

The Homeless Union of Greensboro Ten Point Platform:

✂ “Homes, Jobs & Justice Now - ✂ Not Death in the Streets”

1. **We have a right to self-determination:** We demand a seat at the table and a say in policies that affect our lives. We call on local government to develop a plan to combat homelessness that is accountable to the needs and priorities of people experiencing homelessness by including them in decision-making processes from the start.
2. **Everybody’s got a right to live:** We demand an immediate end to police harassment, brutality, and the killing of people. In particular, we call for an immediate end to targeting and violence towards black people, other people of color, LGBTQIA people, people living with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, and other marginalized people. We demand accountability and citizen oversight for police and public employees who violate the rights of citizens.
3. **Housing is a human right:** We demand safe, decent, and affordable housing fit for human beings, not underfunded Band-Aid services.
4. **We have a right to living wages and adequate compensation:** We demand living wage employment and real opportunities to escape poverty and homelessness.
5. **We have a right to due process:** We demand fair treatment before the court for low-income people. This means adequate legal representation in both criminal and civil courts – including evictions – and an end to the money bail system.
6. **Healthcare is a human right:** We demand adequate access to healthcare and services such as emergency shelters, hygiene facilities, and places that serve food. We demand that all service providers respect our rights, involve clients in decision-making, and have a fair grievance process for clients/guests.
7. **We have a right to be treated with dignity:** We demand access to non-police emergency services. Non-police personnel are best equipped to deal with and de-escalate crisis related to mental health, drug-use, and medical emergencies.
8. **Everyone has a right to a safe place to stay. Homelessness is not a crime:** We demand safe and legal places for people experiencing homelessness to sleep without the fear of police harassment and violence.
9. **We have a right to be secure in our persons and free from unreasonable searches and seizures:** We demand local government adopt policies to protect the rights of people experiencing homelessness.
10. **We have a right to equal treatment and opportunity:** All people addressing issues related to homelessness ought to commit to anti-racism and anti-oppression work and view it as central to that work.

