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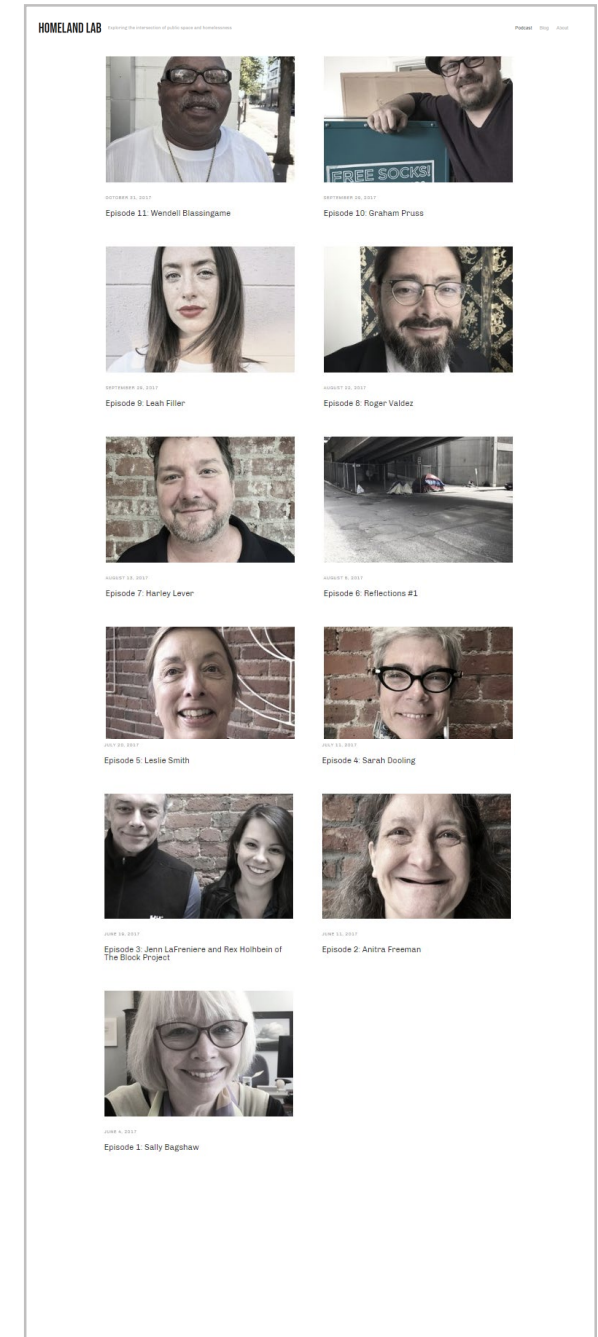
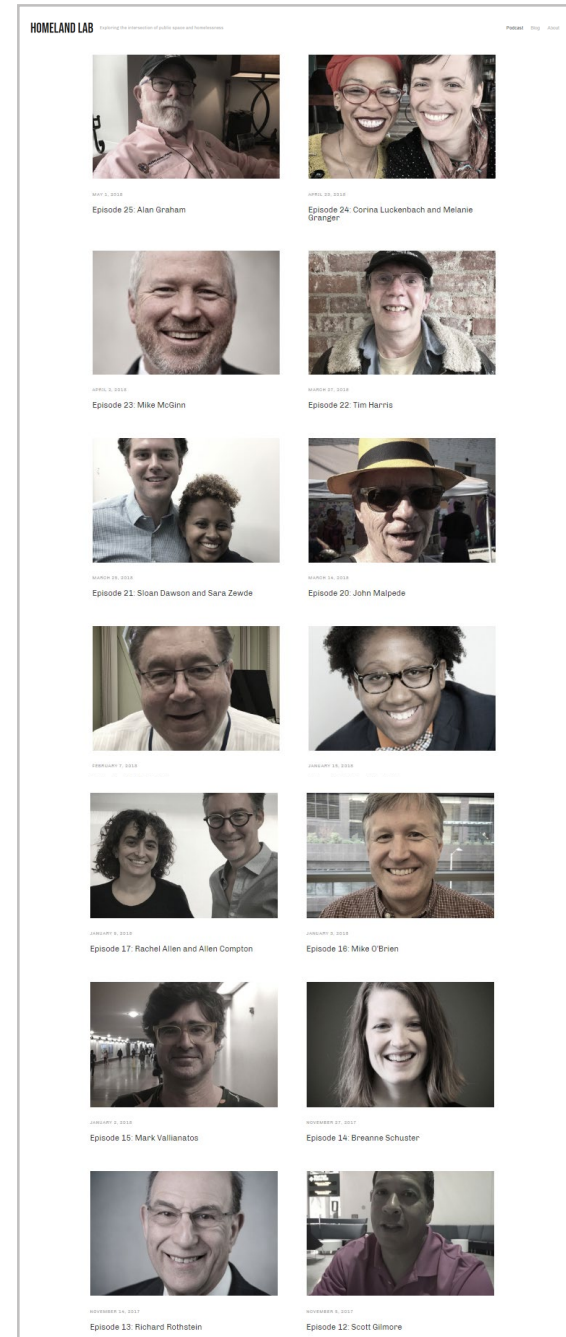
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THE TEN CITIES WITH THE LARGEST POPULATIONS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (BOTH SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED)



