



## HOMELESS IN AUSTIN CAN LEGALLY CAMP ON SIDEWALKS

FOX & friends FIRST

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00:00:03,919 --> 00:00:02,090  
good morning and welcome back the

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00:00:06,559 --> 00:00:03,929  
homeless can now legally camp on

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00:00:08,240 --> 00:00:06,569  
sidewalks in Austin Texas tent city is

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00:00:10,430 --> 00:00:08,250  
already popping up in major cities like

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00:00:12,200 --> 00:00:10,440  
Los Angeles and San Francisco

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00:00:14,419 --> 00:00:12,210  
but the homeless crisis is so bad that

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00:00:16,129 --> 00:00:14,429  
the president is considering taking

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00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:16,139  
action so is that a good idea

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00:00:22,189 --> 00:00:17,760  
attorney Jim Bressler joins us now to

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00:00:23,870 --> 00:00:22,199  
react Jim what do you think well you

11  
00:00:25,640 --> 00:00:23,880  
know he was responding to a question by

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00:00:27,410 --> 00:00:25,650  
Tucker Carlson a very obvious question

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00:00:28,640 --> 00:00:27,420

considering how much homelessness has

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00:00:29,720 --> 00:00:28,650

been in the news from California and

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00:00:31,730 --> 00:00:29,730

getting his thoughts on it and I think

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00:00:33,740 --> 00:00:31,740

that the president gave his honest

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00:00:36,680 --> 00:00:33,750

opinion about it that it's really a

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00:00:38,510 --> 00:00:36,690

horrible thing it makes our country look

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00:00:40,040 --> 00:00:38,520

bad it's sad for the people that are on

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00:00:42,380 --> 00:00:40,050

the streets it's sad for the communities

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00:00:43,910 --> 00:00:42,390

and he would love to do something about

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00:00:46,010 --> 00:00:43,920

it and I think that's in the president's

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00:00:47,600 --> 00:00:46,020

nature that he he likes to tackle

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00:00:50,630 --> 00:00:47,610

problems but this is one that I think

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00:00:53,150 --> 00:00:50,640

that he should leave alone California is

26  
00:00:55,490 --> 00:00:53,160  
the wealthiest state in the country it

27  
00:00:59,060 --> 00:00:55,500  
is the highest tax state in the country

28  
00:01:00,500 --> 00:00:59,070  
it has no excuse for not having properly

29  
00:01:02,619 --> 00:01:00,510  
addressed this problem president Trump

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00:01:05,899 --> 00:01:02,629  
has delivered a great economy

31  
00:01:08,090 --> 00:01:05,909  
historically low unemployment California

32  
00:01:09,800 --> 00:01:08,100  
has no excuse for not fixing this

33  
00:01:11,120 --> 00:01:09,810  
problem on its own well let's hear from

34  
00:01:15,350 --> 00:01:11,130  
the president what he has to say and

35  
00:01:18,530 --> 00:01:15,360  
then we'll talk after this we cannot

36  
00:01:20,330 --> 00:01:18,540  
ruin our cities and this is the liberal

37  
00:01:21,920 --> 00:01:20,340  
establishment this is what I'm fighting

38  
00:01:26,780 --> 00:01:21,930

we're looking at it very seriously we

39  
00:01:28,880 --> 00:01:26,790  
may intercede we may do something to get

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00:01:31,160 --> 00:01:28,890  
that whole thing cleaned up so we'll see

41  
00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:31,170  
what hands up doing not doing you say he

42  
00:01:33,740 --> 00:01:32,400  
shouldn't get involved but in the

43  
00:01:36,109 --> 00:01:33,750  
meantime let's talk about this one of

44  
00:01:38,330 --> 00:01:36,119  
the changes to the city ordinances is to

45  
00:01:43,520 --> 00:01:38,340  
help decriminalize homelessness do you

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00:01:45,200 --> 00:01:43,530  
think that in itself needs to be done no

47  
00:01:46,940 --> 00:01:45,210  
I don't agree with that I think that

48  
00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:46,950  
we've seen in California that the

49  
00:01:52,819 --> 00:01:49,680  
hands-off approach by police some of it

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00:01:55,130 --> 00:01:52,829  
has been court-ordered has lent to the

51  
00:01:58,190 --> 00:01:55,140  
problem so the either you make it the

52  
00:02:00,319 --> 00:01:58,200  
more that you cater to the homeless and

53  
00:02:01,999 --> 00:02:00,329  
decriminalize it and start providing

54  
00:02:03,859 --> 00:02:02,009  
services one of the big ideas in Los

55  
00:02:06,709 --> 00:02:03,869  
Angeles is to start paying the homeless

56  
00:02:08,900 --> 00:02:06,719  
for picking up their own trash another

57  
00:02:12,050 --> 00:02:08,910  
is let's start providing showers for

58  
00:02:12,740 --> 00:02:12,060  
them in trash collection and bathrooms

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00:02:14,390 --> 00:02:12,750  
to make a

60  
00:02:16,340 --> 00:02:14,400  
we're comfortable for them these liberal

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00:02:18,020 --> 00:02:16,350  
policies are assuming that it's okay to

