## Call to Justice:

Advocating for Affordable Housing and our Unhoused Neighbors



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#### **Agenda**

- Who are Presbyterians for a Better GA?
- How we do advocacy
- The importance of housing affordability
- Success stories
- Lessons learned
- Next Up Join Us!



## **Presbyterians for a Better Georgia**

- Purpose of Presbyterians for a Better Georgia
- Origin of Presbyterians for a Better GA

## **Presbyterians for a Better Georgia**

How we do advocacy

## **Video**

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Facts about increasing costs of housing



# The importance of Housing Affordability

Facts about increasing homelessness

Homelessness is a housing problem



# The importance of Housing Affordability

Interventions



# The importance of Housing Affordability

## Success Story #1 Opposing criminalization of Homelessness- SB659

## **Success Story #2**Advocating for HB404 – The Safe at Home Act

## **Success Story #3**Building Affordable Housing with Partners

- 1. The lack of affordable housing is a national issue that affects the most vulnerable people in our community.
- 2. Homelessness and lack of affordable housing are integrally linked.
- 3. This is a never-ending problem
- 4. Partnership is essential
- 5. Personal relationships are vital
- 6. Presbyterians are part of a connected church



#### **Lessons Learned**



## Thank you

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