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I was them ... more than 38 years ago. I understand, yet city government- my hard earned and paid tax dollar needs to do more to provide support to this troubled population AND to those of us who work hard contributing to our country and local communities. Summer is coming. Most of the rest of this country sends these lost souls here with one-way bus passes. This homeless epidemic is destroying this city, my home value, and our environment. My property taxes mostly go to support police, fire and parks yet... the parks and greenways are destroyed and last September I called police because of an intruder on my private property and have yet to have any sort of response. If you're not going to do your job... why am I paying taxes? The groundwater protection area is and has been SO polluted. This isn't "fair" to NE Portland. What about your claims of fairness and equity - equality - inclusiveness? No one community can be responsible to embrace this horrible situation. First lower my taxes, spread the problem equally throughout the city, invest in resources to help instead of enable - DO NOT continue to destroy my community and beloved city

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