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I agree that solutions are needed for the many causes of homelessness, from mental healthcare, economic justice & tax equity to a living wage, planned parenting & nationwide coordinated social service triage. Setting up camps in public parks is not one of the solutions. This would violate the terms of bond issues used to purchase public park land, violate the terms of legacy gifts by the former land owners, it would further antagonize the public against any homeless services and simply invite more homelessness. Some "solutions" are described as "Band-aids". This idea isn't even a Bandaid.

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