



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Hello, Friends!

General Meeting

COME ONE...COME ALL!!

Please join us for the HART of Folsom General Meeting on October 18, 2023! Senator Roger Niello, our guest speaker, will address homelessness and answer questions. Folsom Police and Fire Departments will provide updates regarding their work with the unhoused population. We'll introduce our board members and bring everyone up to date on our Transitional Housing/Client

Services Program, the Folsom Winter Shelter, and our fundraising events!

HART General Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Oak Hills Church Family Auditorium, 1100 Blue Ravine Road, Folsom. Doors open at 6:15 pm and refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to expanding our partnerships in the Folsom community with residents, our local and county elected officials, and businesses that desire to be part of the solution to help those who are unhoused in our community find safe shelter, hope, support, and renewed lives.

Please mark your calendars and join us!



Fundraising with Feijoada

Quick Dish and HART of Folsom

HART of Folsom is partnering with the area restaurant Quick Dish providing a tasty way to support the unhoused in our community! Sunday, October 29, Quick Dish will be featuring their special Brazilian dish of Feijoada (Black bean

stew), donating all proceeds to HART and our programs. They have a full menu if you choose not to try this special dish. We'll have HART volunteers, including local High School students, on hand to talk about our programs and hand out information.

Please show your support:

Sunday, October 29, 11am-8pm

Quick Dish Restaurant, 322 E Bidwell, Folsom, CA

\$17 per plate of Feijoada - All proceeds go to HART! [For their full menu](#)

The Unhoused in our Golden State

California officials are turning against the state's homeless population in a series of lawsuits that are urging the courts to weigh in on the homelessness crisis. Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho, the top prosecutor of California's capital, sued the city on Tuesday for allegedly failing to enforce local laws that have allowed the homeless population to result in Sacramento "collaps[ing] into chaos."



"We have an erosion of everyday life," Ho said during a press conference announcing the suit, which was filed alongside companion lawsuits from local residents and business owners. "We forget what it feels like to be safe and that brings us to this lawsuit...We need to get people off the streets."

The issue of escalating homelessness has reached a breaking point in California, which has the largest homeless population in the United States. Estimates suggest that roughly a third to nearly half of the nation's unhoused people live in the Golden State. [Read more](#)

Folsom Winter Shelter 2024

We will welcome guests to the shelter beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2024. HART volunteer signups (weekly shifts) will begin in mid-October. If you're wondering if we need you, the answer is absolutely "YES"! There are evening shifts and morning shifts doing a variety of tasks - Intake Greeter, Hospitality, and Interviewer; Storage Pod; Drivers; Welcome Team; Morning Team; Sunday Movers; Substitutes. A link to our Signup Genius site for HART volunteers will be sent to you via email and will be on the [HART of Folsom](#) website after October 15. We look forward to serving our unhoused friends in Folsom with you!



Many thanks to the Annapoorna Indian Community for quickly providing a needed bicycle for one of HART's Clients! What a blessing!

Update on Legislation Impacting the Poor and Unhoused of California:

California's Legislative Session has moved several bills closer to the governor's desk. The governor has until October 14th to approve or veto the bills. The below is a summary of what some of the impact will be on the unhoused and poor communities in our state (analysis provided by CalMatters Reporting).

Topic: Housing

WHAT THE BILLS WOULD DO: SB 423 and SB 4 — both authored by San Francisco Democrat and human housing bill factory Sen. Scott Wiener — take aim at California's dire housing shortage by making it easier to build.

SB 423, the most closely watched housing bill of the year, renews Wiener's 2017 law that forces local governments to automatically greenlight apartments and other dense urban housing projects, so long as developers set a certain share of the units aside for lower income residents and abide by more stringent and costly labor standards. That means no lengthy environmental reviews or noisy city council meetings. This year's version tweaks the formula slightly by relaxing some of the labor standards and nixing a prior exemption for many coastal neighborhoods.

SB 4, dubbed the "Yes in God's Backyard" bill, would clear the way for churches, synagogues, mosques and other houses of worship, along with nonprofit colleges, to build designated affordable housing on their properties without having to conduct environmental reviews, receive approval from local governments or request changes to zoning.

WHO SUPPORTS THEM: ** Though the coalitions supporting both bills aren't identical, housing developers, "Yes in My Backyard" activists, affordable housing advocates and some of the state's biggest labor unions have lined up behind both. Arguably the most politically significant backer has been the state's unionized carpenters, who have emerged over the last two years as one of the most well-organized interest groups in support of more housing construction and whose support has given many labor-friendly Democrats tacit permission to break with less enthusiastic organized labor groups.

WHO IS OPPOSED: Many local governments, building trade unions and environmental activists have lined up against bills.

WHY THEY MATTER: The law that SB 423 would re-up was used to fast-track the approval of more than 18,000 units in its first four years, according to a UC Berkeley Turner Center analysis. The Turner Center also calculated that SB 4 would open up tens of thousands of acres of land for ready-to-go affordable housing construction. These are both meaningful increases in housing supply, though a far cry from the state's goal of 315,000 per year.



Kind regards,
Your Team at HART of Folsom

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