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Keep the parks as parks, not tent cities Change S2HC to prevent using parks, environmentally sensitive areas and public trails. Not even temporarily. Access to parks and open space is essential to the livability of our city. Remove it and you encourage people to move away and stay away from downtown. Our city is already boarded up and graffitied. Adding tent cities to our public parks is not a way to rebuild. Yes, we have a homeless issue that needs to be addressed. But we need a vibrant and livable city or we will lose businesses and downtown residents. I support the idea of having zoning that allows tiny homes and/or tents with sanitation facilities in select areas. We need an alternative to having people camping on the sidewalk in front of condos. But not at the expense of our existing parks and green spaces. Keep Portland livable and vibrant.

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