

All human beings have a right to dignified and undisturbed housing. In our current context of great income inequality, many low-income people find themselves with no place to live except tents and other makeshift shelters. This is already an extremely trying way to live, and its difficulties are exacerbated by the pandemic. That people without permanent homes are routinely "swept," with no consideration for their belongings, their peace of mind, their dignity, or the fact that they literally have no alternatives, is a violation of their human rights and an affront to the values of the democratic society we claim to be. The State must do better by its unhoused citizens by protecting their right to rest.