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While I believe we need physical structures for our houseless population (which include sanitation services), allowing camping in our public parks is not a solution. Allowing "camping" on city streets has been a disaster for businesses and residences of many areas of our city. Opening our parks to allow camping would only exasperate the problems which would not lead to any real solutions. Parks are places for all people to congregate, of course, but I think fewer people will actually do that if ANY sort of camping is allowed.

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