

Transcribed Telephone Message from
Rick Cole, City Manager, Azusa
Left for Dan Flaming, President
Economic Roundtable

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Dan, this is Rick Cole, City Manager in Azusa, good to hear your voice message. We have gotten a letter from Mitchell Netburn with seven questions that I think you had a role in preparing.

Frankly, we have not made homelessness a high priority. We contribute to a local homeless shelter and to a regional homeless consortium through block grant [funds]. But beyond that our focus has been improving the quality of slum housing and building more housing, which is not exactly on point with the whole continuum of care. Azusa doesn't have a lot beyond concrete and basic city services. Nor do we have somebody who has the time to sit down and draft answers to these questions. It's not any lack of interest. It's lack of resources.

I hope that is satisfactory. If there is any specific information that you need to know, we will do our best to provide it. But these seven questions go well beyond the kind of policy discussions we have had.