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Proposed Mandate 7

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Hello, Members of the Assembly

This proposed new mandate is not carefully written.

Though it is ostensibly aimed at assisting the homeless, it actually pulls everyone under its umbrella.

It seems to concern creating a "ghetto-like" area where people will be confined if they have tested positive for the coronavirus, or ARE WAITING TO BE TESTED, or are WAITING FOR RESULTS, or HAVE BEEN AROUND anyone who has.

This sounds like everyone!

Excerpts from the mandate:

"During this public health emergency, the Incident Commander, with the concurrence of the Borough Health Officer, may isolate or quarantine an individual who

- (1) HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19,
- (2) IS SYMPTOMATIC AND AWAITING TESTING OR TEST RESULTS, or
- (3) HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE CRITERIA OF (1) or (2)....

"Before isolating or quarantining an individual, the Commander shall obtain a consent to the quarantine or isolation signed by the individual, OR a written order from a public health official or court authorizing the isolation or quarantine."

There is no exemption for children... or someone who desires to stay home and quarantine.

I'm sure the good intentions are there, but no one's good intentions should be mistaken for law.

Thanks for reading, Dana Thynes