

CONFINEMENT CONDITIONS

DEFINITIONS:

Confinement conditions constitute punishment, a court must apply a four factor analysis & evaluate (1) whether there is a valid, rational connection between prison regulation and THE LEGITIMATE Government interest put forward to justify it, (2) whether there are alternative means of exercising the right that remain open to the inmate (3) the impact accommodation of the asserted constitutional right will have on guards & other inmates, and on the allocation of prison resources generally, and (4) the absence of ready alternatives. THE ANSWER THE QUESTION REQUIRES A 4 question application by the courts;

plaintiff must show (1) a serious deprivation of the basic human need and (2) deliberate indifference to prison conditions on the part of prison officials.

Forget the old Axiom of do the crime do the time! These conditions are past being civilized, indeed they are inhumane. To lock up people in mass crowded buildings with no air, in 115 heat humid funk, with high humidity is cruel and unusual punishment, its barbaric.

Texas is putting its own citizens at risk, its own Law its own state constitution is in violation. Prison walls do not separate us from the protections afforded to us by the greatest document in our history, the US Constitution.

The 8th Amendment draws its meaning from evolving standards of decency, and in that in discerning those standards, we look to objective factors to the maximum possible extent. It is indeed by guiding us by objective factors, there is no penological interest in torturing Texans, humans locked up in Texas prisons.

It is all about money, politics, votes, budgets, and keeping the spending down. Let's ask ourselves what massive amounts the State has paid already in wrongful death lawsuits & settlements that state officials kept off the record.

is non disclosure the norm now days. has good ole boy politics ever really died in Texas? This gerrymandering pushing it off until next legislative session has to stop. the time to deal with the elephant in the room is now.

In solidarity for change,
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