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The Community United For Safety and Protection condemns Mayor Suzanne LaFrance's decision to force houseless people to move and not be allowed to sleep or exist in one place. These actions by Mayor LaFrance are the ultimate example of inhumanity. The 72-hour abatement notices posted on Tuesday, informing people experiencing houselessness and living there to prepare to leave with nowhere to go are senseless and irresponsible.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court decided last month that local governments have the right to implement and enforce policies that ban camping in public — rules generally meant to discourage homeless people from sleeping in parks and other public places - Anchorage's new Mayor has wasted no time in forcing houseless people to move around the city, making them more vulnerable.

"I am extremely disappointed that the Mayor has not taken to implementing actual support services for the houseless", said Maxine Doogan. "The Municipality of Anchorage should be providing actual permanent and safe housing for everyone but instead failed to address the conditions that precipitate people becoming houseless and then adding the insult of treating the houseless people with such disregard to try to render their state invisible by making the encampments smaller. Ridiculous."

“Criminalizing survival leads to death,” said Terra Burns. “The Municipality of Anchorage needs to stop its war on vulnerable people. Muni officials are clearly outnumbered by the people they are warring against, which is a situation they have created.”

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