

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Updates on COVID-19 and disaster response, housing, and people experiencing homelessness nationwide, June 1-6.

News¹

1. On the 100th anniversary of Tulsa, OK's Black Wall Street massacre, *Next City* reflects on the neighborhood's second wave of destruction at the hands of the City's 'urban renewal' initiatives. ([Next City](#))
2. On Thursday, a group of Alabama real estate agents filed an emergency application to the U.S. Supreme Court, asking them to block enforcement of the federal eviction moratorium. ([SCOTUSblog](#))
3. Washington D.C. City Council will consider a bill to increase affordable housing availability by offering landlords funding to set aside apartments for households making under 50% Median Family Income (MFI). The Generating Affordability in Neighborhoods bill would set housing targets for each neighborhood, and request proposals from interested landlords. ([Greater Greater Washington](#))
4. In Portland, Ore., City Commissioner Dan Ryan announced a plan to create six publicly operated and supported camping sites for people experiencing homelessness by the end of 2021. ([OPB](#))
5. The pandemic has changed King County/Seattle's approach to homelessness by illustrating the crucial relationship between housing and health. ([The Denver Channel](#))
6. In New York State, lawmakers are considering two different proposals to facilitate converting offices and hotels into housing. ([Daily News](#))
7. Meanwhile in New York City, the yearlong legal battle between the houseless men living in the Lucerne Hotel and the City came to an end as a state appeals court rejected the effort to prevent the residents' relocation. At the time of the decision 68 of the original 300 residents remained at the hotel. ([The New York Times](#))
8. The Austin City Council voted to waive over \$4 million in fees for the Community First! Village, which provides permanent housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness.

¹ New stories are gathered from national and international publications, and are not HRAC's original reporting.

The village currently houses over 220 people, and service provider Mobile Loaves & Fishes plans to add 1,400 new tiny homes. ([KXAN](#))

9. In Oregon, hotels have provided a vital lifeline for households that lost their homes in wildfires. ([Mother Jones](#))
10. New research published in Housing Policy Debate estimated the additional cost to provide shelter to every person experiencing unsheltered homelessness at \$4.5 billion. ([NLIHC](#))

***The weekly NLIHC call did not take place due to the holiday.**

Other Resources:

1. The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness' webinar, [How to Help Stimulus Checks Reach People Experiencing Homelessness](#), on June 10.