

From: [Jude Baas](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: PORTLAND CANNOT WAIT 18-MONTHS FOR CHANGE
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Dear, Council Members,

I am writing to show my support for the proposal to ban all public camping in Portland, and to provide shelter space and support services to all who go unsheltered in this city, through organized, pragmatic, dignity providing sanctioned campuses and shelters.

It's past time to end dangerous, inhumane, and harmful camping in public areas. People are suffering tragically. Neighborhoods and public areas are unsafe and being destroyed. Lives are being lost and permanently damaged unnecessarily. Portland is crumbling. Please also support Mayor Wheeler and Dan Ryan's proposal and proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to heal our city. This is a long overdue step.

Please be brave for us all and particularly for our neighbors in need and take on and call out all those who would confuse or constrain smart, dignity-creating immediate action to take on this inhumane and destructive public encampment crisis and the increasing horrific suffering it is causing.

Please don't give up.

Thank you for your generous service to this City, and for continuing to fight boldly and intelligently for it.

Sincerely,

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