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Included in the discussion should be:

1. Considering that the number of homeless has exploded as a direct result of governmental action over the last two and a half years, is it not incumbent upon the government to "bend over backward" to alleviate the suffering of those poor souls?

Please note: There is NOTHING political in that last statement of fact. To ignore that fact would be the politics of the evilest.

2. What laws were in place "before"?
3. What laws changed that allowed "sidewalk camping" in the first place?
4. What laws need to be changed back?
5. How was illegal camping dealt with before?
6. What is the most egalitarian means of moving the people involved? Where to?
7. You DO realize that LAW ENFORCEMENT will be a necessary part of ANY solution, right?
8. HOTEL ROOMS ARE NOT AN OK SOLUTION!
9. What plan was there, at the time, to transition back to "normalcy"? If no plan, why not? Who is responsible for that? What consequences should there be?