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I am 100% in support of the plan, acknowledging it is an interim. We are in a major crisis and it didn't have to get this far, if we had put some expectations, call it law and order, for those who are making Portland less safe and inviting for residents. I am sorry for people on the streets, but the livability of citizens has also been affected when a homeless camp is across the street, and nightly, some of the homeless are stealing right off patios, porches, and definitely cars. I understand the journey of addiction, as one who has worked in the mental health field. I don't believe that you can depend on addicts, most of the people on the streets, to make good decisions, including moving to shelter and treatment without official intervention and expectations. The homeless addicts know they will be leaving a place where they can socially use drugs in camps. If we need to bring in law, order and standards, I am all for it because many of these people will thank us later that they did not have the cognitive skills for good decision making for residents, and also themselves. Many of these people have adopted unlawful behaviors, including theft, garbage, and property damage, including the scourge of graffiti, without any restrictions. I know people who saw a graffiti artist messing up a house that had been abandoned, and not able to call the police, because there is nothing they can do. That seems to be the situation in Portland, far too often our police are beat down, working long shifts with too few peers, and some are simply not motivated in a job that should be highly honored and well funded. I believe that every method to engender cooperation or expectations to leave the streets and live temporarily in a dormitory setting within conditions of order, expectations and support (in that order) will stop the recidivism of simply moving campsites to avoid a permanent solution to living on the streets, causing self harm while completely undoing this city's civility and charm. Cajoling and compassion has not worked with many in this population, we need powerful change.

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