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The city of Portland has reached a turning point. Either we reclaim our city or continue to see its decline. Street camping should not be allowed. It is harmful to residents, visitors, and to the homeless themselves. It is an absolute disgrace that this situation has gotten to the point it has now. People are afraid and intimidated from going downtown. The city's reputation and its businesses are suffering because of the lack of leadership and action from the City Council and Mayor. City funds are available to end street camping and they should be used NOW, not in a year or longer. The situation is intolerable and immediate action is needed.

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