



# BRING AMERICA HOME NOW

A Comprehensive Grassroots Campaign  
to End Homelessness in the U.S.

## OVERVIEW

The National Coalition for the Homeless is spearheading the launch of Bring America Home Now: A Comprehensive Grassroots Campaign to End Homelessness in the U.S. Led by people who have themselves experienced homelessness, we will focus on the passage of federal legislation aimed at addressing the interconnected solutions to the decades-long epidemic of homelessness in the United States.

The campaign focuses on 5 major policy areas:



### HOUSING

Housing is a basic human right that should be available to all Americans.



### HEALTH

Health and homelessness are inextricably linked: a safe, stable home is the prerequisite of health and well-being.



### LIVABLE INCOMES

Livable incomes are essential to prevent and end homelessness and poverty. Employment provides not only income, but also meaning and connections in the community. For those unable to work, livable public benefits are necessary to ensure stability in housing.



### EDUCATION/ TRAINING

Education and training can play a critical role for many--children, youth, and adults--in equipping people with the knowledge and skills needed for economic mobility.



### CIVIL RIGHTS/ ANTIRACISM

Homelessness is a civil rights issue. People experiencing homelessness are too often victims of hate crimes. Homelessness disproportionately impacts people of color. And LGBTQ people/individuals face discrimination and barriers to jobs and

## THE CRISIS

- » In the richest country in the world, more than 500,000 Americans are homeless each night, with millions more experiencing homelessness through the course of each year.
- » People of color--particularly Black Americans and Native Americans--experience homelessness at dramatically higher rates than their white peers, even when compared to the proportions of those living in poverty. As a result, people of color have limited access to opportunities for wealth accumulation.
- » In fact, in no county in the U.S. can a household afford a two-bedroom unit (i.e., not paying more than 30% of income) on the minimum wage or Social Security/Disability.
- » Millions of Americans experiencing homelessness remain uninsured, with limited access to health care and behavioral health services.
- » The stock of housing affordable to those at the lowest incomes has been slashed by more than 80% over the past 50 years.
- » Homelessness has too often been viewed as a personal failure, rather than a societal one.
- » Federal policy to address homelessness has been overly incremental in nature, attending to the most obvious symptoms while ignoring the root causes. The result has been a complete neglect of large-scale, systemic, and lasting solutions.





## GET INVOLVED

We are reaching out to partners to join us in our campaign to end homelessness through a comprehensive, multifaceted push for increased public awareness and successful legislation. We especially seek involvement from organizations led by people who have themselves experienced homelessness.

How your organization can get involved:

1. Sign your organization on to the campaign at [www.BringAmericaHomeNow.org](http://www.BringAmericaHomeNow.org)
2. Become a strategic partner to align the campaign with your legislative priorities and help drive forward one or more priority areas
3. Join our campaign partners meeting each month to provide strategic guidance and oversight

## CONTACT

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## **Bring America Home Now Campaign Endorsements as of August 6, 2021**

### *National Organizations*

Barbara Poppe and Associates  
Community Solutions  
Community Works Consulting  
Economic Policy Institute  
Funders Together to End Homelessness  
International Network of Street Papers  
North America  
jo consulting  
Just Leadership  
LULAC  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Center for Housing and Child  
Welfare  
National Coalition for Homeless  
Veterans  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Health Care for the Homeless  
Council  
National Homelessness Law Center  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Organization for Women  
Poor People's Army  
Racial Equity Partners  
Schoolhouse Connection  
Trans Empowerment Project  
Universal Living Wage

### *Regional Organizations*

Atlant Survival Program / Food4Life  
BEING  
Break the Cycle Drop Corp  
Build Wealth MN  
Caribbean USA Expo LLC  
Freedom from the Streets  
Haven House Service, Inc.  
Heartland Alliance  
HerStory Ensemble LLC  
House the Homeless  
Hunger and Homeless Coalition of  
Collier County  
Integrated Community Solutions, Inc.  
Los Angeles House of Ruth  
Material Aid and Advocacy Program  
Metropolitan Interfaith Council on  
Affordable Housing  
Mt. Zion Church Ministries  
No More Streets  
NYC Homeless Union  
Our Spring Lake Store LLC  
OWL SacCap  
Project Community Connections  
ROOTS Young Adult Shelter  
Sacramento Homeless Organizing  
Committee  
Sacramento Regional Coalition to End  
Homelessness  
Touch and Go Productions  
Ujima Way, Inc.  
YIMBY Georgia