

Letter: Almost done with you

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I'm so close to cancelling my subscription. You said you were NOT going to turn The Triplicate into a right wing rag! Yet, in your editorial you project that State funding for the homeless will lead to more homelessness.

"All the attention will be focussed on expanding the number of "homeless" people so that more government money will be made available."

Really? Please stop using unsubstantiated right wing talking points and site your sources.

In your report on the successful Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC), you also neglect to mention that they received a \$6 million USDA grant from the big bad government. Federal funding is OK, but State funding = nanny state?!

How about raging against Corporate Welfare? According to the Tax Crisis Institute, the average single American pays 29.6 percent in federal taxes. But the GOP reduced the corporate tax rate in 2017 to 21 percent.

Many corporations also get fat subsidies and government contracts. Some find tax loopholes and pay no taxes at all!

For 50 years we've been waiting for the mythical Trickle Down Theory to kick in. In the meantime, millionaires became billionaires, wages stagnated, the middle class shrunk, young people cannot afford rent or homes and homelessness is a chronic problem.

This is what happens when you break up unions and coddle corporate billionaires. We have monopolies that won't pay a decent wage. The Big Box Billionaires reward their CEO's and shareholders, buy giant yachts and space ships, while their employees struggle.

Ironically it is the government jobs here that pay well and offer benefits, enabling people to spend money in our community to stimulate our local economy.

The MAGA people forget that when America had a large prosperous middle class, there were many union jobs that paid a livable wage, and there were one billionaire!

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Editor's Note: The principal differences between the CVHC Single-family Home Ownership Program and all the proposed homeless shelters, motel conversions, apartments and campsites is the CVHC model leads to home ownership, not a lifetime of rental tenancy and government dependency. By building their own homes, the participating families earn sweat equity that pays the down payment, leaving a much smaller mortgage at a lower rate.

What's wrong with that?