

Letter to Councilmember Harrell RE: Homeless State of Emergency from Coalition on Homelessness board member Sara Robbins

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To: Bruce.Harrell@seattle.gov

Subject: Homeless State of Emergency

Dear Council Member Harrell,

My name is Sara Robbins and I am a Public Benefits attorney in Seattle and in this role I work with homeless individuals and families on a daily basis. I am also a Seattle native and have lived in South Seattle my whole life and this is the worst that I have ever seen the state of homelessness in Seattle.

I am writing this letter to urge you to take any means necessary to bring as many people inside as possible. People should not have to live outdoors any time of year, but especially not this time of year in the rain and the cold. Please vote to support using \$2.3 million dollars to fund immediate services for the homeless. The purpose of a rainy day fund is for emergencies and I cannot think of many things that are more of an emergency than people sleeping outdoors in the rain and cold.

Thank you very much for your time and I hope that you will support this plan to bring more people indoors.

Best Regards,
Sara Robbins