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It is shortsighted to think simply opening parks and golf courses to homeless encampments will alleviate problems of an economic downturn. What is the larger plan here? For example, Where will those folks go to the bathroom? Where will they dispose of their trash? What about their pets? Who will enforce any rules to help keep the parks safe for all to enjoy? What are the plans for increased maintenance to account for additional wear and tear? How will the city keep the parks and courses clean, orderly and sanitary? And when does the zoning end, or will encampments be a permanent fixture? Without all these plans in place the effect is that the city's parks and golf courses get handed over to only a select few folks and the rest of the people can no longer enjoy them. Now that doesn't seem fair.

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