

# HART

(Homeless Action Response Team)

*A grass-roots advocacy group*

**Anchorage Alaska**

Anchorage Assembly  
Housing and Homeless Committee  
Attn: Felix Rivera

Greetings, on behalf of the Homeless Action Response Team I offer the following:

HART endorses the creation of a Houseless Lived Experience Advisory Board.

HART strives to bring our community closer together by building bridges and understanding between those who have and those who have not. We have learned a great deal over the years from our interactions with members of our community who are or have been houseless. They come from every walk of life, houseless for a spectrum of troubles that defy cookie cutter solutions.

With the average Anchorage family devoting nearly half of its income to keeping a roof overhead, it is no wonder there are no easy solutions for our community of the houseless. Chasing illegal campers from camp to camp is a shameful, expensive, and futile effort to “disappear” them.

Our Municipality will benefit from the creation of a formal pathway for the integration of lived experience perspectives into decisions that involve law enforcement, emergency responders, health care, behavioral health, social services, and housing.

We encourage the Assembly to adopt Assembly Member Rivera’s proposed ordinance.

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