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You must take action to save our city NOW or we will all suffer. It is time to end camping on our streets. The entire population is suffering and will suffer more if we do not address the needs of the few. Take action NOW. Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety, and clean up our city. This is not humane, it is dangerous, and inhumane. Law abiding citizens have a right to live in a safe, clean, and healthy city.

The time to act is now. Metro voters have been generous in providing funds to address this emergency. Treat it as one. Stop wasting time and money. Take action. If it doesn't work, that's fine, but it won't work if you don't try. Do it now.

Get people off the streets, into sanctioned camps, and enforce our laws. Clean up the garbage. I'm a lifetime resident of the Portland area. Your lack of action is appalling. Get over your fear and take swift action.

Thank you,
Lori Holmes

KEY MESSAGES FOR PUBLIC OR WRITTEN COMMENTS

(Public testimony is limited to 2-minutes, including a brief introduction. We recommend limiting written testimony to 100-125 words)

- **END CAMPING NOW:** It's past time to end dangerous, inhumane, and illegal camping in public areas. People are suffering. Neighborhoods are unsafe. Portland is hurting Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city. This is a long overdue step.
- **USE CITY FUNDS NOW:** The city has the money to get this plan started. 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.
- **PORTLAND CANNOT WAIT 18-MONTHS FOR CHANGE:** 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 w 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.