

HOMELESS CRISIS

Facts

- Over 1,000 homeless kids in the Allentown School District
- 1 out of 3 families are a single paycheck away from being homeless
- Over 1,100 homeless veterans in Pennsylvania
- There is not a co-ed and family friendly year-round drop in homeless shelter in Allentown

Allentown must place homelessness as one of the top issues to tackle in the city. Addressing this crisis is both a community health and safety issue. City Council must take the lead and help bring together the organizations and individuals on the ground. There are incredible people and organizations doing great work in Allentown, but for the most part they work in silos.

If elected to City Council, I will introduce a **Resolution Establishing a Homeless Taskforce in Allentown**. This taskforce will be charged with improving the service coordination, homeless prevention efforts and identifying both emergency, short-term and long-term solutions for the chronically and situationally homeless.

We must also explore our policies and zoning as a city to ensure that they are working in the best interest of the organizations and people trying to help the homeless population.