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hi there,

i have lived in "close in" SE Portland for 17 years. Last year, we moved because it was unsafe on my street. We were luckily in a position that we did not have to change schools. We had 6 years of deteriorating situations. We played by every rule. We organized as neighborhood. We worked with local businesses. We spoke to our representatives. I volunteered and adopted my block to clean up garbage...no small task when our collection is every other week.

My wife has more patience if not more tolerance too. She could no longer wake up in our house and feel safe. If you were to know my wife, you would see how big of a deal this is.

My comment, my position. DO NOT WAIT. we have been waiting for years. To put this mildly, no one asked my opinion when houseless individuals and groups started camping across the street. No one asked me if I was ok to live on a once quiet street that turned violent, dangerous and as one of my friends said "on the front lines".

So please start acting, find land, build shelters...but in the meantime, am I supposed to wait? essentially 18 more months of this? I would implore you to make some immediate progress somewhere soon.

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