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CALIFORNIA BRACES FOR ‘DEVASTATING’ FEDERAL HOMELESS HOUSING CUTS

MARISA KENDALL, CALMATTERS

Thousands of Californians could return to homelessness as the feds reportedly plan to disinvest from permanent housing.

The latest blow in a seemingly endless barrage of bad news for the California agencies tasked with fighting homelessness looms: President Donald Trump’s administration is expected to deeply cut federal funding for permanent housing.

The news has sent counties throughout California into a panic. The state is bracing to lose hundreds of millions of dollars for permanent housing, which is the one thing experts agree on as the most effective way to solve homelessness.

Across the state, homeless service providers and local leaders are convening emergency meetings to figure out just how bad the cuts are going to be and what to do about them. Some are scrambling to move money around or even re-label their programs to save hard-won housing. Others have already started helping fewer people in anticipation of the cuts.

But they agree on one thing: If these cuts go through, thousands of California’s most vulnerable residents likely will be evicted from their subsidized housing, and may end up back on the street.

It would likely reverse recent progress made in fixing the state’s severe homelessness problem.

“I don’t know what they think is going to happen with all these people,” said Maryn Pitt, chair of the Stanislaus County Continuum of Care, which manages the county’s federal homelessness funds. “We’re just going to turn them out and they’ll just disappear? I have no idea, but it seems rather inhumane.”

Her county has 17 permanent housing projects funded with money at risk from federal cuts.

Already reeling from upcoming state cuts to homeless funding, California’s homelessness

agencies have been bracing for federal cuts for months, without knowing exactly what to expect. Now, some of those cuts have come into sharper focus. The Trump administration intends to redirect a significant chunk of money away from permanent housing and into temporary housing — while also adding requirements for people to qualify for that temporary aid, according to reporting from Politico, which cited internal HUD documents and interviews with anonymous HUD employees.

If that happens, only 30% of federal homelessness funds would be available for permanent housing — down from the current rate of 87%. Nationwide, that means the money available for permanent housing will shrink from \$3.3 billion down to about \$1.1 billion, Politico reported.

That would be a major strategy shift. For years, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has prioritized permanent housing over temporary housing and shelter. Permanent housing is designed to end someone’s homelessness for good, while temporary housing and shelter is a Band-Aid solution: It gets people off the street, but only for a limited time.

When CalMatters asked the agency to comment on the reported funding cuts it responded with an automatically generated email: “The Radical Left has shut down the government. As a result, HUD’s Office of Public Affairs is operating in a limited capacity, which impacts our ability to promptly engage with the mainstream media.”

The federal government is expected to issue a “notice of funding opportunity” this fall for its continuum of care program, the country’s main source of federal homelessness funding, laying out how much money is available, what it can be used for and what rules apply. That’s where the feds are expected to give official notice of the permanent housing cuts.

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A COMMISSION TO GET RID OF COMMISSIONS:

LUPE VELEZ

HOW THE MAYOR’S OFFICE PLANS TO CONSOLIDATE MORE POWER AND ERODE PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

On October 15, a new City-created delegation called the Commission Streamlining Task Force held its first meeting to make recommendations on several advisory and policy groups that are focused on children and youth, homelessness and human rights, among other bodies. The Task Force reflected that the homelessness crisis is one of the biggest issues that San Francisco faces, one that Mayor Daniel Lurie has centered during his time in office. However, this commission voted to eliminate all but one of the existing five homelessness public bodies.

These recommendations raise serious concerns about what this means for many essential and critical public bodies—especially those approved by City voters—that allow for participatory democracy.

The Commission Streamlining Task Force was created as part of Proposition E, a measure that voters passed on the November 2024 ballot. Prop. E was a response to Prop. D, an opposing measure that intended to cut down the number of city commissions and consolidate more power for the Mayor. Authored by then-Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Prop. E sought to preserve participatory

governance in our City commissions. The stated mission of the task force is to “make recommendations about ways to modify, eliminate, or combine the City’s boards and commissions to improve the administration of City government.”

Ironically, the Commission has already recommended to slash half of the existing City commissions and to strip the Police Commission’s authority to hire and fire the police chief and hand this authority to the Mayor, whose already great influence on City bodies would expand as a result. The Coalition on Homelessness believes that each homelessness body serves a significant role in public engagement, providing data-driven solutions to homelessness, and transparency, compliance and accountability within the shelter system for people experiencing homelessness.

