

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE CHAIR  
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**THE SULLIVAN  
IS CLOSED.  
NOW WHAT?**



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**3 REASONS...**

# WHY DIDN'T THE ASSEMBLY KEEP THE SULLIVAN ARENA OPEN UNTIL WE HAD A PLAN?

## FUNDING

It would have taken **over 80% of all available funds** during the 1Q Budget Revision process for us to keep the Sullivan Arena open as emergency shelter throughout the summer.

**That is not financially realistic or responsible**, and there are many competing priorities for public dollars, including **housing, public safety** (APD and AFD), **libraries, public transit**, and more.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACTS

Fairview and Downtown have had to bear a disproportionate brunt of this issue for years.

The Assembly made the policy decision to **end this inequity.**

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## MOVING FORWARD

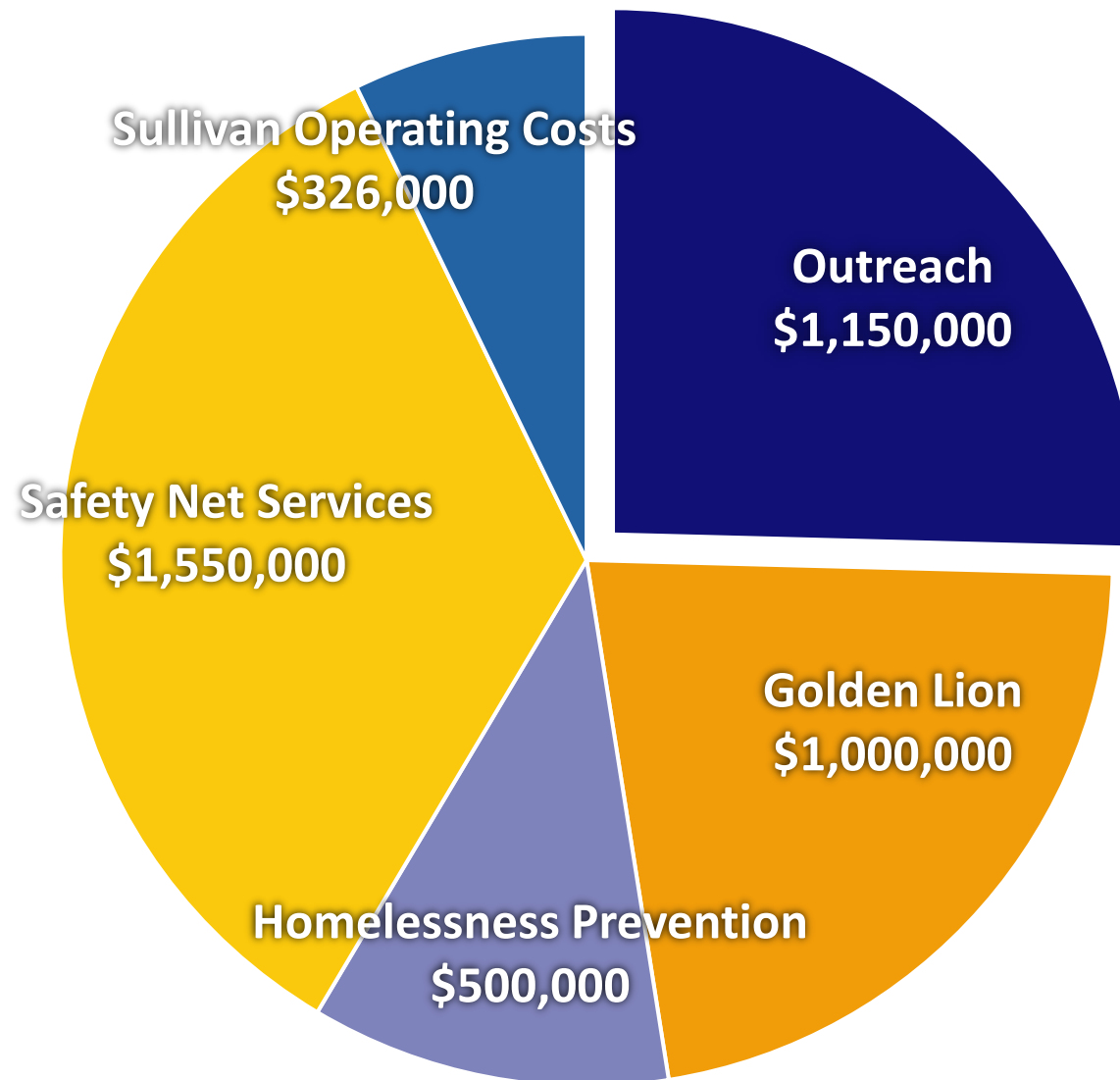
The Sullivan is a crutch our community has relied on for **far too long**.

The Assembly, in setting a firm deadline, provided a kick in the rear to help move things forward and **beyond the cycle of reliance** on the Sullivan.

# SO, WHAT DID THE ASSEMBLY ACTUALLY FUND?

## FUNDED SAFETY NET SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Covenant House
- Brother Francis Shelter
- Complex Care
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Resource Center



## FUNDED OUTREACH TYPES

1. **Contact-driven** outreach to help provide basic needs
2. **Housing-driven** outreach to help people get ready to move into housing
3. **Mobility and medical needs** outreach to help provide alternatives for these populations
4. **Mobile navigation services** to help connect people with the services they need

# WHO GETS TO STAY AT THE SULLIVAN?

## 90 INDIVIDUALS

Up to 90 individuals who meet the one of the following two criteria:

- **Can this person perform activities of daily living?**
- **Does this person have mobility issues?**

The Assembly wanted to make sure that we continued to provide some level of shelter for **the most highly vulnerable** at the Sullivan.

# WHAT NEW HOUSING IS COMING ONLINE?

## FORMER GOLDEN LION

Expected to open between mid-May and the end of June with **85 units**

## FORMER BARRATT INN

Expected to open between June and July with **96 units**

## FORMER LAKESHORE INN

Newly named Lakehouse Inn, is currently open with **45 units**



# OK... IS THAT IT?

## **SANCTIONED CAMP COMMUNITY TASK FORCE**

Will provide recommendations to the Assembly and Municipal Administration on the feasibility of a variety of sanctioned camp models by July 5

## **COMPLEX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS COMMUNITY TASK FORCE**

Will provide recommendations to the State of Alaska, Assembly and Municipal Administration on dealing with immediate needs by June 1 and mid-to-long-term solutions by September 5

# OK... IS THAT IT?

## **CLEAN SLATE STRATEGY**

Will go through a process, to include town halls and Housing and Homelessness Committee meetings, to determine a location(s) for a new permanent year-round low-barrier shelter by November 1

## **HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE**

Will meet regularly to discuss other viable options to help mitigate the situation on our streets and in our green spaces

**WE ARE IN A CRISIS. WE NEED HELP  
FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA AND  
FROM HUD.**

# THANK YOU.

We will get through this as a community. Please stay involved and help be a part of the solution.

Please email your thoughts or ideas to **Felix Rivera**, Chair of the Assembly's Housing & Homelessness Committee, at [felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov](mailto:felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov)

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