To understand how homelessness affects urban landscapes, the HomeLandLab project looked at the 10 largest population centers for people experiencing homelessness.

THE PERCENTAGE OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN THE TEN CITIES WITH THE LARGEST POPULATIONS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



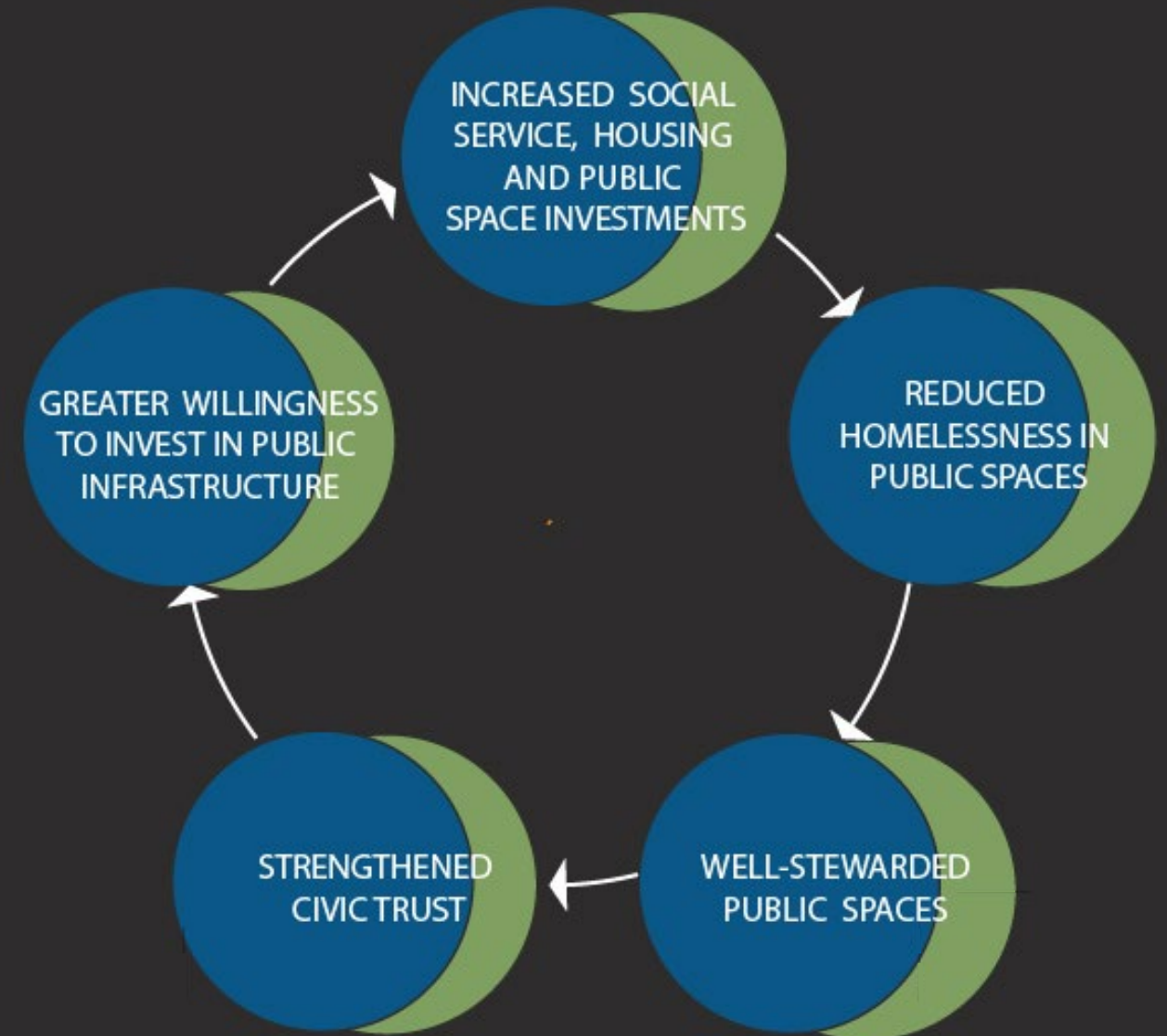
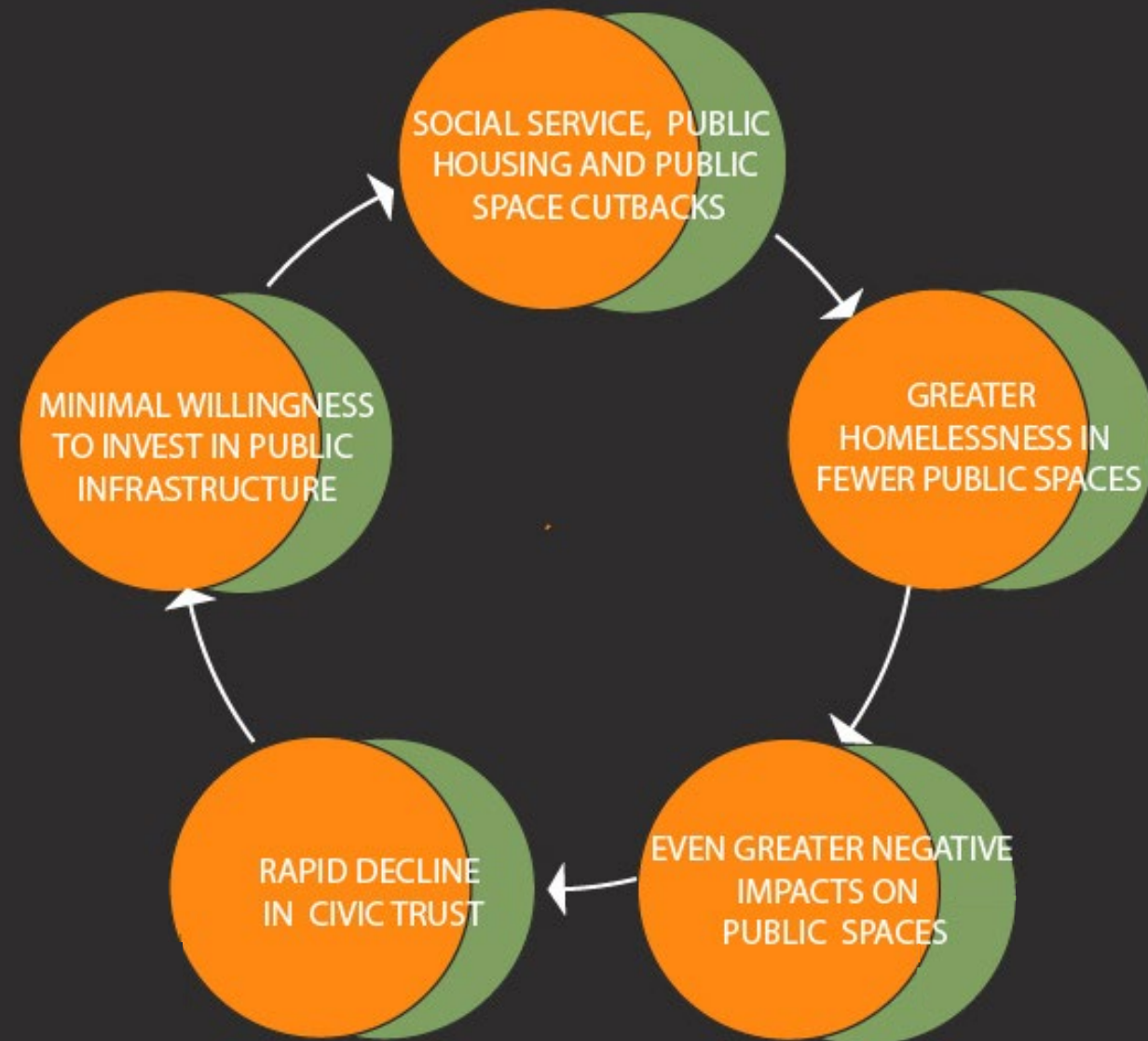
The percentage of “unsheltered” homeless people—community members sleeping outdoors or in their cars—was significantly higher both proportionally and in raw numbers on the west coast compared to the rest of the country.



