

# **Ten Detailed Talking Points Opposing CARE Court**

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To end homelessness, California needs Affordable Housing and Voluntary Services. Court-ordered treatment for unhoused people with schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders sets us back years in progress in ensuring inclusive care and racially-competent, trauma-informed services. Policymakers should focus legislation on evidence-based, long-lasting approaches to assisting those who live unhoused.

- 1. Unhoused people with mental health disabilities need and want affordable housing and voluntary services.**
- 2. Ending homelessness requires guaranteed housing provided with voluntary services.**
- 3. Investing in trauma-informed outreach with housing and services is fiscally and morally responsible.**
- 4. Evidence-based models show voluntary treatment is more effective than court-ordered treatment.**
- 5. Court ordered treatment will perpetuate institutional racism.**
- 6. Court ordered treatment will worsen health disparities for Black, Indigenous and People of Color.**
- 7. Clearing encampments without a lasting solution will exacerbate harm and further set back ending homelessness.**
- 8. CARE Court disregards the ongoing need for criminal justice and conservatorship reform and would further exacerbate harms in those systems.**
- 9. Abusers may weaponize CARE Court petitions against people with mental health disabilities.**
- 10. CARE Court will further discriminate against and stigmatize people with disabilities.**

