

## Attachment A

Citizen Petition

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Since the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in September 2018 on the case Martin v. Boise, the leaders of the City of Phoenix have been intractable in their support for the criminalization of camping and sleeping in public areas. You have given no explanation as to your behavior. I think you were waiting on the Supreme Court to strike down Martin v. Boise, so that you can continue arresting people for being poor.

However, the Supreme Court did not rule in your favor. The Supreme Court has now said that the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruling stands. Phoenix has no more excuses. You must stop criminalizing sleeping and camping.

The paucity of resources devoted to the homeless in this State and City is disturbing. More disturbing is the idea that in the absence of meaningful programs which humanely house the homeless, you feel entitled to make it a crime to live.

The City of Phoenix must choose to follow the Supreme Court. I expect no less, and we will hold you accountable.

What is your choice?

I respectfully anticipate the answer that has been reviewed by your council and, if it is insufficient, we will take further action.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Venable MA, MPA