

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ENCAMPMENTS IN PARKS

WHEREAS, Encampments in city parks are not a solution to the homeless problem, as parks have inadequate services for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Not only is PARD ill-equipped to handle any aspect of our homeless problem, the encampments are often harmful to the environment; and

WHEREAS, PARD is already under-resourced for the job of park management and is not qualified to manage homeless encampments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That ZNA Executive Committee opposes any efforts to set up homeless encampments in any park and opposes efforts to have PARD play a lead role in homeless efforts in Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That ZNA Executive Committee supports efforts to house our homeless neighbors in shelters with adequate facilities for bathing, showering, cooking, and sleeping and that these shelters should also have "wraparound services" for addiction recovery, job training, and other social needs.

Approved 6-0 with one member absent on June 7, 2021.