

blight and affordable housing.

Instead of posting FB rants about homelessness, I showed up and participated with the Antioch Homeless **Encampment Task Force to develop** recommendations to the full City Council. Some of my recommendations have been adopted by the city.

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encampments and shopping centers. I have reached out to local business owners to address blighted areas and the impacts of homelessness on their businesses.

I have talked to teachers about noting being about to afford a home on a teacher's salary and the supports they need to adequately teach our childern. When Antioch City Council had the opportunity to approved an affordable housing project, I was there, literally with people experiencing homelessness, to speak in favor of the project. My husband and I support our teachers by hosting anti-bullying events after school so young people understand the long term impacts of bullying.

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I have been advocating for our community for years and decided that the best way to really get things done is by having a seat at the table.

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We will be passing out our brochures and letting folks know why they should vote for me in November!

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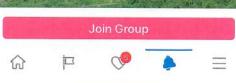


Thank you to all who have supported me by putting up my lawn signs! We have more, so if you would like one please send your address to my email n.gardner4antiochcitycouncil@gmail.com and we can deliver one to you.



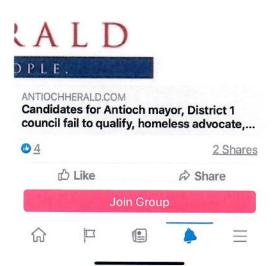
I am so thankful to my supporters not only in District 3 but all over the city. We have received more lawn signs. If yo... See More







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## Nichole Gardner ▶ Facing Homelessness in Antioch.

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Today was an exciting day for me. I pulled my nomination papers to run for Antioch City Council District 3. I have so many reasons why I wanted to join this race but over the last year and a half I have not only been advocating for our homeless brothers and sisters on our streets but for the community members who have been affected by homelessness every single day. One thing I've learned over the years is that simply feeding people and giving them necessities such as toiletries, blankets, etc. isn't enough. I have been advocating at city council meetings for a year and a half. Not missing a single meeting. Since my advocacy started, I participated and gathered members in the community to come together for the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness to discuss issues surrounding homelessness, I have worked with Public works, the city manager and council members to assist my organization with encampment clean-ups and cleanups in our shopping centers, and have also worked with husiness owners and











community to come together for the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness to discuss issues surrounding homelessness, I have worked with Public works, the city manager and council members to assist my organization with encampment clean-ups and cleanups in our shopping centers, and have also worked with business owners and listened to their pleas about how garbage and our unhoused in front of their buildings have negatively affected their businesses. I have worked and done my research for years to bring our community together and break many of those stereotypes that some have about homelessness.

The city initially told the advocates that they didn't have anything to do with homeless services (that it was a County issue.) I never gave up. I kept showing up. The city has since put over \$500,000 towards homeless services, \$150,000 for a homeless coordinator, they worked with us to put dumpsters and porta potties around the city to deal with garbage and to give the homeless on our streets dignity by having a place to use the restroom, and they are











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to deal with garbage and to give the homeless on our streets dignity by having a place to use the restroom, and they are currently working on leasing a motel in the city for homeless families.

Homelessness is a major problem in our city. I am doing this for every single person who has cried on my shoulder after having everything they own taken from them. I'm doing this for our brothers and sisters who have died on our streets in the cold. I am doing this for those who think there is no way out and just need a helping hand to get back on their feet. I'm doing this for those who have said they need mental health, job opportunities and access to rehab for their issues. I'm doing this for those who I have had to pass on the streets in the pouring rain, feeling hopeless because there was nowhere for them to go. I'm doing this for the veterans, the over 300 kids in our school system, for the families, disabled and elderly people on our streets. I love each and every one of you. From the bottom of my heart, THIS FIGHT IS FOR YOU!











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