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Open space zones often include environmental resources that should not be disturbed. Parks and open space have often been purchased with bond money limited to specific purposes. I oppose the temporary siting of shelters in parks and open space for the homeless. The areas are destroyed but foot traffic and over use. I am concerned about the hazards to children and the environment and wildlife (birds and other small mammals) in the parks. We need to protect these spaces and cherish them. This is not a solution in my opinion to the ongoing homeless problem. All parks should be for enjoyment of everyone and not a solution to the housing problem. Thank you.

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