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Dear Commissioners,

I have just read the letter to the Mayor from Sisters of the Road. I believe they have clearly raised some of the more challenging issues and identified the parts of the plan that have promise and the parts that are problematic. I think about times and places where it was generally accepted that people would make self-governed housing communities and villages within a municipality. That seems to be the most promising short term plan for the very real need for folks to be safe and guaranteed a good night's sleep tonight. I think about the Sausalito house boats near San Francisco, Dignity Village here in town, and villages on the water in Amsterdam. A certain modicum of tolerance of unconventional living arrangements can inspire creative solutions. As part of a group working with Hazelnut Grove residents we applied for funding and have yet to understand what exactly we can apply for. I encourage you to add a part to the plan and funding for duplication of some of Portland's homegrown creative solutions. What about funding for bath houses in the 5 districts, funding for smaller neighborhood imbedded camps of no more than 20 people. You might be surprised what neighborhoods are willing to support and encourage when we can create opportunities to make neighbors and link our fates together rather than encouraging huge camping sites out of sight.

Thanks

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