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I am against camping in the parks. I live a block from Mt. Tabor Park and our neighborhood families use the park all the time. It has been a neighborhood retreat during this pandemic. The damages from trash, human waste and drug use or other bad behavior of some campers would make it unsafe. Rendering the park useless for families, especially children. The fenced lot in use for camping down by the Hawthorne bridge should be the model for camping. Campers need bathrooms and close proximity to support services. Ideally renting old motels turning them in to shelter would be an improvement to camping. Sincerely concerned about Portland's future livability, Tamara Mathews

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