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I've lived in Portland all my life and the homeless problem will still be an issue regardless if you make a camp for them or not. I've talked to countless homeless folks over the years and not one has told me that they want a shelter. If you dismantle Portland International Raceway and turn it into a homeless camp, city, whatever.. You are going to have a much bigger issue on you're hands than the homeless. The rate of street racing through Portland street will increase by at least 60-70% and then at that point there is nothing that the Police or the city can do. You can't take our right to modify our cars/trucks because that's taking away our right as Americans to express ourselves. If you take way our Raceway and the ability to modify cars Portland will be a horrible place to live and right now it's a great place.. Don't change it. There are plenty of other properties that the homeless can stay if they so choose to.. This decision your about to vote on is a pointless one.. Nothing is going to change and you won't be able to force the homeless population to live there. Leave the homeless population alone.

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