

# VOTE NO HB 1925

HB 1925 creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for "camping" in public. It also requires jurisdictions to vigorously enforce these Class Cs at the risk of losing state funding.

## TRAPPING TEXANS IN POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS

People who are unsheltered have no way to get to court and pay a \$500 ticket and would receive a warrant for failure to pay. Warrants make it nearly impossible to find employment or housing.



## PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

Ending homelessness is a public health issue and should be treated as such. Individuals experiencing homelessness face high rates of chronic mental and physical health conditions, co-occurring disorders, and barriers to care and food.

## RACIAL DISPARITIES

13 percent of Texans are Black, but 37 percent of unhoused people in Texas identified as Black in 2020. Criminalizing the unhoused will only increase disparities in the criminal legal system.



## FAITH LEADERS OPPOSE CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS

Over 65 faith leaders in Texas have come together to oppose similar measures to criminalize homelessness. They say, "the best pathway toward supporting our unsheltered neighbors is through a community effort to accompany and assist rather than criminalize and isolate."

## DON'T PRIORITIZE CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS OVER PROSECUTING VIOLENT CRIMES

HB 1925 is inhumane and unconstitutional, and is NOT the answer to Texas' problems with housing insecurity. Vote no to criminalizing unhoused Texans who are simply surviving. Cities should not be forced to choose between prioritizing enforcement of crimes like sexual assault or keeping state grant funding by punishing people for sleeping in public.

## INFORMATION SOURCE

Texas Fair Defense Project  
ACLU TX  
Texas Criminal Justice Coalition  
NASW TX  
NAMI Texas  
Texas Appleseed

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