THE SULLIVAN IS CLOSED. NOW WHAT?
WHY DIDN’T THE ASSEMBLY KEEP THE SULLIVAN ARENA OPEN UNTIL WE HAD A PLAN?

3 REASONS...
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
- 3rd 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

- Outreach: $1,150,000
- Safety Net Services: $1,550,000
- Golden Lion: $1,000,000
- Homelessness Prevention: $500,000
- Sullivan Operating Costs: $326,000
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**

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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
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