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Portland has been known as a beautiful place to live and work, in much part due to the parks it has developed and worked hard to maintain. We can not allow shelters to take over our city and destroy all it has worked for with this initiative and need to look for other ways to address homeless needs. Proceeding with this initiative would take away the ability for parks to be used by families with children and pets. It keeps businesses both small and large in the area to operate both profitably and competitively which would have long term detrimental effects that would hurt the metro area and the state. In the long run hurting the city this way would keep people from living and working here and reduce funds to deal with the issue in a more constructive way. This is slippery slope that we simply can not go down.

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