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Parks are a wonderful asset to the City and have seen increased use by citizens as socially distant hangout locations during COVID. Use of the City's parks as locations for homeless encampments would drive down other uses of the park that have helped keep the populace sane during quarantine. Homeless encampments, formal or informal, are accompanied by increased trash and refuse that would harm the natural beauty of the parks - I want these parks available to the community when we finally come out of this pandemic. I do not support use of our parks for official homeless encampments, other options should be exercised first. Is there land held by municipal-adjacent organizations like PGE or PPS that could be leased for this use instead?

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