

A Conversation about Homelessness — March 24th in Magnolia

The city of Seattle is experiencing a crisis of both **Sanctioned Homelessness** and **Unsanctioned Homelessness**. As our local government pursues measures that only seem to be making the problem worse—citizens are feeling helpless.

Please join us for a serious discussion Saturday March 24th at 11:00am at the Magnolia Presbyterian Church, in Pilgrim Hall. We will have distinguished guest speakers to seed the conversation, including a recently retired Seattle Police officer, Tyler Elster, who has had direct experience with unsanctioned and sanctioned homeless encampments, and Lorie Anne Larson, of *Valley Cities Behavioral Health Care*, who works directly on the problem of serious mental health and social issues that are rampant in this part of our community. The mayor's outreach office reports that they may also send a representative and we have extended an invitation to the Union Gospel Mission to send a representative too.

“**M**ore enduring solutions begin with everyday people, experts and politicians, sharing and debating ideas, and engaging each other in meaningful conversations”

We invite you to support a movement to directly address the problem with the compassion and dignity that our fellow citizens deserve. To do nothing, is to condone what is transpiring! Everyone has something to offer, from using the city's own *Find It Fix It* app to report problems with unsanctioned encampments, and refuse; or calling the police when antisocial behaviors are encountered, or making donations to or volunteering at homeless services agencies—the ones that are making a positive difference; learn how to determine if a homeless service agency is effective; or just learn effective ways to get city hall's attention.

The event will be held March 24th, 2018 in Pilgrim Hall at the Magnolia Church of Christ, at [3555 W McGraw St., Seattle, WA](#), from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Please RSVP to Mark Elster, 36th District Outreach Committee Chair (me2earth@me.com) or Miller Freeman, 36th District Chair (millerfr4@aol.com) to so we can confirm seating.

This event is hosted by the 36th District Republicans, but it is open to *all* interested parties who have something important to say on the topic, or who wish to listen in on what promises to be a lively conversation.