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It is way past time to clear these dangerous, unsightly and inhumane tents from our sidewalks and public spaces. The city has been sitting on its hands far too long. The time is now to act. ***The vast majority of us, citizens of Portland***, want action right away. Plus, back up our police to allow them and the street response teams to clear the mess quickly, safely and efficiently.

The city has the money to get this plan started now. Stop wasting \$45M a year on the failed county-run Joint Office of Homeless Services and use these city tax dollars to start implementing this plan. Do not give County or Metro politicians a veto over city policies. Longer-term, Portland deserves its fair share of the \$250M a year homeless services tax.

This plan currently lacks the timelines, deadlines and benchmarks that reflect the urgency and severity of this humanitarian and public safety crisis. Delaying enforcement of existing no camping laws, will only further delay the policy changes required to create safe camping areas with access to services, more emergency shelters, more housing, and cleaner, clear sidewalks. Without accountability and action, this plan is nothing more than just empty words and empty promises.

Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city.

Don't be fooled again by a loud, vocal minority. Stand up for ***our*** city!

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