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It is time to face the facts. Nothing city, county or state governance in Oregon have done to create solutions for homeless campers has worked, or come close to solving any of the myriad of problems that come along with the homeless population. It is time to stop wasting money and go in another direction.

Despite the very large budget of Joint Office of Homeless services, they seem unable to put that money to the best use. Their monitoring of the metrics of the homeless population in general is poor, and they have made some very poor decisions about how best to use the money. Also the timeline they are working on does little more than put a dent the problem.

It is disturbing and difficult to watch Portland portrayed on the national stage as a failed city with rampant crime and drug use. I am sick of passing homeless addicts on the sidewalks shooting up or nodding out among their belongings and trash. It is time for a change.