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## homelessness in reno

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**Alejandro Zamorano** <outlook\_3BC3C403BF2CB81D@outlook.com>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 11:16 AM

To: "Publiccomment@reno.gov" <Publiccomment@reno.gov>

Cc: "tyjohnson@washoeschools.net" <tyjohnson@washoeschools.net>

# Homelessness In Reno

Alejandro Zamorano

Hug High School

6-12-23

Reno has a plague of homeless people. In Downtown Reno, it's obviously seen that we have a homeless problem. Like many cities, we have homeless people, but the number of them is starting to rise. At least a total of 1,200+ homeless people are living in the streets of Reno within the past month.

And our youth homelessness is also at a rise as well. Normally in the U.S, the homeless youth averages over 50,000 a year. In Reno alone there are over 3,500 homeless in youth. That is bad already! What I would like to see Reno improve on is to cut down the homeless by giving them a shelter. Make a homeless shelter or a temporary hotel. So they can be motivated to get a job. Not all homeless people don't want to get a job, some don't have their social security, or a home. Reason why homelessness is at a rise people of expensive housing. There a no affordable housing in Reno. This is a reason of homelessness. In July 2020 a home sell price in Reno was 435,000 dollars. But in July 2019 it was 385,000, July 2018 it was 355,000 and in July 2016 it was 317,600. That increased dramatically. As in for youth homelessness, education needs to be improved. Elementary schools classrooms increase over 110% which means there are over 30+ kids in a classroom.



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## Gun Safety

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**Evan Caldwell** <evancaldwell25@icloud.com>

Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 5:02 PM

To: Publiccomment@reno.gov, jcaldwell@washoeschools.net

Dear fellow Nevadans,

I write this public comment with a heavy heart and a deep concern for the escalating issue of gun violence in our great state. It is crucial that we come together as a community, regardless of our diverse backgrounds and perspectives, to address this pressing matter head-on. By fostering open dialogue, empathy, and implementing effective strategies, we can work towards a safer Nevada where our families and neighbors can thrive without fear.

Sent from my iPhone

## Reno Housing

1 message

**Jaylinn Chavez** <jaylinn2005chavez@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 8:14 AM

To: publiccomment@reno.gov

Cc: TYJohnson@washoeschools.net

Good afternoon Reno council my name is Jaylinn Chavez I am a senior at Hug High school,

Reno, the vibrant city nestled in the picturesque state of Nevada, is renowned for its casinos, entertainment, and natural beauty. However, beneath the glitz and glamour lies a deep-seated issue: the lack of affordable housing. This crisis has become a significant factor contributing to the alarming rise in homelessness within Reno. In this essay, we will explore the reasons behind Reno's affordable housing shortage and its unfortunate consequences for the city's most vulnerable residents.

**Insufficient Supply and High Costs** One of the primary reasons for the affordable housing crisis in Reno is the shortage of available housing units. The city's population has been steadily growing, fueled by factors such as job opportunities and quality of life. However, the pace of housing development has failed to keep up with this demand. As a result, rental and housing prices have soared, placing an immense burden on low-income individuals and families who struggle to find suitable, affordable options.

**Limited Affordable Housing Initiatives** While the Reno government has implemented various initiatives to address the housing crisis, they have fallen short of meeting the urgent need. Affordable housing programs, such as subsidized housing and rent control, have had limited success due to insufficient funding and resources. These initiatives, while well-intentioned, have not been enough to alleviate the strain on Reno's most vulnerable populations, who face the risk of becoming homeless due to escalating housing costs.

**Impact on Homelessness** The lack of affordable housing in Reno has had a direct and devastating impact on homelessness rates. With exorbitant rental prices and a scarcity of affordable options, individuals and families are pushed to the brink of homelessness. Many are forced to make difficult choices between paying for housing or meeting other basic needs, such as food, healthcare, and education. This untenable situation creates a vicious cycle, perpetuating homelessness and exacerbating the social and economic challenges faced by the city.

The consequences of Reno's affordable housing crisis extend beyond the immediate hardships faced by homeless individuals. The city's social fabric suffers as the homeless population grows, straining community resources and increasing the burden on local healthcare, social services, and law enforcement. Moreover, the lack of stable housing negatively impacts individuals' ability to find employment and escape the cycle of homelessness, perpetuating the problem.

In conclusion, Reno's affordable housing crisis has become a gateway to homelessness, affecting the city's most vulnerable residents. The combination of limited housing supply, high cost, and insufficient affordable housing initiatives has created a dire situation for those seeking affordable shelter. It is imperative for the Reno government, community organizations, and concerned citizens to come together to address this crisis effectively. Only through concerted efforts and innovative solutions can Reno provide its residents with the affordable housing they need and deserve, ensuring a brighter future for all.



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To: publiccomment@reno.gov

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<b>Your Name (First and Last)</b>	Kyle McLauchlin
<b>If you are representing someone other than yourself, please indicate who you are representing.</b>	The Recreation Center on Neil Road
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:andreakyle22@gmail.com">andreakyle22@gmail.com</a>
<b>Address</b>	<a href="#">1425 Evelyn Way Apartment 11 Reno NV 89502</a>
<b>Which City of Reno Ward do you reside?</b>	Unsure/Other
<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	Jun 13, 2023
<b>Do you wish to speak in person at the meeting?</b>	Yes (Check-in with the City Clerk upon arrival)
<b>Agenda Item</b>	Recreation Center on Neil Road
<b>Please state if you are in favor or in opposition of the agenda item in which you are commenting:</b>	In opposition
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**publiccomment@reno.gov** <publiccomment@reno.gov>

Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 3:22 PM

Reply-To: DonomaUnity@reno.gov

To: publiccomment@reno.gov

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**Hello. I'm calling to add my support to the idea of closing off. What is called welfare alley off of Evans Street. Across from the bus station, I have heard that the cities considering getting that alley off for private access only. A friend of mine owns the lot on the south side of that, Allie and the homeless are cutting through the fence and littering the alley and defecating and really causing a problem. and on top of all of this, my friend has received littering tickets from code enforcement for not having the alley picked up and it's the homeless or littering the alley. So that is my comment. Please close off that alley. So the homeless don't gather back there and cost litter over into my friends. Lots, thank you very much.**

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**Reno Direct** <renodirect@reno.gov>

Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 9:20 AM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@reno.gov>

Good morning,

We received the VM for PC.

Thank you and have a great day!

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Reply-To: DonomaUnity@reno.gov

To: publiccomment@reno.gov

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I am hearing rumors that there is going to be a demolition which includes the Old Saint free Jessie and is not going to be stated as called the hotel casino with an approved by me. If I knew that there is some kind of demolition in the process that needs to be done in that area. The casino and hotel would have remained exactly the same as it was, I probably would have taken off the machine. And from there probably love to rest of the property. So I will be calling I looked online and couldn't find information about any kind of demolition that's going on. I didn't see the Sands. Regency Sunny did not have authorization and a hospital bed to say, oh well, I'll give it to somebody else, that's not legal, he had given it to me. I will look further into this problem that you're having in that area. I heard rumors about it has something to do with homelessness, but the dining hall was on the backside, not directly, where the Sands Regency is, but down a block, I'm pretty sure. And if that's included in the demolition, that could be possible that I think it's really. And I also could have demoed my hotel and casino to rebuild but I don't know what's going on with this whole issue and I will look into it further June. 12th, 2023.

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