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- End dangerous, inhumane, and illegal camping in public areas. People are suffering. Neighborhoods are unsafe. Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city. This is a long overdue step.
- The city has the money to get this plan started. Stop wasting \$45M a year on the failed county-run Joint Office of Homeless Services and use these city tax dollars to start implementing this plan. Do not give County or Metro politicians a veto over city policies. Longer-term, Portland deserves its fair share of the \$250M a year homeless services tax.
- This plan currently lacks the timelines, deadlines and benchmarks that reflect the urgency and severity of this humanitarian and public safety crisis. Delaying enforcement of existing no camping laws, will only further delay the policy changes required to create safe camping areas with access to services, more emergency shelters, more housing, and cleaner, clear sidewalks. Without accountability and action. Winter is approaching - and I'm already witnessing people living on the streets suffering. I am shocked all year-round, however, at the deplorable conditions Portland allows people to live in - and the heart-breaking degree of drug addiction and mental illness people are suffering.