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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony on camping ban
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Dear Portland City Commissioners,

Our street has been dealing with sidewalk tents for 3 years. The City Response team has cleared them out at least twice, but within weeks, they or others come back. Now two blocks, SE 49th near Hawthorne and SE Clay off of 49th are clogged with tents, both sidewalks on SE Clay are covered with tents. It is unsafe to walk on SE Clay as there is no room to walk on either sidewalk and cars come around the corner on SE 49th and the only place to walk is the street.

We have seen open drug use and dealing, vandalism, threats of violence to residents and invasion of our yards and porches with homeless campers and drug addicts. It is time for this to end. I urge you to immediately set up camp sites to relocate these campers. Even if the sites are not complete with amenities yet, it is better than camping on the sidewalks. Our neighborhood is besieged and unsafe. And its like this all over Portland.

Thank you,

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