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Although there is a need for more housing for those on the streets, as you are well aware that most homeless people are not those who are affected by the Covid 19, but are affected by the mental health illnesses and drug use. Our beautiful parks must remain safe and free of litter, needles, human waste, and more than ever are utilized by the neighbors for safe social distancing socializing during the pandemic. The city must deal with the drug addiction and mental health issues because although there are lots of people who are housed, they continue to have these issues and live under the unlivable conditions even when housed. In the future I will vote no on all of the housing bonds since allowing our parks to be used to house unstable individuals is inappropriate. It's horrible what has been allowed to go on in this beautiful city. Once the pandemic is over there will be very few people who will want to visit which will further hurt the city's economy. We pay over \$6k a year and are constantly picking up trash, needles, and are not able to leave any valuables outside for the fear of them being stolen. Why not use the wapato prison on an emergency basis?

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