

From: [Deborah Crohn](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Homeless Plan
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Dear City Council,

I support the ban on unsanctioned camping. We never should have allowed it, and it is a disaster for the entire city. There is no reason to wait 18 months. This should happen IMMEDIATELY.

I support enforcement of the ban on unsanctioned camping and requiring people to move to an approved campus WITH 24/7 security and enforcement of rules. The only way it will work is if there is competent security. No neighborhood should have to put up with a squalor camp with additional squalor around it. Make it successful and safe!

I support efforts to move campers right away into apartments if they are competent, and I support keeping a list and tracking each and every camper so we can know if our efforts are working or not. I encourage reporting this data to the public every three months. Force the county and Deborah Kafoury to do their job!!!!!!!!!!!!

I support removing city money from the JOHS to achieve positive tangible results, since JOHS is incompetent and corrupt.

I support every effort to force the state to take seriously its responsibility to house the mentally ill. I support commitment of the mentally ill, to protect society. I support every effort to allow the families of mentally ill to commit them to hospitals - perhaps in other states since our mental health system has collapsed. I encourage you to work productively with whoever becomes governor - even a Republican.

I ask you to call out Tina Kotek for passing a law that encodes and expands the misguided 9th District Court ruling. I encourage you to speak against this law that allows any person to pitch a tent anywhere in the state of Oregon unless free shelter is provided. In order to combat this law I encourage you to TRACK EVERY PERSON WHO LIVES IN A TENT IN OREGON and ensure that when they refuse shelter it is noted. We should not be forced to allow addicts and criminals and others to live in tents in the public right of way.

I encourage you to help homeless who can function, to pair up and live together, and to help them get federal disability benefits to help them pay for their rent. I encourage you to help homeless who can function to get jobs so they can help pay for their rent. I encourage you to work with the program at Bybee Lakes to stand up additional programs that are similar to help people move past trauma and contribute to their own well being. We have far too many young people who have given up and who are addicted. We must get them to a point where they are functional, since we cannot allow them to ruin society and their own lives.

I support this effort but I want it implemented IMMEDIATELY, not in 18 months.

Thank you,
Deborah Crohn

P.S. Who is going to come out and help Heidi Martindale - the schizophrenic woman who lives in a tent a block and a half from me? She needs her family found and contacted, and she needs to be forced to take meds, and she needs a group home to live in. To my knowledge she is not violent. 76th and Glisan.