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IF I WERE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA . . .

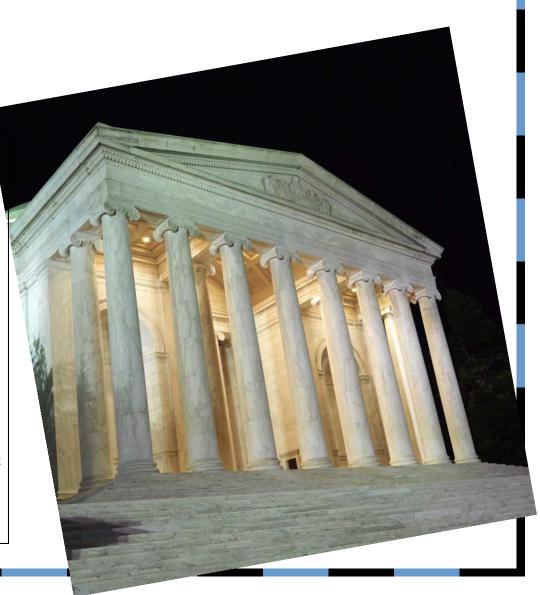
EDITORS NOTE:

Within these pages lies the concerns, the ideas, and the desires of those currently living at the Yolo Wayfarer Center for the Homeless.

They are voices not often heard, but voices that should ring out loud and clear.

The comments have been printed as the residents wrote them . . .with the thought and heart they put behind them.

Editor.



IF I WERE PRESIDENT . . .

. . .I would like to reduce the unemployment rate by bringing in more job, trade schools. Cut the number of troops overseas. Make medical care more accessible for everybody. Reduce budget crisis. Give our children something to hope for in the future.

—-Linda

. . .I would focus on social programs in the U.S.. I would budget the country's finances on health care, housing and poverty. I would tax corporations heavily that send jobs overseas. I would tax the wealth that do not contribute to the community they live in. I also would limit the term in office fro Congress, senators and all branches in the judicial system. And last but not least I would give more power to each and every American to have a voice in our politics. Lets take care of our own FIRST.

—-Craig

. . .I would give more ways to doing things like making a living, having careers, spending budgets, housing.

—-Kenneth.

IF I WERE PRESIDENT . . .

. . .I would closely monitor all social programs in every State to make Government accountable for how the money is being spent. I would like to have the power to make sure everyone had a place to live. I would also reimpliment affirmative action. So ALL qualified people could have a chance to make a living and or go to school I would make sure that all companies that receive government funding and or tax breaks hire an equal number of minorities.

---Sandra

. . . I would pull the troops out of Iraq. And send Bush over there to fight on his own. I would also spend more money feeding our own people instead of the rest of the world. I would also make camping legal so that the homeless can set up camp without going to jail.

—-Seane

... I would make jobs more plentiful. Make the elderly and the disabled had more funds and access to more help with their problems. Reduce prices of fuel and transpation so the working class people wouldn't have to struggle so bad, mind you . . Struggle, not Stress! Make sure the homeless shelter have enough funding to carry on the work they are doing for the people. Change the jail system laws for they are down right xxxxxx up!

—-Marj.

. . .I would pay school teachers more money for educating our childens. I would give more funding for the poor people of America. More hospital benefits for the Homeless people of America. I would lower the cost in rent for everyone to have a place to live.

—-the Pitts Family.

IF I WERE PRESIDENT . . .

. . .I would make it mandatory that people would have to learn to read and write. I would make shure that every American citizen would have complete free health care and I would start a program where the government would furnish the land and material to build a house for any person of family that needed it. The only stipulation would be that 1. they were homeless 2. they cant afford a house. 3 They have to help build it from start to finish. I would also make it mandatory every citizen has to plant at least 1 tree.

--- Richard Spurrier

. . .I would lower the gas prices, reinstate the round off concerning the medicines, have free bus rides and no taxes on cigarettes. I would also marry my wife and make her vice president. Oh, and I would up the budget for the autistic schools and mentally challenged adults have more recreational activities. No tax on condoms.

—-Ray Simmons

IF I WERE PRESIDENT . ..

...I would have the U.S. Treasury immediately print more money and lower the budget and taxes. Cut back on CDC incarceration recidivisim, allow respectable speaking groups to be publicly voiced and under stood. Jail all Columbians due to the trafficking of Cocaine-so it will cease- (cause people need to realize ...no one in the Bay area has enough money to buy Oceanliners and Yahcts to ship the drugs over here anyway) and I would lower the tuition world-wide in all public/private schools for a better education.

—-Eric B.

. . .I would slowly pull out of Iraq. As the troops pulled out, they would realize that the American money was the only good money they had. The couldn't borrow on their oil-no credit and no cohesion as a nation. They would have to have a "sale" to us for American dollars in the amount they need to protect its own borders-oil down to \$28-32 a barrel and \$1.93 per gallon here.

My choice for President:

He studied states rights in N.Y., then in all other states. He studied the Federal gov'l bottom to near the top. They would know what was going on at the top. He has more age now, and with age comes wisdom. He has prior exposure to the office. A new law says a former pres may run again if 6-years have passed in between. I "wrote in" him for pres in the 1st Primary. I called democratic office in Sacto a said my name, town and said "Lets end this madness"; on the write-in line put, Wm. "Bill" Clinton for President of the U.S.A.

—-Spencer Hollis

IF I WERE PRESIDENT . . .

- . ..try George Bush and Dick Cheney for crimes against Humanity
- . . . Pull troops from Iraq into Afgahanistan to accomplish the real goal in the war on terror . . Finding Bin Laden
- ...Decriminalize drugs. This not only reduces the prison overcrowding issue, but would stimulate the economy on tax revenue alone.
- ... Establish a flat tax.
- . . . force a balanced budget to eliminate the trillion dollars of debt.
- ...Force MLB to re-instate Shoeless Joe Jackson and Pete Rose to they can be in the Hall of Fame (I'm a sports fan)
- . . .Reinforce the Gold Standard so the dollar is worth something in the world economy.

-Mike

Editors note . . .

This is a special edition of the Wayfarer Literary Journal, and I am very proud of the work within these pages. The pieces are a product of the "writing class" Mike Elfant teaches on Monday and Thursday nights, and the words are those of the author's, as written with all the humor, passion, sadness and joy that goes with them. I am proud not only of the work itself, but of the openness and courage it takes to share them.

