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Creating homeless shelters in our city parks is not a solution--not even a temporary solution. It would become a permanent disgrace to our city's livability, not to mention tourism. Do the hard job of finding a permanent solution to the garbage and the people/tents spread everywhere. We pay the highest taxes of any city and find ourselves living in filth. You're looking to nonprofits and citizens to clean up our city. While we can help, it's not our job. It's your job. Consolidate the many agencies now charged with trash removal and clean up our city. And find other solutions for the homeless besides our valued parks.

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