

**Indianapolis Continuum of Care**  
Making homelessness rare, short-lived and recoverable.

Mayor-Elect Joe Hogsett  
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The Indianapolis Continuum of Care would like to congratulate you on winning the 2015 Indianapolis Mayoral race as well as for a productive and positive campaign that focused on issues critical to our future as a city. As you probably remember, the Continuum of Care is a volunteer group of community agencies, stakeholders and individuals working to make homelessness rare, short-lived and recoverable.

We want to thank you for already engaging in efforts to end homelessness such as the Indianapolis Housing Spectrum Committee meeting at The Damien Center and the 2015 CHIP Celebration where we were able to hear your thoughts on making homelessness rare, short-lived and recoverable for Indianapolis residents.

The purpose of writing you today is to ask for your continued support to those facing homelessness in our community. As the new mayor, you have the authority to appoint candidates to the Indiana Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and we have long needed an advocate who is knowledgeable and capable of advocating for homeless services. We believe having an advocate in that role would increase the communication with providers and bring to light the unique needs of homeless individuals. We request that you select a representative from the Continuum of Care to provide that insight and foster a stronger sense of collaboration.

We hope that your administration will see the value that the Continuum of Care provides while supporting and advocating for people experiencing homelessness and that your administration would be a partner with us as we deliver services to the homeless and work on strategies to end homelessness in our city. Your predecessor has taken a pledge of American Mayors to reach “functional zero” for homeless veterans by the end of 2016 and we would like to continue working towards this as you lead our city.

Our community has a rising rate of homelessness veterans. Collaboration is key in this effort and the communities reaching functional zero such as New Orleans have the support of their city administrations and their city housing authorities.

In closing, we wish you well as you start this exciting new opportunity and look forward to the bright future ahead with your leadership.

Sincerely,

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