

RENTER and HOUSING ADVOCATE*

**I work in the non-profit
social services sector.**



"...[W]hen you live in poverty and live paycheck to paycheck, you are in a constant mode of crisis and survival, so everyday it's how to get to the next day and how to make your dollars stretch."

"The point is to get [unhoused people] to where they can overcome whatever barriers, so they can then go rent in fair market units or public housing units."

"And when you are in that mode and can't see the bigger picture, [you might get] into payday loans or fixing your vehicle and not paying your rent, so then you don't have a place to live but you have a car, [you are] not making choices to keep yourself housed."