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To our current government officials,

I have lived in Portland on and off for over 20 years and have been a property owner in the HAND neighborhood within SE for over 7 years. There are so many things that are concerning about Portland and these have reached an intolerable level. Rampant crime, shootings, graffiti, garbage covering our beautiful city, people passed out or shooting/smoking drugs in public, human feces on the sidewalks and so much more. One of the biggest contributors to many of these issues is the number of people camping all around the city.

CITIES ARE NOT MEANT FOR CAMPING! It is shameful that the city chose to hand out tents and basically make it easier to camp rather than make alternates happen. CAMPING MUST END NOW! Camping is inhumane and dangerous to both the campers and the neighborhoods they impact. Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city. This is beyond overdue.

The city has the money to get moving on a plan. Stop wasting money on the failed Joint Office of Homeless Services and use the money to start implementing this new plan. Do not give County or Metro politicians a veto over city policies. We cannot wait for change. You must act now.

Sincerely,

Peggy McDaniel