

**From:** [Erica Colmenares](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#)  
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I'm a resident of Madison's west side. I'm wondering if there's an answer to the question on where people who don't fit into the new shelter can go, and not be fined or moved every couple days. Thanks for your attention to our unhoused neighbors.

Erica Colmenares  
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(PS I'm a westsider who supports rezoning and apartment/condo development in the Parkwood Hills area!)

**From:** [Kathleen Camilla King](#)  
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The new shelter does not have enough beds.

I have a question, please.

If you can't get shelter, where can you legally exist?

Kathleen Camilla King

**From:** [Bruce Wallbaum](#)  
**To:** [Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Homelessness in Madison  
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Hello,

This issue came to a head about 15 years ago following the end of Occupy Madison tent encampment on E. Wash.

We have come full circle and we are back to the same situation.

Folks living at the encampment moved 27 times over a 2 year period. Each time the city or county used ordinances to move people along.

If people cannot get into the shelter they should not be illegal.

More housing and shelter is the only solution, not policing.

Thanks,

Bruce Wallbaum