

The "right to rest" as defined in HB 2367 is certainly a noble aspiration but it is fraught with unintended consequences for both city governments and homeless/houseless individuals.

Parks, greenways, plazas, playgrounds, promenades, public offices, and right-of-ways, have been built and supported by the general public. The public has a right to visit these areas, but not encroach upon them. There are sound reasons for such practices which include benefits for business, entertainment, enterprise, commerce, and civic pride. To wit, these entities are the economic engines that support the tax base for city services and operations.

Supporters of this bill are unwittingly deprecating the norms of society. This bill supplants a city's duty to maintain order and decorum in public places with homeless/houseless individuals' choice and privilege to live wherever they want for as long as they want.

This bill does not address root causes of the housing, mental health or drug addiction crises. To allow our homeless/houseless to remain with no "time limitations" on public premises does not help these individuals one iota. Indeed, at its very core this bill is enabling people to continue to live a homeless lifestyle.

Our homeless/houseless need incentives and accountability, aka "tough love", to succeed. This bill promotes the exact opposite of the needed response.

trading the livelihood of cities for the those of you who understand that there are homeless/houseless individuals who are .