



REPORT FROM THE STREETS

IMPACT OF THE UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING BAN ON DENVER'S HOMELESS COMMUNITY

WHEN:

April 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHERE:

Cornerstone Residences
1001 Park Ave. (at Curtis St.)
Denver, CO 80218

CONTACT:

For more information on the DHOL survey or the release event please contact info@denverhomelessoutloud.org or visit our website at <http://denverhomelessoutloud.org/>

Denver Homeless Out Loud (DHOL) invites the public to the release of a survey on the impact of the City of Denver's Unauthorized Camping Ban on 500 homeless people living in Denver. The ordinance allows the police to require the homeless to go to a shelter or move along whenever they are caught covering themselves from the cold and elements or face criminal sanctions.

The survey was drafted and conducted by DHOL, homeless people and experienced researchers who are deeply concerned about the impact of this law enforcement tool on those living in the streets without homes and in shelters. It was painstakingly prepared, and surveyors were carefully trained to be unbiased in conducting the survey. DHOL believes that speaking with the homeless is the only way to understand the impact of the ban.

Over 500 people experiencing homelessness in Denver volunteered their time to complete the survey. The report is produced in collaboration with Professor Tony Robinson and students of the University of Colorado Denver, Department of Political Science. The survey results provide valuable information about the impact of the ordinance and how we can better serve the homeless in Denver. DHOL will make the data publicly available to the homeless, the Mayor's Commission on the Homeless, and constituencies who work with the homeless. We hope our data helps improve the safety of those who live on the streets, increases services, and improves rapid re-housing options.