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While I agree that more needs to be done to take care of our most vulnerable citizens, I don't believe this is the answer. It does nothing to get to the root of the problem and quite frankly it's lazy. There is no regulation or oversight of these proposed campsites in this proposal and I worry not only about the safety of those individuals, but also how it will impact the surrounding neighborhoods. I believe outer East Portland will bear the brunt of all of this. Already this year our neighborhoods have been overwhelmed with campsites, trash, and violence with little to no support from the city we pay taxes to. We are ignored and not allowed a voice. While I write this, I have no confidence it will be read or heard. I've attended forums before where I've watched my neighbors bring forth valid concerns only for them to be dismissed. The city council should consider what the neighborhoods have to say. We should not only be allowed a voice, but to also be heard. As homeowners we are continuously treated like the enemy. Not only do you represent the most vulnerable, but you represent ALL of us. Can you please do that?

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