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The out-of-control increase in homeless camps in East Portland has significantly increased crime and had a significant negative impact on the quality of life for tax-paying residents. I am the father of 2 students at Parkrose HS and both of my children want to leave Portland as soon as they graduate HS. Our kids should be growing up in Portland proud of our city, not ashamed and disgusted by it. Moreover, much of what the city has been doing in terms of service-resistant homeless only serves to enable behaviors that negatively impact residents. Rampant drug use, car theft, property crime, antisocial behavior, etc., are not because perpetrators are houseless - it's because there are no consequences for their actions. History will look back on this period in Portland as the failed Wheeler and Hardesty era. Our City leaders should be ashamed of what they have allowed this city to become.

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