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Allowing these camps on public property is NOT acceptable! Because of Portland's policies on homeless rights we have homeless people coming here from all over the United States. And now because of the drug decriminalisation we will have more drug addicts which make up most of the street homeless. I have been battling the homeless camps in my neighbourhood for years. There is constant violence, robbery and trash. They throw their trash in the creek which we have fought long and hard to bring back for the salmon and within a month it is totally polluted again. There have been many instances of public masturbation and sex on the Springwater trail, a trail used by children. No one can leave their garage open because within minutes anything that can be stolen will be. I have worked hard all my life to get what I have and these people just take it. If you would like to see what will happen to our city if public lands are given to the homeless just make a visit to the parking lot at the soccer/baseball field for Westmoreland Park. There is a "city" of homeless - piles of trash, junk cars, drug deals - all in front of the children that play at that park. Or take a drive up Powell Blvd and witness the trash heaps where the camps are at the side of the road. Is there not a concern for the rat issue that arises from this - take a look at New York for an example. If this is acceptable to the city then why don't we just hand Portland over to the homeless

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