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Against that option. Even temporary tents/shelters create a number of public health concerns: scattered trash (regular trash, drugs, needles, human waste); safety to both those in the tents and other visitors to the park (especially children); fire concerns due to amount of easily flammable objects piled up in tents; lack of infrastructure to provide emergency response (fire response, ambulance or other mental health or law enforcements); access to the parks by those with limited mobility due to blocked paths either by tents or amount of trash surrounding such camps. This is not an answer to the problem! This is creating multiple problems in addition to this existing. Parks need to stay orderly and clean to allow access for those with limited mobility, walking ability, and safe environment for children. Allowing multiple camp sites everywhere will create dangerous environment. This will be made worse by the city's inability to respond to urgent issues.

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