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Allowing shelters in public open space removes that space from use as a park. Open spaces and the environment are already being negatively impacted due to unsanctioned camping. This amendment only makes matters worse and increasingly challenging to recover from. Adequate alternatives already exist and continue to expand. Allowing shelters in open space is a short-sighted, Band-Aid solution.

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