



## TESTIMONY

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Hello, Council members, My Name Is Anthony Ross And I am Living Under Someone Else's Property That's Not Mine.....

What brought me here was the unorthodox struggles of a malicious and peculiar childhood I've seen to try to manage since I was thirteen years old. My story is profoundly Painful and is worth more than 3 minutes. I myself feel as though I do not have to dig back in the past to once again recall what went wrong. It's now the present and I'm using what I am learning throughout my struggles that embellished me with personal talents and gifts that not many will acquire while on the passageway of surviving on their own. These tactics help me to survive and live my life full of hope, motivation, and success and to evolve to my fullest potential. I have developed the power deep down inside to vanquish my pain away from the everyday life and to always be optimistic of my future. Now my point is that everyone deserves a chance, and it's not easy to find kids that openly want help, but the ones that need help may need a chance to live a better life like I did....In a rare program called Independent Living. This program really deserves a standing ovation. It helps kids grow in places where needed and help them knock out goals one by one. The key reason why I called the program rare is because there is not many of them. If you take a person like me who's using it positively, maybe someone else will use it properly or maybe to better themselves to create goals. Nine times out of ten everyone needs help to make it in today's life.

Yes the past was crazy, but I'm still living breathing and walking until the day my destiny is fulfilled. The creator has put me in this situation for a reason, but is this really a situation, or is it another piece to the puzzle that's building me up for the destiny of my life, Trust me you read this a decade from now and I will still be soaring from excellence to the evolution of my life. I hope this testimony will help other youth in my or similar situations. I am happy to answer any questions.

