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Hello,

My name is Joe Meyers, a person living in Portland, Oregon, and I am writing to provide feedback on Agenda Item 808. It is my understanding that the Mayor wants to hire more officers, provide training, and purchase body cams and increase sweeps of homeless camps 5 times. Wow, that just seems incredibly ignorant and out of touch with what the people want. Homelessness is not because of personal failure, it is a system failure. And the Mayor wants to reinforce the system that has caused so much suffering. All this extra money in the budget and none of it is for permanent housing. Let us do things that are proven to work in other communities, and not repeatedly inflict trauma on the homeless population.

Thank you,  
Joe