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Hi Supervisors,

Two suggestions for housing the homeless:

First, by printing a home's floor, roof, and walls inside its factory using 3-D technology, the L.A. startup Azure says it can build units 70% faster and 30% cheaper compared to traditional construction. They plan to build 10 homes with real estate development company Reinhabit. The houses are made of a recycled plastic polymer found in plastic bottles and food packaging, so it helps the environment.

Companies in Texas, California, and Virginia have also announced plans for 3D-printed home communities.

Costs are \$43,900 for a 180-square-foot studio with kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom to \$204,900 for a 900-square-foot two-bedroom home. You might even build 10K homes by 2030!

Second, the San Francisco Budget Office said 61,000 Frisco homes were vacant in 2021, 15%!

“In a city where the cost of housing is out of reach for most working people, and with thousands of homeless people living on our streets, it is immoral and inhumane to have tens of thousands of homes sitting empty,” said one County Supervisor.

For SD County, I've seen rates from 1 to 10%. We have about 9,000 homeless and surely can find vacant houses for some of them.

Sleeping cabins or Sprung shelters on private land may work, but you need alternatives if the private owner does not want them.

Regards,

Paul Henkin