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For too long Chair Kafoury (thank god we won't have to call her that for too much longer!) has let the perfect be the enemy of the good. The JOHS and Multnomah County have wasted too much time and spent too much money – all with NOTHING to show for it. It's like the city and county are run entirely for the benefit of the homeless, without regard for the hundreds of thousands of citizens and business owners who pay their taxes and maintain their properties.

Humane and comfortable shelter does not have to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Create camps – refugees live in them all over the world – where residents can stay warm and dry, access food, clean water and sanitation, and receive the care, counseling and support they need to become more self-sufficient. Provide security to enforce some common-sense rules. Provide consequences for homeless individuals who don't want to avail themselves of the camps. First help those who want to help themselves, with a special focus on families with young children.

Stop running the city as if law-abiding taxpayers and property owners were an afterthought.

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