In these West Coast cities, “management” of homelessness on public lands can lead to spectacular, devastating, and dangerous fires like this one at an unsanctioned homeless encampment.

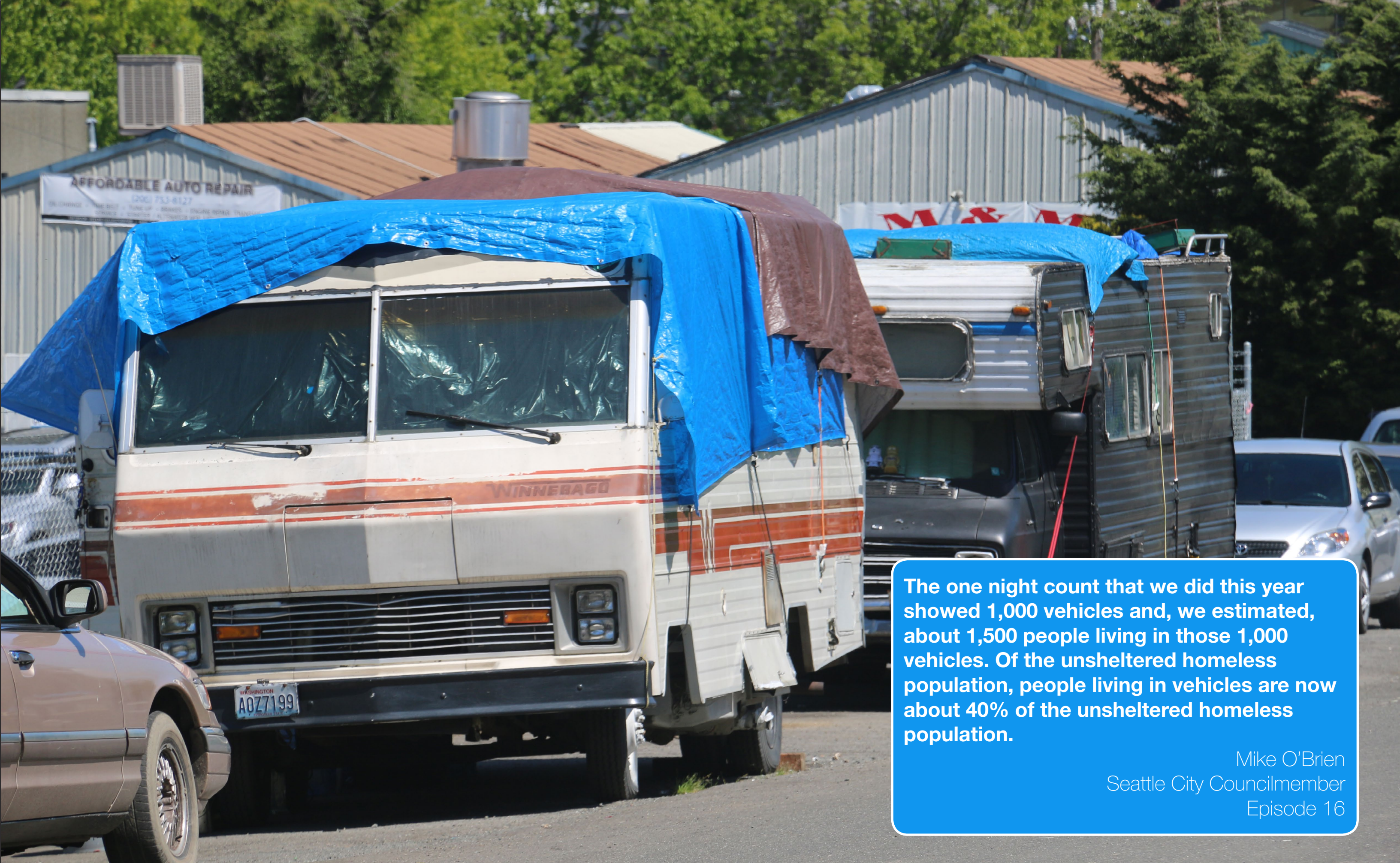
THE DOWNWARD CYCLE FOR HOMELESSNESS + PUBLIC SPACE

THE UPWARD CYCLE FOR HOMELESSNESS + PUBLIC SPACE



In addition to the significant personal traumas, visible, unsheltered homelessness also has a profound impact on the public's "civic trust," eroding long-term support for public space capital investments like parks and streetscapes.





The one night count that we did this year showed 1,000 vehicles and, we estimated, about 1,500 people living in those 1,000 vehicles. Of the unsheltered homeless population, people living in vehicles are now about 40% of the unsheltered homeless population.

