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We have had emergency camping in my local elementary school playground, which now is littered with drug paraphernalia and feces, despite presence of porta-potties provided by the city. I have significant concerns regarding safety of the children attending school, the neighborhood, use of parks to the general population, and likely exodus of people from the city due to these effects. I run, and I've had a homeless person threaten me during my run between my home and Division Street. Personally, I recently purchased a home, and with these changes, I fear my home value will fall, due to changes in the neighborhood. I love Portland, but there needs to be a different solution. I fear those who have families and means to support taxes (which I have always supported) will leave the city due to these changes. It is hard to raise a family in a place covered in litter, drugs, feces and safety is generally reduced.

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