62  
00:02:19,670 --> 00:02:18,030  
live on the streets it's not okay for

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00:02:23,630 --> 00:02:19,680

the people on the streets and it's not

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00:02:26,360 --> 00:02:23,640

okay for the neighbors really local

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00:02:28,430 --> 00:02:26,370

solutions are required here communities

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00:02:31,160 --> 00:02:28,440

need to gather around and need to one by

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00:02:32,960 --> 00:02:31,170

one approach these almost people find

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00:02:34,880 --> 00:02:32,970

out their situations and get them placed

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00:02:36,110 --> 00:02:34,890

so Jim you live in the Palisades in Los

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00:02:38,240 --> 00:02:36,120

Angeles and you said that your

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00:02:40,100 --> 00:02:38,250

neighborhood actually has decreased

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00:02:42,020 --> 00:02:40,110

homelessness as it's gotten worse in

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00:02:45,470 --> 00:02:42,030

other parts of that city what did the

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00:02:46,910 --> 00:02:45,480

Palisades do exactly that's why I'm

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00:02:47,960 --> 00:02:46,920

making this point about local community

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00:02:50,030 --> 00:02:47,970

because I'm seeing it in my own

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00:02:52,160 --> 00:02:50,040

community I used to have to step over

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00:02:54,470 --> 00:02:52,170

homeless literally to walk to the beach

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00:02:57,110 --> 00:02:54,480

and they aren't there anymore we're down

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00:02:59,210 --> 00:02:57,120

60% over the last three years it was

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00:03:01,850 --> 00:02:59,220

done without any government solutions it

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00:03:04,310 --> 00:03:01,860

was done all locally through local

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00:03:06,890 --> 00:03:04,320

contributions in our community they

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00:03:07,910 --> 00:03:06,900

raised over \$200,000 a year to handle

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00:03:10,100 --> 00:03:07,920

this they have two full-time employees

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00:03:11,960 --> 00:03:10,110

they make it very clear that the way to

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00:03:13,850 --> 00:03:11,970

address this is you need to engage the

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00:03:15,560 --> 00:03:13,860

homeless people on a daily basis not a

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00:03:17,420 --> 00:03:15,570

monthly basis a daily basis

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00:03:18,979 --> 00:03:17,430

they've reconnected homeless with family

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00:03:23,360 --> 00:03:18,989

members they've got them into permanent

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00:03:25,280 --> 00:03:23,370

shelters and this one by one approach in

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00:03:27,050 --> 00:03:25,290

the community has worked and now

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00:03:28,610 --> 00:03:27,060

surrounding communities are starting to

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00:03:29,840 --> 00:03:28,620

look to the Palisades to copy what

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00:03:31,640 --> 00:03:29,850

they've been doing and this is without

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00:03:33,470 --> 00:03:31,650

any government assistance well you saw

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00:03:35,360 --> 00:03:33,480

about a minute ago that number on your

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00:03:36,979 --> 00:03:35,370

screen about a half a million homeless

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00:03:38,690 --> 00:03:36,989

people in the u.s. each night let's take

101  
00:03:41,150 --> 00:03:38,700  
a look at this tweet from Texas governor

102  
00:03:43,190 --> 00:03:41,160  
Greg Abbott slamming Austin's ordinance

103  
00:03:45,140 --> 00:03:43,200  
and it says quote look at this insanity

104  
00:03:47,690 --> 00:03:45,150  
caused by Austin's reckless homeless

105  
00:03:49,759 --> 00:03:47,700  
policy all state imposed solutions are

106  
00:03:51,590 --> 00:03:49,769  
on the table including eliminating local

107  
00:03:53,900 --> 00:03:51,600  
sovereign immunity for damages and

108  
00:03:56,330 --> 00:03:53,910  
injuries like this caused by a city's

109  
00:03:58,640 --> 00:03:56,340  
homeless policy the horror stories are

110  
00:04:01,699 --> 00:03:58,650  
piling up final word and then we gotta

111  
00:04:02,930 --> 00:04:01,709  
go yeah I think that we all have to

112  
00:04:05,360 --> 00:04:02,940  
recognize that there's two issues here

113  
00:04:08,390 --> 00:04:05,370

the homeless need help and neighbors

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00:04:10,069 --> 00:04:08,400

deserve a safe community with sidewalks

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00:04:12,350 --> 00:04:10,079

that are free of homeless people those

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00:04:14,330 --> 00:04:12,360

are the two goals that our that sit by

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00:04:16,849 --> 00:04:14,340

side by side you know and it's okay to

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00:04:18,469 --> 00:04:16,859

pursue both of those goals and just for

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00:04:20,330 --> 00:04:18,479

reference that tweet was a talking about

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00:04:21,349 --> 00:04:20,340

a car accident where I guess a few

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00:04:22,880 --> 00:04:21,359

homeless people had run across the

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00:04:24,800 --> 00:04:22,890

street and caused a pretty serious

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00:04:26,580 --> 00:04:24,810

accident there in Austin hey Jim thanks