Mike O'Brien
Seattle City Councilmember
Episode 16

Vehicular housing is a fast-growing segment of the unsheltered homelessness population.



We have a refugee crisis except these refugees aren't from another country, they're from our own economy. And when you have a refugee crisis, you don't check the zoning code, you put up the tents, and you get the Red Cross there, and you serve food, and you figure out how to return people back to a place where they're more secure.

Mike McGinn
Former Seattle Mayor
Episode 23

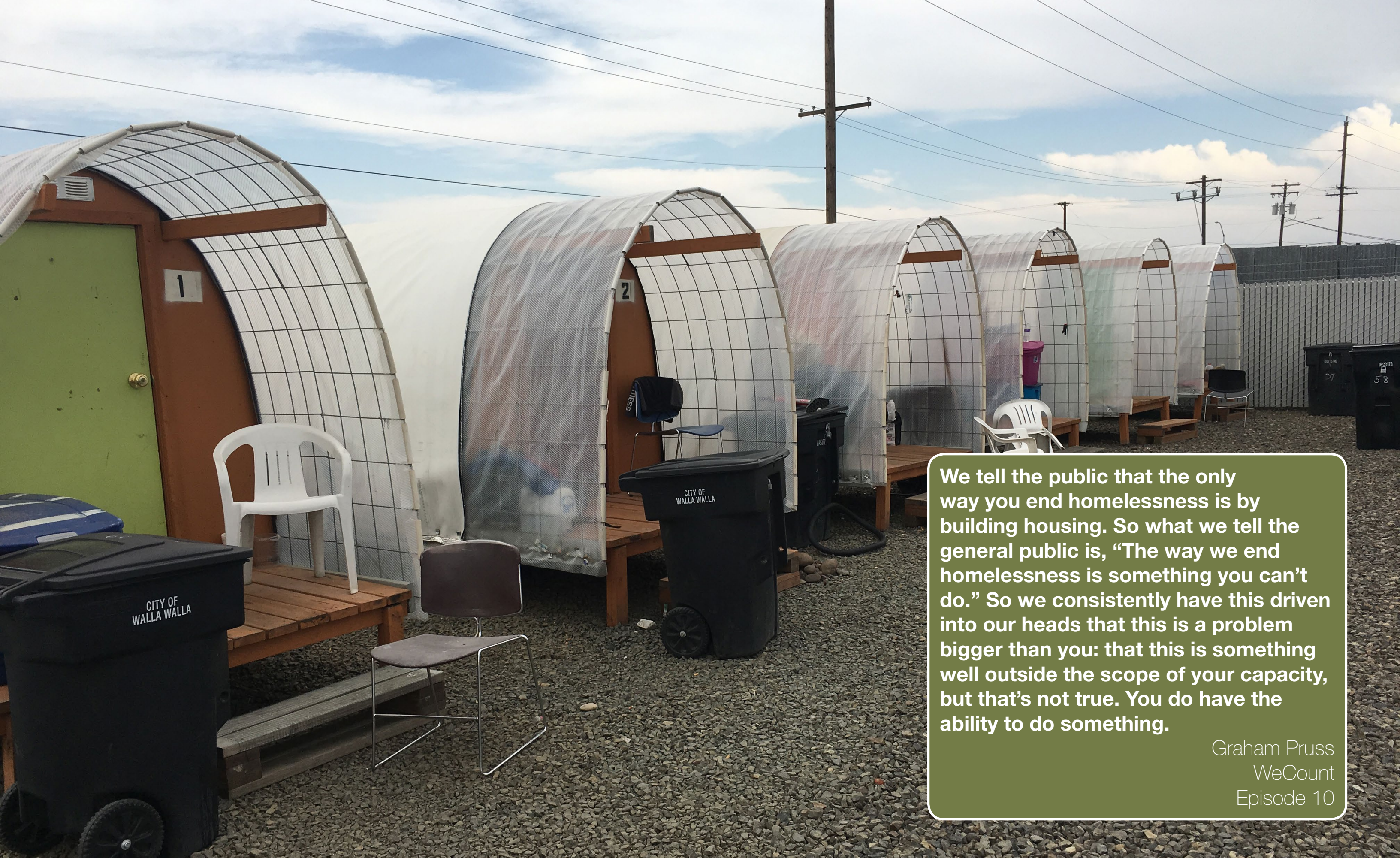
Public lands are increasingly being impacted by people experiencing homelessness. With shelters full, interchanges offer a modicum of housing stability for people experiencing homelessness.

