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**AFFIDAVIT OF JOSHUA BELL  
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Solemnly affirmed July 13, 2023

I, Joshua Bell, AFFIRM AND SAY THAT:

1. I am from Pincher Creek, Alberta, but I grew up in Ontario. I have been unhoused since about February 6, 2022 ~~due to severe anxiety and depression.~~ At first, I stayed at the Hope Mission shelter for approximately about two months. I stopped staying at Hope Mission partially because I had some personal belongings stolen when I stayed there.

1a) I worked in the trades for 22 years in Ontario.  
I was a journeyman sheet metal worker.

1b) I am unhoused because of a dispute with my former landlord. I live with depression and anxiety.  
2. After I stopped staying at Hope Mission, I started staying outside in encampments. I have stayed in encampments for over one year. During that time, the City of Edmonton and/or Edmonton Police Service have displaced my encampments approximately six times.

2a. I have been displaced four times in the last three weeks.

2b. ~~I prefer to~~ Between the second and third displacements of the last four weeks, I moved my property to the river valley to stay, but it got stolen so I returned to Boyle-McAnley to stay.

3. Between January 19 and March 23, 2023, I stayed in an apartment I got through involvement in a Housing First program offered by the Bissell Centre/Homeward Trust, but I was evicted after I tried to shelter some of my friends at the apartment. I have been staying outside and unsheltered again since then.

3a. I receive \$430/month from Income Support.  
~~I have no other source of income.~~  
My only sources of income are Income Support and bottle-picking.

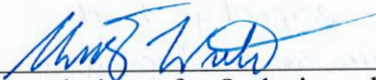
4. ~~I expect to be re-housed through Homeward Trust's Housing First program within the next couple months.~~ I believe that the Bissell Centre and Homeward Trust provide good services, but the waiting lists for those services are too long and a lot of people lose hope and patience during the process to get housing.


4a. I plan to move into ~~an~~ a house ~~apartment~~ soon with some roommates.

5. I have some education and I believe I experience more privilege than other unhoused people in my community, especially women and Indigenous-presenting people. I believe that my education and privilege allow me to more easily communicate with service providers, which leads to more opportunities for me.

6. I do not own a phone. I use the Bissell Centre phone and mailing address. I cannot access my email account because I cannot get through two-factor authentication without a phone.

AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at Edmonton,  
Alberta, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
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Commissioner for Oaths in and for the  
Province of Alberta

  
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JOSHUA BELL

**Christopher Wiebe**  
Lawyer