

The truth is the City never stopped conducting sweeps - that was rhetoric from City Hall to excuse the continued failure to address the crisis on our streets. The fact is that San Francisco conducted more sweeps over the past two years - yet street homelessness got worse.

I am on the record in opposing sweeps and criminalizing homelessness. Contrary to what it implies, we cannot sweep human beings or this issue away. Sweeping people from one county to another only compounds the problem and does not address our lack of services, treatment beds or truly affordable housing.

Moreover we are talking about human beings in crisis. Not every humanitarian crisis is the result of natural cataclysm, a war across the globe, or a pandemic. Just as we did in 1906 or 2020, it is on us to meet this through comprehensive humane approaches informed by data and science