It's easy to fly at 10,000 feet on this issue and say, "This isn't permanent housing. This isn't going to work," and then you step into that [tiny house] village and you go over to the house and you find a woman and her four kids living there and you go, "Where would you be if you were not here right now?"

Barron Peper
Designer at The Block Project
Episode 30



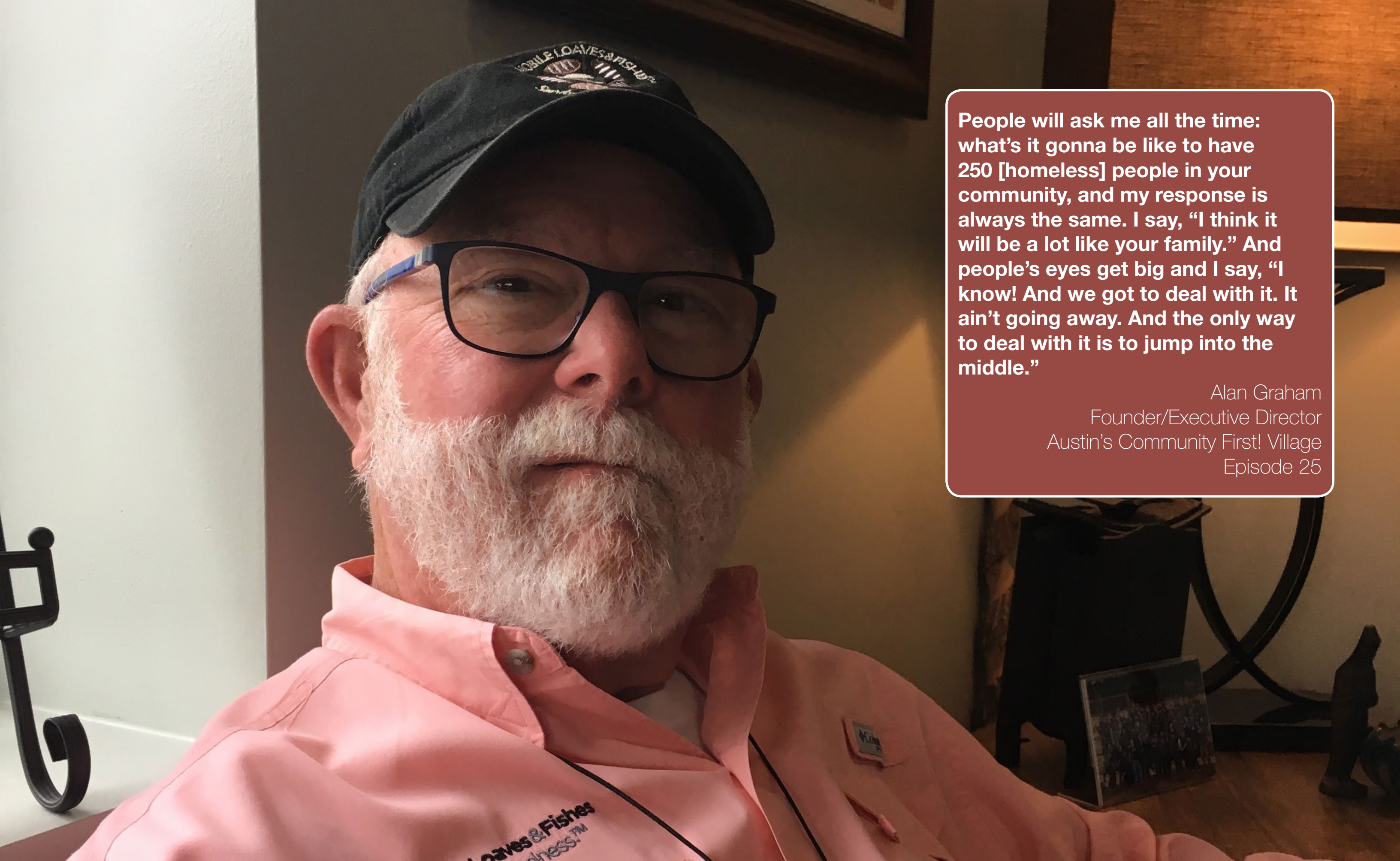
Fortunately, cities are experimenting with new solutions including tiny house villages, which offer stop-gap solutions by providing basic shelter and supportive case management.



