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Mayor and Commissioners,

It's time, it's time, it's time! Finally, the very people we elected, our city council, has this moment to rally around Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan's common sense plan to end the spiraling catastrophe that has been ignored for years. Portlanders are "fed-up", to put it mildly, that advocates and activists, a minority and one sided voice, have been allowed to dictate the terms with our homeless crisis because what is happening on our streets is neither compassionate and nor humane (although they would have you believe otherwise). I can attest to having seen and lived the horrific squalor that is the Laurelhurst Park for close to three years....and I am ANGRY that after all these years of emails, phone calls and letters by me and my neighbors to all of you on council suggesting exactly what is being proposed "managed sanctioned, resourced, centralized homeless centers" has only FINALLY registered to be a compassionate and humane solution.

If our council of 5 cannot rally around the Mayor and Commissioner Ryan now, then voters need to take action at the ballot box to vote in people who will.

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