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I support helping the houseless, but what is the long term solution? What is the desired outcome? The problem is out of control all the way to Salem and beyond. This doesn't just impact Portland, it affects the entire region. This doesn't truly help the homeless either - it just gives them temporary residence. What is the end result? Why are outdoor spaces prioritized for the houseless over residents and City guests? These are shared spaces that are being given to one set of the population. What about treating mental illness? Where will used needles go, what about toilets? How will the city track people on parole that are not to be around children? Could a pedophile camp in a park? What's the desired outcome long term?? What if someone dies? Or camp crime? Disease/illness? How will services be provided? Trash? Waste? Food? This is unacceptable for all parties. It is NOT sustainable and NOT a solution.

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