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The potential for expanding encampments for the unhoused in our public parks would effectively expand exacerbate their suffering. There are public spaces suitable for camping distributed across the entire 145 square miles of our city. This proposal would dilute these suffering human beings, making it more difficult for them to access the services they need to survive and better their situations. It would also make it much more difficult for our public servants to find them and help them access the help they need. We need centralized, concentrated public spaces dedicated to temporary shelters and encampments in order to ensure that our unhoused neighbors can find and receive the help they need as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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