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- **END CAMPING NOW:** It's past time to end dangerous, inhumane, and illegal camping in public areas. Neighborhoods are unsafe and unsanitary. Support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city. This is a long overdue step.
- **USE CITY FUNDS NOW:** The city has the money to get this plan started. Stop wasting \$45M a year on the failed county-run Joint Office of Homeless Services and use these city tax dollars to start implementing this plan.
- **PORTLAND CANNOT WAIT 18-MONTHS FOR CHANGE:** This plan currently lacks the timelines, deadlines and benchmarks that reflect the urgency and severity of this humanitarian and public safety crisis. Delaying enforcement of existing no camping laws, will only further delay the policy changes required to create safe camping areas w access to services, more emergency shelters, more housing, and cleaner, clear sidewalks.

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