

# Businesswoman forced to close shop over rampant homelessness, demands answers from Gov. Newsom

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A Sacramento, Calif., business owner was forced to pack up her salon and move out of the state capital because of a growing wave of homelessness.

And she's not happy with the Democrats who run the Golden State.

Elizabeth Novak appeared Monday on "Fox & Friends (<https://www.foxnews.com/media>)" to say the matter is entirely "disheartening."

"I am angry about it as well," Novak said. "I wouldn't be relocating if it wasn't for this issue."

In a video that went viral, the beauty salon owner blasted Gov. Gavin Newsom for his inaction on a growing problem in the state.

In Los Angeles' Skid Row, tents line entire city blocks and while the media largely ignores this failure of Democratic policy, videos of this are commonplace on social media.

But Novak's business was in the seat of the state government — a Democrat-led state government.

"When I come into work, I'm never sure what I am going to walk into," she told the Fox News early crew. "I've been broken into, I have had my glass broken, I clean up human excrement off of my doorstep every week, cups of urine, things like that."

And it's not like she doesn't feel for those living on the street.

"I do have compassion for these people," Novak said. "But they're sleeping in front of your door, and they're leaving trash and they're turning over garbage cans and I can't do that anymore."

While many people want to say it's a housing issue, she was adamant that "it's a drug issue."

Recreational marijuana, a leading issue for the Democratic Party, is legal in California and weed advocates are almost militant in defending their right to get stoned, even if it does inconvenience society and drain the public treasury.

"I've spoken with a lot of law enforcement in my area," Novak said. "And they all have the same answers. Their hands are tied, they can't arrest them, and a lot of people think arresting won't do much and it definitely will."

To get a feel for how bad the problem is, Republican state Rep. Melissa Melendez, who represents the 67th district, which is south of Los Angeles, posted a video on Twitter of tents spread across Sacramento.

"This is my second video showing what democrat policies have done. Does this look like a third world country? It's not. It's Sacramento, California," she tweeted.

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*– Melissa Melendez (@asmMelendez)*

*August 19, 2019 ([https://twitter.com/asmMelendez/status/1163489134507220992?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/asmMelendez/status/1163489134507220992?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw))*

Her first video is seen here:

*This isn't LA or even San Francisco.*

*It's Sacramento.*

*Democrat policies have forced thousands into homelessness.*

*Absolutely shameful.*

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*– Melissa Melendez (@asmMelendez)*

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As for Novak's original video, she directed her ire at Gov. Newsom, and she didn't mince words.

"I just want to tell you what happens when I get to work" she said in the video. "I have to clean up the poop and the pee off of my doorstep. I have to clean up the syringes. I have to politely ask the people who I care for – I care for these people that are homeless – to move their tents.

"You want to make it comfortable for everybody except for the people that work hard and have tried their hardest to get along in life," Novak tells the governor. "And now we have to change that because of your loss. What are you going to do for us?"

*This woman goes by @yeshua\_porvida on TW... Thanks to @gavinnewsom ([https://twitter.com/GavinNewsom?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/GavinNewsom?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)) and his liberal ideologies, Sacramento is turning into San Francisco, Seattle, Baltimore... Doesn't it seem like every city ran by Dems is headed the same direction??? Wake Up America!!!*

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*– Greg Sample (@max178greg)*

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"I have to fight off people who push their way into my shop that are homeless and on drugs because you will not arrest them for drug offenses," Novak continued. "I have to apologize to my clients as to why they can't get in my door because there's somebody asleep there – because they're not getting the help they need."

She informs Newsom that she has been forced to close her shop and was adamant that she will not relent in getting the governor to respond with what he will do for business owners.

This is at least the second recent viral rant against California Democrats.



screenshot of the alleged attack in San Francisco.

Last week a woman from San Fransico blasted Gov Newsom and local authorities after a seemingly drugged-up man was released back to the streets hours after he attacked the woman outside her apartment building. The frightening incident was

**captured by surveillance cameras (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2019/08/15/cali-woman-pleads-to-state-officials-after-man-who-viciously-attacked-her-quickly-released-by-court-785908>)**

and shared by the woman who was able to fight him off with the help of a stranger.