

Unhoused Programs Overview and Potential City of Boulder Human Rights Violation

Whereas the City of Boulder does not allow unhoused individuals to self-shelter and at the same time, based on the triangulation of independent assessments of the City of Boulder unhoused populations, the City of Boulder does not provide nearly enough sheltering options to provide shelters for unhoused individuals,

Whereas it appears that the City of Boulder does not count nor maintain records on the actual number of unhoused in the City and individuals in the City who cannot appropriately use the existing City option for sheltering,

Whereas it appears that the City of Boulder consistently uses dehumanizing language in reference to underserved populations,

Whereas it appears that the City of Boulder has enacted policies and practices to exclude some unhoused individuals from receiving appropriate services,

Whereas it appears that the City of Boulder has propagated public relations messages misleading the public as to nature of the underserved population,

And, whereas it appears that the City of Boulder has not adequately pursued carefully documented options—such as tiny homes, safe parking, sanctioned encampments, and others—that could provide cost effective options for underserved unhoused individuals,

The City of Boulder Human Relations Commission recommends that the Boulder City Council immediately appoint a diverse and representative (including three individuals with unhoused experience) oversight committee for City programs regarding the unhoused and formally begin an investigation into possible human rights violations by the City.