One such panel is the Our City Our Home (OCOH) i committee, which offers deep expertise in San Francisco’s efforts to address homelessness. It was formed by the passage of Prop. C in November 2018 expressly to fund homelessness solutions, including housing, homelessness prevention, shelter

and behavioral health treatment by taxing the gross receipts of large corporations. Another is the Homeless Oversight Commission (HOC). It gained unanimous support from the Board of Supervisors and 67% of voters. The purpose of public bodies like HOC is to provide vital checks and balances in a city with one of the strongest mayoral systems in the country, second only to New York City.

Voters in November 2022 approved the creation of this commission, which is tasked with providing greater transparency and oversight over the City’s homelessness funding. Christin Evans, who served as the commission’s vice chair from 2023 to 2025, said that the panel has accomplished that part of its mission.

“Every annual budget and new contract over \$250,000 has had a public and independent review,” Evans said. “The commission has focused on ensuring a return on investment and effectiveness of each program and initiative receiving funds.”

The Shelter Monitoring Committee was created in 2004 to track

conditions in emergency shelters and later charged with enforcing standards of care that were established legislatively by then-Supervisor Tom Ammianno. The Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee complements this monitoring process by reviewing clients’ complaints of shelters or shelter staff.

The elimination and reconfiguration of public bodies would impact the funding and delivery of several government services, including public health and safety, education and homelessness. Of similar consequence, the proposed changes would erode participatory governance and muffle community voices from decision making, leaving marginalized people more vulnerable and underrepresented.

As the task force’s recommendations move to the Board of Supervisors for approval, and eventually to the ballot next fall, the Coalition on Homelessness, People’s Budget Coalition and other advocacy groups are working to mobilize San Franciscans to ensure the preservation of community voices and participatory democracy.

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CHARLES DAVIS

HOUSING CUTS LOOM OVER UNHOUSED CALIFORNIANS

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Los Angeles County, which has the largest homeless population in California, has \$217 million at stake. More than 80% of that goes toward keeping people in permanent housing, said Jessica Reed, associate director of continuum of care planning for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. If the projected cuts go through, more than 8,000 units of housing would be at risk, she said.

It would be “absolutely devastating,” Reed said.

People living in subsidized permanent housing tend to be among California’s most vulnerable, including those who have chronic disabilities and were homeless for years before moving indoors. Many live on meager disability benefits. If their housing subsidies dry up, there’s no way they’ll be able to pay their rent, Reed said.

Those renters also often have criminal records, poor credit and a history of evictions — making it almost impossible for them to compete for housing on the open market, even if they could afford rent, Pitt said.

Santa Cruz County’s latest continuum of care allocation was about \$7.7 million — of which about 82% is for permanent housing, said Robert Ratner, director of Housing for Health for the county. About 290 people live in those units.

If the spending cap takes effect, Santa Cruz County likely would try to shift some state money to cover the housing no longer eligible for federal funds, Ratner said.

“We’re going to end up having to close most of these programs, because there’s not enough state money,” he said. “There’s no way the math works.”

To prepare, Santa Cruz County has already started winding down some services.

“We’re helping far fewer people,” Ratner said.

Typically, Santa Cruz County helps between 40 and 60 households move from homelessness into housing each month. If the permanent housing cuts take effect, Ratner expects that to eventually drop by as much as three-quarters.

To make matters worse, when awarding homelessness grants, the feds plan to deduct points for organizations that have used “racial preferences” or recognized transgender people, according to Politico. The Trump administration already has attempted to impose similar restrictions on other homelessness grants, prompting multiple lawsuits.

Ratner worries those new rules could mean Santa Cruz County isn’t eligible for any money.

Other counties are making similar dire predictions.

