

DAVE REICHERT 9-1-1 BLUEPRINT: HOMELESSNESS

As Governor, I will:

- One.** **Appoint the State's first Director for the Homeless. For a Governor to make meaningful change, it requires a direct report, so they are able to take direct action.**
- Two.** Increase efforts to arrest the 2-3% of the homeless who are committing serious felonies. The State must hold all those who break the law accountable. Everyone.
- Three.** **Redirect 30% of state funding to housing-linked treatment programs. The State needs BOTH housing and treatment to effectively address and reduce homelessness.**
- Four.** Audit all state-funded programs and eliminate ineffective ones. Local governments are spending record amounts more on services, yet the homeless population continues to grow at an alarming rate.
- Five.** **Implement a database management system with accessible real-time data to establish transparency and accountability. Current reporting, much of it either dated or inaccurate, is driving decisions on what's working and what's not.**
- Six.** Advocate for a federally-funded pilot program in Seattle and Spokane integrating housing, treatment, and informed trauma care. Federal involvement gives the State of Washington an additional funding source, and a fresh path to overcoming homelessness.
- Seven.** **Mobilize other states to advocate for federal funding that covers housing, treatment, and informed trauma care. An alliance will help shape best practices across states while creating a nationwide model that works.**
- Eight.** Eliminate "safe injection" sites in Washington State. These sites are anything but safe, as almost all prevailing evidence shows it exacerbates local crime and doesn't help users kick their habit.
- Nine.** **Promote and expand results-driven public/private partnerships. This is a cause that requires an "all-in" approach to remedy.**

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