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Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am a resident and business owner in Portland and have been so since 2007.

Please support proposed resolutions 899-903. The city is long over do to make our streets safe again. The policies that have made sidewalk camping legal have brought terrible danger both to the campers and to the other residents of Portland. It is a disgraceful situation and an embarrassment to the city.

The \$45 million spent on the Joint Office of Homeless Services has clearly been a failure and a waste. Giving politicians veto power over city policies hurts the city and its taxpayers.

The current plan stalls much needed changes and lacks appropriate deadlines for getting these problems taken care of. We cannot wait that long. We need to act now on a situation that has been completely out of control for years.

Sincerely,  
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