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Expanding areas for homeless camps in parks and golf courses does not make our treatment of tent dwellers more civilized. In fact it degrades the standards of a civilized society by making it more acceptable to live without real shelter. True shelter has running water, heat, sound roof, sanitation. Let's solve this problem. A truly civilized society would make it unacceptable to have people living in tents in their city. Let's house the homeless instead of parceling out parks so outside living becomes the standard of our civic concern for the poor.

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