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Homelessness is a complex issue, to be sure. Most of us feel the deepest sympathy and empathy for our fellow citizens. But if what I have heard is true, I cannot fathom how this could be a serious consideration. Let me first state what I was told, "This provision allows for use of Open Space Zones--which include all city parks--for camping." I'm just going to say it... Are you mad? No one should be subject to someone just "setting up camp" in a public park. Yes, there are campgrounds. Public parks are not campgrounds. The city parks will become tent cities. Least of all the trash will be everywhere. It already is. This will make it worse. Very worse. More to the point, this is a serious safety issue for kids and adults alike. Many of the homeless cannot regulate their own medicines or fully harness their own mental state. Are you now inviting crazy people to move into the city parks where our children play? Can you not see where this can go wrong? Are you truly MAD?? .

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