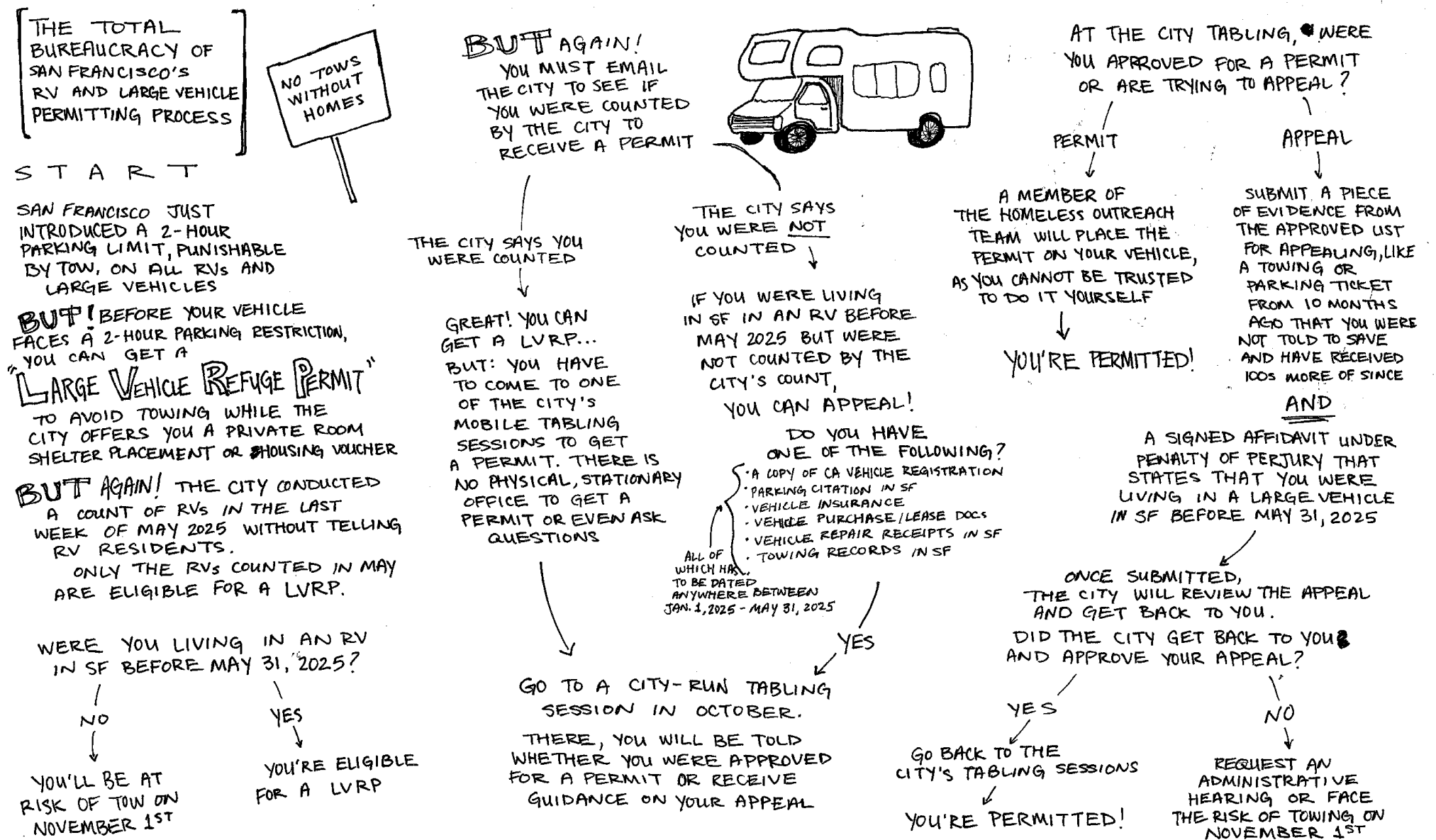
Santa Clara County estimates at least 1,000 households would be at risk of homelessness if the feds cap funding for permanent housing at 30%, said Kathryn Kaminski, director of the county’s Office of Supportive Housing.

Sacramento County, which dedicated about 86% of its \$40 million in federal continuum of care funding to permanent housing in 2024, worries the cuts could displace residents, slow housing placements and force service providers to lay off staff.

The scariest part is that this funding change signals the federal administration is turning its back on the long-standing belief that permanent housing solves homelessness, said Gita O’Neill, interim CEO of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. And the feds are making that shift suddenly, giving service providers no time to wind down their programs.

