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Park and Schools should not be made in to Homeless camps! Even temporary ones. I lived by one for more then 6 months, during which stuff was stolen from my property, my dog step on syringe near the camp, there was human waste left near the camp. There are enough public property including parking lots that can be utilize for the purpose of Sheltering the homeless. More enforcement is needed on unsanctioned camps especially around Laurelhurst park which was once a gem of the city before the homeless encroachment. Very simple things, like placing large rocks on parking strips can be a very effective deterrent. If you are going to allow camping then tax the folks using the camp just like all others citizens pay property taxes! Step up Portland City Council do what is right for the law binding Citizens who pay taxes and your salary.

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