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I'm writing to express my support for all of Mayor Wheeler's recent proposals regarding homeless campus sites, street camping bans, and related proposals. I'm happy to see proposals that assist unhoused people but also address the impact on Portland of having people living on streets. I have friends near downtown that are afraid to go out, I've seen the massive trash at sites around town, the businesses closing because workers aren't safe, and fires in homeless camps that threaten lives. I believe Portlanders should be able to walk streets and go out their front doors without confronting drug use, mentally ill people, and aggressive behavior every day. And that we can accomplish that while still helping the homeless.

Please support the proposals. And please make sure there are measurable goal points in any plans, find a way to use that massive amount of money from the property tax assessment started a couple years ago, and create an easily accessible action dashboard so we can see progress as it happens.

Thanks,

Linda Bickham From SE Portland

Sent from my iPad