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Living and attempting to sell real estate in primarily the Pearl District has become very challenging. We have boarded up windows, rioting and demonstrations on a weekly basis and tents lining our streets. We watch the homeless campers leave trash everywhere and frighten our children as they attempt to walk by. Fires have been set and our shrubbery is being used as public restrooms. This city has become a Wild West and currently the only place that our children can play and feel safe is in the parks. Passing this measure would be the last dagger in destroying our inner city neighborhoods. We pay some of the highest taxes in the country and all we have left are these parks. Please offer, the tax payers some safety. We have passed bond measures and paid for them for this small amount of peace.

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