

**From:** [Evelyn Gildrie-Voyles](#)  
**To:** [CCHIC Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Support for a Homeless Bill Of rights for the City of Madison and Dane County  
**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022 12:55:27 PM

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Dear Members of the City County Homeless Issues Committee,

My name is Evy Gildrie-Voyles. I live at 202 Farley Avenue in Madison, WI.

I am writing to urge your support for the city and the county passing a joint Homeless Bill of Rights to insure that the county and the city are working together to make sure that people without homes are not treated as people without rights.

Please work towards crafting a joint bill of rights that insures that homeless individuals are

- Protected against segregation, laws targeting homeless people for their lack of housing and not their behavior, and restrictions on the use of public space.
- Granted privacy and property protections.
- Allowed the opportunity to vote and feel safe in their community without fear or harassment.
- Provided broad access to shelter, social services, legal counsel and quality education for the children of homeless families.

I thank you for the work you have done in supporting humane approaches to housing people. I urge you to codify a housing first, people centered approach in a city and county inclusive homeless bill of rights.

With Gratitude,  
Evy Gildrie-Voyles  
202 Farley Avenue  
Madison, WI 53705

**From:** [Pearl.](#)  
**To:** [CCHIC Mailbox](#)  
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Committee members - As I've spoken to on before and I intend to bring up again tonight, many of our social systems are furthering harm. The second story in the enclosed Reveal investigation podcast is nearly identical to a situation that happened here in Madison. I hope you will listen.

<https://revealnews.org/podcast/who-has-power-and-how-do-they-wield-it/>

In addition, the author I reference is Johann Hari who wrote "Chasing the Scream - the first and last days on the war on drugs" and "Lost Connections - why you're depressed and how to find hope". The first book is how everything we're doing with people who are addicted to drugs is making further trauma and what we should be doing and the second book is about depression and anxiety - two symptoms that lead to addiction - and again, what we should be doing and what we're doing wrong as a society.

Thank you,

\*PEARL\*

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"Be the change you wish to see in the world" - Mahatma Gandhi "Veganism is not about giving anything up or losing anything; it is about gaining the peace within yourself that comes from embracing nonviolence and refusing to participate in the exploitation of the vulnerable" Gary L. Francione \*\*GO VEGAN!\*\*

"Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got." - Janis Joplin

**From:** [Lim, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Dux, Kristina](#); [Jacobson, Jenna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Families being asked to leave in March (CCHIC)  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:16:47 PM  
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FYI

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**From:** Lim, Sarah  
**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2022 12:25 PM  
**To:** 'Suzie Scott' <[suzieresch2024@gmail.com](mailto:suzieresch2024@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Families being asked to leave in March

Hi Suzie,

I'm sorry for the delayed response. Emails coming to the CCHIC email inbox gets checked by the committee staff first and then sent to the committee as emailed public comments prior to a committee meeting. Your email sent to [cchic@cityofmadison.com](mailto:cchic@cityofmadison.com) will be shared with the committee along with any other email comments received prior to March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

I followed up with you, in addition to that process, in case I could answer your question. Please note that the county staff will be providing updates on hotel shelter under the COVID-19 response staff reports on March 7 committee meeting. The hotel programs are not ending in March. The anticipated end date is June 30<sup>th</sup> and there have been efforts to help the hotel program participants into housing so that they do not go back to homelessness. I'm attaching the committee meeting agenda here in case you want to listen in or provide public comments.

If you have further written public comments for the committee, please send it now to [cchic@countyofdane.com](mailto:cchic@countyofdane.com). The city and county take turns annually to provide administrative support for the county, and the county will be providing that starting March.

Thank you.

Sarah

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**From:** Suzie Scott <[suzieresch2024@gmail.com](mailto:suzieresch2024@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2022 12:20 PM  
**To:** Lim, Sarah <[SLim@cityofmadison.com](mailto:SLim@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Families being asked to leave in March

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Dear Sarah:

Why isn't the Homeless issues Committee dealing with this issue themselves? Why did they pass it off to you?

## \$13M program to house homeless, currently in hotels

*April 27, 2021*

[Site Staff](#)

Dane County officials have committed to a multiyear, \$13 million program to permanently house homeless families and individuals who are currently staying in hotels due to the pandemic, according to a [report](#) from the *Wisconsin State Journal*. The federally funded program could help pay rent and utilities for up to two years for as many as 67 families and 230 individuals experiencing homelessness.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the county has partnered with service providers to house as many as 400 vulnerable homeless individuals in hotel rooms to lower their risk of exposure to the virus. The estimated \$23 million in hotel room expenditures are funded through federal relief money through the end of August.

This program has been extended over the past year to last December and then to this March and now until June.

Sincerely,  
Suzie Resch

On Wed, Feb 16, 2022, 2:32 PM Lim, Sarah <[SLim@cityofmadison.com](mailto:SLim@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

Hello Susan,

We received an email sent to the City County Homeless Issues Committee below. Could you explain a little more what is happening? What hotel program are you referring to? How many families are impacted and why are they being asked to leave?

Sarah



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**From:** Suzie Scott <[suzieresch2024@gmail.com](mailto:suzieresch2024@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2022 10:43 AM

**To:** City County Homeless Issues Committee <[cchic@cityofmadison.com](mailto:cchic@cityofmadison.com)>

**Subject:** Families being asked to leave in March

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Dear Homeless Issues Committee:

I am really concerned about families needing a place to go when asked to leave the hotels in March

Sincerely

Susan Resch