

# The Squatter Roy Luna: A True Story of Resilience and Determination



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Imagine being homeless, living on the streets, and having nowhere to call home. Now imagine living in a vacant house for over a decade, despite eviction notices, court appearances, and threats from the city. That's the story of Roy Luna, a squatter who became a symbol of resilience and determination.

## From Homelessness to Squatting

Roy Luna was born in 1964 in a small town in New Mexico. He moved to Los Angeles in the 1980s, where he worked as a construction worker. However, after losing his job, Luna fell into homelessness. He lived on the streets for several years, struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

In 2006, Luna moved into a vacant house in the Pico-Union neighborhood of Los Angeles. The house had been empty for several years, and Luna

began to make it his home. He fixed the broken windows, cleaned up the yard, and even painted the house.

## **The Battle Over Ownership**

Luna's peaceful existence was short-lived. The city of Los Angeles soon discovered that he was living in the house and began eviction proceedings. Luna refused to leave, claiming that he had been living in the house for long enough to establish ownership rights.

The city took Luna to court, and the case dragged on for years. During that time, Luna continued to live in the house, despite the eviction notices and threats from the city. He became a local celebrity, and his story was featured in newspapers and television shows.

## **A Symbol of Resilience**

Luna's story resonated with people all over the country. He became a symbol of resilience and determination, and his story inspired others who were facing homelessness and poverty.

In 2019, the city of Los Angeles finally reached a settlement with Luna. He was allowed to stay in the house, and the city agreed to provide him with support services, including mental health counseling and job training.

## **A New Beginning**

Today, Roy Luna is still living in the house in Pico-Union. He is grateful for the support that he has received from the city and from the community. He is also hopeful for the future. He is working on overcoming his addiction and mental health issues, and he is looking forward to finding a job.

Luna's story is a reminder that even in the face of adversity, there is always hope. With determination and resilience, anything is possible.

## Donate to help Roy Luna



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