

Mayor Candidate Forum Questions Priorities Survey Summary

In preparation for the Unhoused Led Mayor Candidate Forum we conducted a **survey with 20 houseless people** asking **what issues need to be addressed** and **what questions** need to be asked of Mayor candidates.

When we asked people the three biggest pressing concerns for the houseless community, the **top answer was by far Housing**. (15 out of 20) Questions include concern for affordability, process for accessing, and too many strings and rules in housing.

The **second biggest concerns** were tied with **Sweeps** and **Shelters**. (6 out of 20)

Concerns and questions with Sweeps included “*will you stop the sweeps*”, specific concern with stopping sweeps in freezing temperatures, and the need for holding city workers conducting the sweeps accountable for their abuse. For example one person wants to ask, “*Where do we go when a shelter isn't an option, but y'all stand there and take my tent*”?

Concerns and questions about Shelters included overcrowding, issues with staff, health concerns and more.

The fourth biggest issue raised was **Bathrooms**. Access to Water was also raised as a key concern.

Tied for the fourth biggest issue was **Case management**. Both the lack of case managers and issues with case managers not doing their job were brought up.

The fifth concern raised was **fentanyl**. In one person's words, “*why is no one helping addicts*?”

When asked what concerns/questions people had for mayor candidates about Funding, most people asked the same question - “*Where is the money going*?”

When asked if they plan on voting 8 respondents said Yes, 3 were Unsure, and 7 said No.

If Mayoral candidates truly care about houseless issues (as all of them claim to!), these are the concerns and issues coming from houseless people themselves that need action!

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