

# DENVER RIGHT TO SURVIVE INITIATIVE

**Ballot Title:** *A law securing and enforcing basic rights for all people within the City and County of Denver, including the right to rest and shelter oneself from the elements in a non-obstructive manner in public spaces, to eat, share, accept or give food in any public space where food is not prohibited, to occupy one's own legally parked motor vehicle, or occupy a legally parked motor vehicle belonging to another, with the owner's permission, and to have a right and expectation of privacy and safety of or in one's person and property.*

**As housing becomes more unattainable we must learn to be better neighbors to all. People are being pushed out of their homes, neighborhoods, communities, and even public spaces. Denver can be better than this and you can help!**

Cities have responded to mass homelessness by passing laws that remove homeless folks from sight and mind, making it a crime for anyone to sit, sleep, or cover themselves in public spaces. **Denver law, under the Unauthorized Camping Ban, makes it illegal to “use any form of protection from the elements other than your clothing.”**

## THE RIGHT TO SURVIVE INITIATIVE WILL PROTECT THESE RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE IN DENVER:

- 1) The right to rest in a non-obstructive manner in public spaces.
- 2) The right to shelter oneself from the elements in a non-obstructive manner in outdoor public spaces.
- 3) The right to eat, share, accept, or give free food in any public space where food is not prohibited.
- 4) The right to occupy one's own legally parked motor vehicle or occupy a legally parked motor vehicle belonging to another, with the owner's permission.
- 5) The right and expectation of safety and privacy of or in one's person and belongings while occupying public spaces.

## WHAT CAUSES HOMELESSNESS?

Homelessness can happen to anyone. Many factors push someone into homelessness - job loss, health crisis, disability, break in the family, and more. While these factors can trigger homelessness, ultimately a lack of accessible low-income housing and a broken economy are the root of mass homelessness.

**WE CAN BE A DENVER THAT VALUES ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF WEALTH OR POVERTY!  
Vote for the Denver Right to Survive Initiative in May 2019**

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