We tell the public that the only way you end homelessness is by building housing. So what we tell the general public is, “The way we end homelessness is something you can’t do.” So we consistently have this driven into our heads that this is a problem bigger than you: that this is something well outside the scope of your capacity, but that’s not true. You do have the ability to do something.

Graham Pruss
WeCount
Episode 10

In Walla Walla, Washington, public land was quickly transformed to create low-cost, low-barrier housing for the rural community’s growing homeless population.



People will ask me all the time: what's it gonna be like to have 250 [homeless] people in your community, and my response is always the same. I say, "I think it will be a lot like your family." And people's eyes get big and I say, "I know! And we got to deal with it. It ain't going away. And the only way to deal with it is to jump into the middle."

Alan Graham
Founder/Executive Director
Austin's Community First! Village
Episode 25



[The activation of Occidental Park] wasn't about moving poor people out, it was about making the park more active so that they would remain a welcoming space for homeless folks to use throughout the day, and that's exactly what happened.


Tim Harris,
Executive Director Real Change
Homeless Empowerment Project
Episode 22



This kind of secret sauce that we've developed [by using ex-convicts as public space stewards] has really been to hold these spaces for everybody. We avoid the common complaint that, when you use law enforcement, you're just trying to sweep away all the poor people so you can make rich people comfortable. I think that's hard for a city like San Francisco to swallow and a little embarrassing. So [our strategy] has allowed everybody to be in the same space and feel safe, and interact with dignity.

Lena Miller
Executive Director Hunter's Point Family
Episode 31

Public space offers a pathway to prevent homelessness as demonstrated at the San Francisco Civic Center where ex-convicts work with Hunter's Point Family to steward and enforce rules to make everyone feel welcomed.

A person is riding a bicycle on a city street, heavily laden with belongings. The bicycle is covered with large green and black tarps, and several bags are attached to it. The person is wearing a brown jacket and pants. In the background, a white car is driving on the street, and there are trees and a sidewalk. The scene is set in an urban environment.

The folks who are currently homeless in Los Angeles are, in some ways, one of our largest constituencies at the [Los Angeles County] Bike Coalition. You know we were two blocks, if that, from Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles. And we know that many of the folks who were our neighbors who were experiencing homelessness, what they had was their bike.

Tamika Butler

Former Director Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition

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