

Press Release



Assembly Members Call for Special Meeting to Tackle Emergency Homelessness Needs

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At today's Anchorage Assembly Committee on Housing and Homelessness meeting, the administration failed to present any plan to address emergency sheltering needs for the upcoming winter. In consultation with the Assembly Chair, Assembly Members Felix Rivera and Kameron Perez-Verdia have called for an immediate special meeting to address these deficiencies.

"Once again, the Assembly will step into the void of leadership on homelessness and assist the Mayor in coming up with a humane and realistic plan to ensure that our neighbors don't freeze to death on our streets this winter," said Member Rivera, Chair of the Committee on Housing and Homelessness.

A resolution will be laid-on-the-table at tonight's meeting that will lay out the Assembly's plan to work with community experts to provide emergency shelter.

"It is profoundly disappointing that the administration failed to show up to the Assembly's Housing and Homelessness Committee today and refused to develop an emergency shelter plan for this winter," said Member Perez-Verdia. "Additionally, the administration continues to work in isolation, refusing to communicate and collaborate with experts in the field and community providers working on the front lines. This dangerous approach is only going to make the situation worse."

The special meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17 at 5pm in the Assembly Chambers in the Loussac Library.

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