seems to keep being thrown at this issue, and it's only getting worse. I think mental health and addiction are the biggest factors. I also think that we have the services needed to address those factors. If the people don't want to utilize those services, I don't think our tax money should go to them to enable them to continue to live. It may be mean, but if they want to kill themselves with the drugs, while should the government support that? For those who make the choice to be homeless, it's not the governments job to enable them. Whatever needs to be done, enabling the bad behavior is not the right answer. 'Tough love' is.	1/21/2020 4:35 PM
24	I think affordable housing should be addressed by providing incentive to developers through legislation.	1/21/2020 4:16 PM
25	Services are more available where there are more resources (mostly urban areas) and that is where people looking for work are more likely to go. If they do not find the work or are unable to keep a job, they will end up with no place to stay very soon and become homeless.	1/21/2020 2:56 PM
26	Support the 2nd Amendment! No more gun control! Homeless issue - Shut the money/ funding off. See who really wants help. Then help just those people and let the rest go!! Seattle has spent so much on the issue and very little results. Also no more illegals no more sanctuary State. We didn't get on that!! So Washington State isn't a sanctuary State!! Also we voted for it so give us respect and give us the car tab we voted for!!!!	1/21/2020 2:12 PM
27	Build tiny homes, and/or co-ops with free housing, but shared requirements for yard work, gardening or building new units. Move more resources to mental health solutions.	1/21/2020 12:36 PM
28	Quit focusing on one size fits all policies and Invest in mental health, addiction services, and focus subsidized housing resources to people who work (or want to) but cannot afford housing. Our current policies are not sustainable and do nothing to force the mentally ill or addicts into treatment.	1/21/2020 12:31 PM

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29	I wish I had ideas. The only thing I have is that as a society there is enough money and resources here to provide all with a great life. However most of the resources are held by a few. Without redistribution of wealth which freaks people out, I don't see it happening.	1/21/2020 12:15 PM
30	Up-zone, encourage mixed use, restrict single family detached housing.	1/21/2020 12:14 PM
31	Throwing money at the problem doesn't solve anything but give jobs to people that will administer the money. Give money to non profit groups that KNOW how to solve the problem.	1/21/2020 12:01 PM
32	We need an occupancy law. Any dwelling that isn't continuously occupied for six months out of the year should be penalized. We don't have a physical housing shortage, we have an affordable housing shortage, and many of these luxury condos and apartments are standing empty while people freeze on the streets. It also artificially pushes rents up through throttling the inventory, which hurts everyone. (My rent ██████ should not be \$1670 a month. Not even for a 2 bedroom apartment.) Washington should be a place for all of us, not just rich investors using us to profit.	1/21/2020 11:57 AM
33	Amazon, Microsoft, Starbucks and other big companies are ruthlessly taking over buildings and land in order to increase their profits. Washington state should make sure that they pay fair taxes + extra taxes/fines for pushing lower income families to the edges or out of King County. They need to pay for the problem they caused. Plus, why can't Bezos, Gates, Ballmer, the Allen family, and other super rich people spend a good portion of their money to provide sustainable jobs at living wages, buy existing buildings or land and pay for low income or more affordable housing and establish foundations to keep them affordable? Maybe even give huge sums to Habitat for Humanity specifying how many homes and in what areas they should be built? The old drive-in land in Kent/Auburn has been empty for years and it could house thousands of people!	1/21/2020 11:50 AM
34	Allowing more flexible guidelines for folks to qualify for affordable housing, not only the amount of rent but other guidelines often cause folks to be denied housing needs to be address in a less punitive and more open and accessible manner some of the issues that delay folks entry into affordable housing are: evictions due to medical conditions ( not taking medication correctly or at all compounded with poor case management practices, not having a high enough score to qualify as a vulnerable adult on Catholic Community Services screening which causes the person to have to wait until they are in such a crisis that they can qualify for hospital confinement, lack of transparency in terms of how someone can get into housing - again the case managers or someone makes the decision based on what guidelines? It's impossible to find out what makes one person more important and ready to move into affordable housing than another. I have lived experience with these hurdles to obtaining affordable housing and I think must be acknowledged and addressed as real life barriers to getting folks in off the streets and into housing.	1/21/2020 11:26 AM
35	create more shelters or half-way houses that includes resources to help them learn marketable skills or education so they can find work to start supporting themselves while they are transitioning themselves off of the streets.	1/21/2020 11:23 AM
36	See comments above about how we have a drug problem.	1/21/2020 11:14 AM
37	Tiny house communities	1/21/2020 11:01 AM
38	Jobs programs, vocational education (ie. solar industry...) and housing as above.	1/21/2020 11:00 AM
39	Decrease the amount of time a process takes. Idea, to design, to the actual is costly. Streamline!	1/21/2020 10:58 AM
40	As I said above reduce taxes, lock up the mentally ill and people on addiction. Stop providing free stuff to people who are not willing to work.	1/21/2020 10:57 AM
41	Mental health has been seen by many states as the largest contributor to homelessness, and they have solved this issue to a far greater level than providing housing. Mental hospitals need to be brought back as a national need, and each state should work with our congressional representatives to do so.	1/21/2020 10:50 AM
42	I would like to see enforcement of the laws along with the other efforts. This would include incarceration for repeat, prolific law breakers.	1/21/2020 10:45 AM
43	of course provide mental and physical health services with housing for people willing to participate, not as a requirement for them.	1/21/2020 10:39 AM

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44	People who are able to work should have to work to receive assistance, but I believe there should be affordable places for everyone to live. Not free.	1/21/2020 10:34 AM
45	We need rent control - and not just within the Seattle city limits! Landlords of all kinds have become GREEDY and the current escalation of rental costs is because they can get away with it. the issue is not just "affordable" housing, but DIGNIFIED affordable housing - housing in safe neighborhoods at amounts the average person can afford. The increase in minimum wage is not helping - I can't tell you how many restaurants I have gone to that put a sign on the front counter or menu telling you their prices are going up because of the minimum wage increase. So the PURCHASING POWER of someone in a minimum wage is not going to change. I am not a minimum wage employee, but I have worked in urban education in the past with families who are struggling. If two parents work full time and both are earning minimum wage, those two people should be able to pay for a safe place to live, a used car (gas, insurance, purchase of said car), clothing, utilities, food, health care, etc. for themselves and 1 or 2 children. Every legislator should be required to sit down and figure out just what a family of 2 or 3 under those circumstances can afford. I can guarantee you that in Western WA right now, you'd be crossing some really important things off that basics list and a safe place to live, vehicle, and health care are among them. BTW, don't think public transportation solves everything - people who can't afford to live and work in the city are hugely handicapped when it comes to transportation. I used to make my idealistic student teachers spend a day trying to run errands on the city bus system. Trust me, it's an eye opener to anyone who gets around with a personal vehicle.	1/21/2020 10:32 AM
46	Priorities --- whats more import senior citizens before homeless.. Re-instate PERS1 COLA . or you will have more homeless people...	1/21/2020 10:22 AM