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Allowing camping in Portland public parks is not the solution to the homeless problem. It will result in inability of the public taxpayers and children to safely enjoy the parks. It will destroy the trees, grass, and plants and cost millions to repair damage that camping causes. (Just like occupy Portland did a few years ago). Crime and drug use will increase in the parks and cause a decrease in surrounding neighborhood property values. Camping in Portland public parks is a bad idea.

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