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What kind of housing would be offered and how would it be paid for?

Those homeless who were highest functioning and had employment, would be assisted to find standard housing that they could afford somewhere in the nation. They would be assisted with move in costs w/ a loan.

Many more facilities for elderly and disabled would be built. To reduce costs, these should be built on the rooming house or SRO style. People would have their own room or a shared room but no private kitchen or bathroom.

Once they had completed drug treatment program and become sober, but not before then, former addicts would be helped to find employment and housing. Again SRO or rooming house style housing should be emphasized. No person receiving free or subsidized housing should be given a private apartment, as this is too expensive to work on scale. The idea of [\\$600k apartments for each homeless](#) as has been done in LA is completely idiotic and totally unscalable, unsustainable. To house all in need of housing we need to provide more basic housing, and rooming houses do that.

**Reward for good Behavior:** Individuals who cooperated most w/ the process and did not cause disturbances in the shelter, or harass or steal from others, would be given priority for the more desirable housing placements.

Individuals who caused problems for others or committed crimes while in the shelter, would be given the less desirable housing placements. None of these would qualify for their very own apartment. They have not earned that.

Some will argue that people who do nothing but commit crime and cause public nuisance, eg open drug use, should not be given free or subsidized housing. "Why should we pay for someone like that?"

But...people w/ serious issues like antisocial tendencies or criminal behavior are the LEAST likely to be able to get along w/ others, how are they going to live w/ roommates?

If we don't house people, they will be in shelters or on the street. The housing given to the most disruptive or those who cause the most nuisance, will not only be the least desirable but it will be very rudimentary. Think: a step up from a FEMA camp, or something like a house with 3 bunkbeds in each room. They will be assigned one of those bunks.

When people are imprisoned, they generally have a jailmate. They may not like it: they cope. Anyone who wants something better, will have to put in the work to get it. Beggars can't be choosers: what is given for free will not be fancy. No one has to accept what they are offered, but again, once a national shelter system is in place, a total prohibition on street camping will mean that there is no longer an option to live in a tent on the sidewalk or in a park. (There never should have been such an option!) Try that and police will shut you down quick.

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