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I live in inner NE Portland. I support Comm. Mapps suggested goals and urge the remaining Commissioners to support the following:

- Adding 300 police officers over the next 3 years
- Reducing homicides by 20% by the end of 2022
- Reducing the number of people sleeping in tents by 1,000 by the end of 2022
- Significantly cleaning up trash and graffiti in the city by July 1, 2022

Additionally, I strongly encourage the Council to:

1. Consolidate efforts at reducing homelessness by having one or two strong leaders who coordinate objectives and control funding, both for the county and city. We are too splintered.
2. Consolidate our antiquated (and unique in the country) system which has a dozen or more entities responsible for garbage management/collection in a patchwork of locales in the city. We need one centralized authority responsible for garbage collection. Also, on this topic, with vaccines fully available, there is no reason that inmates cannot be redeployed to help in the garbage cleanup effort. I am a SOLVE member. I am also part of Adopt a Block. The citizens of Portland are doing their share in this effort. The City/County has the money and needs to move comprehensively to clean up the mess and to reorganize for the long term.

Regarding urgency: Portland's reputation as a liveable, desirable, vibrant place to live took years to build. We are at a tipping point. If the liveability/public safety issues are not addressed quickly, Portland may be in a state of decline too serious to remedy. Equally importantly, commitments to liveability/public safety must also be steady, consistent and long-term to insure that progress is ongoing.

Regards,
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