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The homeless crisis is indeed very, very serious. But opening up tent camping on our public golf courses will not solve the problem and could greatly impact a wonderful resource of our region, contaminate streams. We need to find solutions that get people out of tents and into real shelter. Can't we use and modify unused buildings in the City to offer safe, dry, and warmer housing solutions for the homeless? It makes no sense to ruin what has been a long term recreational asset(s) of our City. Public golfers are not country club type folks, but citizens who pay to play and who support this resource 100%. I have played Portland public golf courses since coming to Portland in 1976. We need to protect these green spaces and find other solutions for the homeless.

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