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Riverfront Park tent city

What really bothers me about the situation of the homeless people at the Riverfront Park tent city is that the city of Huntington gets money from U.s. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Huntington housing authority to deal with homelessness. Mayor David Felinton is well aware of this, and this is common knowledge. If the city of Huntington and Mayor David Felinton treat the homeless people in the Riverfront Park tent city as lawless trespassers, HUD may well exercise the right to demand a return of the money given to the City of Huntington housing authority to deal with the homeless problem. There are numerous strings attached to federal money and if you get the federal money, you better use it for its intended purpose or be prepared to give the money back. That's a big chunk of change that could well come out of the city general fund. For Mayor David Felinton to have the police summarily evict the indigent squatters from the Riverfront Park tent city as the Mayor proposes to do is not a good strategy. Mayor David Felinton is fully aware that many of the people in the Riverfront Park tent city are legally disabled with mental and physical impairments. Some are homeless veterans. Mayor David Felinton is well aware that this summary eviction could well result in a massive lawsuit against the city of Huntington from homeless advocacy groups and civil liberties groups.. This summary eviction strategy that Mayor David Felinton has concocted proves that the Huntington Housing authority is not up to doing the job that they have been funded and chartered to do. The Huntington Housing Authority is totally dysfunctional and ineffective under the Leadership of Mayor David Felinton or they would be doing the job of dealing with the homeless situation and not the police. Mayor David Felinton has not even bothered to get a court order to justify the eviction of the homeless people from the Riverfront Park tent city and thus cover the city backside against potential litigation. It seems to me that the philosophy of "act first and think Later" rules the day at Huntngton City Hall. Felinton Poll

Posted by Huntington West Virginia in Huntington WV at 15:02

Felinton is a Jackass and a control freak who has zero chance of getting re-elected after obstructing growth at the university.
Anonymous on Jul 9 2007, 05:32

David Felinton is a joke and as time goes on, he becomes a lame duck. What is more important is not what David Felington does, but who is going to replace him. He has ceased to be anything credible. I would be suprised if he still has any friends left.
Anonymous on Jul 11 2007, 04:50