



HCH Advocate Statement of Principles

I am an HCH Advocate and I believe:

1. Homelessness is unacceptable and is a product of conscious social and economic policy decisions;
2. Every person has the right to adequate food, housing, clothing, and health care;
3. All people have the right to participate in the decisions affecting their lives;
4. The struggle to end homelessness and alleviate its consequences takes many forms, including efforts to ensure adequate housing, health care, and access to meaningful work.

I stand for policies that seek to:

1. Secure universal health care access for all;
2. Ensure affordable housing regardless of income;
3. Mandate livable wages for persons able to work;
4. Bring an end to the criminalization of poverty and homelessness;
5. Dismantle barriers to care, overcome stigma and discrimination, and increase access to needed supportive services;
6. Ensure a strong and effective safety net until universal solutions are implemented.