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## How Golf Clubs Can Help the Homeless and Make More Money

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The Trump Administration recently joined progressive liberals in spending a great deal of mental and political energy on the issue of what to do with thousands of homeless people sleeping in public places. Unfortunately, [policymakers of all political stripes](#) have been more likely to hurt homeless people, even criminalize them, than provide help.

If the [federal government swept people](#) from the streets of San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., what would it do with them? Where can one find hundreds of acres of land in metropolitan areas that's not used at night and in cold weather?

What about golf courses?

Golf is a business President Trump knows well. The [Trump National Golf Course](#) occupies 800 acres of beautiful land across the Potomac from the national's capital. A small fraction of the property could provide overnight shelter for hundreds, maybe thousands, of people bused in from the surrounding area.

President Trump could show leadership by setting aside 50 or 100 acres to house the homeless and then encourage other course owners to follow suit. Congress could help by passing bipartisan legislation allowing golf clubs to receive grants to support this public/private enterprise. With this revenue, golf courses in cities across America could make money all day and all night – much like manufacturers adding a third shift in an earlier stage of American capitalism.



Map of golf clubs in and around San Francisco

Americans with enough uninvested capital to afford to play golf would be doing something tangible to help people needing a safe place to spend the night. Lawmakers from both parties who frequent [Trump National](#) could conveniently check in from time to time to see how tax dollars were being spent. The shelters could be situated discreetly behind tree cover.

As with any project, there would be problems to overcome. For example, a busy Senator with an early start time might fuss that some of the homeless people had failed to clear out by daybreak. No problem. Washington, D.C. is home to many policy experts and think tanks ready to offer solutions. Homeless people who repeatedly failed to vacate a golf course by start time could be identified and moved to sleeping tents on driving ranges.