“Which is going to be devastating across the country, no matter where you are,” O’Neill said. “Losing that much permanent housing will have an impact for generations to come.”

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WHY SUPERVISOR'S SCHEME FOR SOBER SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SUCKS

JORDAN WASILEWSKI

I am a millennial, and one of the defining moments of my generation was 9/11. There are many takes on this issue, but one thing I gleaned from the aftermath is that, despite the supposed “unity” that crises bring, there are people out there who will weaponize collective pain to push policies that are wrongheaded and cruel. I find the same holds true for San Francisco’s overdose crisis.

Thousands of individuals have died or are struggling with substance use disorder, which is unfortunately impacting our permanent supportive housing. I personally have seen my neighbors wheeled out in body bags. This is a serious and sensitive issue that needs to be addressed in a way that works for all tenants. Similar to politicians in the wake of 9/11 calling for the PATRIOT Act and the invasion of Iraq based on lies, we have a bunch of recovery grifters calling for solutions for us, without us and parachuting in like that scene from “Red Dawn.”

In this latest salvo in the drug war, District 6 Supervisor Matt Dorsey introduced legislation that would put a stop on all new site-based permanent supportive housing unless it is one of two types of sober housing. Last year, he introduced similar legislation that went nowhere, but at

least it would have sunsetted when 25% of PSH became sober housing. This legislation, which is purportedly a response to Newsom vetoing legislation, allows for 10% of PSH units to be sober. Additionally, Dorsey’s legislation puts a permanent freeze on new non-sober housing for formerly homeless people, without regard for replacement units and without time- or goal-based sunsets. The board’s moderate supervisors—Rafael Mandelman, Bilal Mahmood, Daniel Sauter and Patrick Sherrill—are co-sponsoring the legislation, and another co-sponsor might be added pending the mayor’s appointment to the District 4 seat.

One of the allowed forms of housing in the proposed legislation is “drug-free supportive housing,” which considers illegal drug use or possession cause for eviction; the program is open to all other eligible applicants. Given the PSH eviction crisis, this type of housing should not be funded.

The other allowed type of housing is “supportive recovery housing”, which is designed as a voluntary, non-coercive program with a holistic support program. This housing program doesn’t penalize tenants who relapse but instead allows transition to a non-sober unit if necessary. I

would support this type of housing if it was voluntary and included a pre-application process that determines need. Legislation would not be needed for this type of housing program

What makes Dorsey’s proposed legislation even more disingenuous is its coupling of freezing new non-sober permanent supportive housing

with surveying tenants. While I am not against doing surveys as needs assessments, there are no protections against recovery-first advocates adding bias to the survey results.

Support for this type of housing among permanent supportive housing tenants is being misrepresented by several politicians. At my building’s monthly tenant meeting, the consensus was overall support

for such recovery-based housing, as long as the programs aren’t forced upon us.

This legislation’s silver lining is that it only applies to site-based PSH instead of scattered-site PSH, the latter of which is where the City should go toward in PSH expansion. We have fewer scattered-site permanent supportive housing units compared with other cities, as the San Francisco Chronicle noted in its “Broken Homes” investigation. Scattered-site PSH can still be a recovery-friendly option, even without restrictions on substance use.

If the conversation were focused on making PSH more recovery-friendly in terms of design and offered services, many tenants, including myself, would find that amenable even in non-recovery based settings. If the proposed legislation moved towards assessing the need for recovery housing without banning non-sober housing, it would not be an issue among us tenants. Even if the process and conversations between legislators and tenants is long and messy, we should have them, as we’re all in search of sustainable solutions.

The point is, forced sobriety in housing is never a solution.

Thousands of individuals have died or are struggling with substance use disorder, which is unfortunately impacting our permanent supportive housing. I personally have seen my neighbors wheeled out in body bags. This is a serious and sensitive issue that needs to be addressed in a way that works for all tenants.

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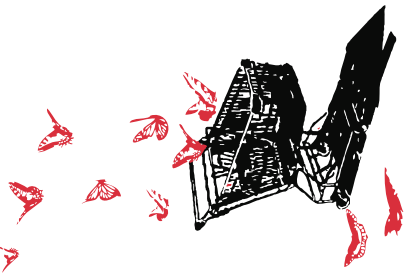
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