From: Bradley Geiger

To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u>

Subject: Strong support for Mayor Wheeler"s homelessness plan

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City Council-

I am writing to express my strong support for the plan proposed by Mayor Wheeler to ban unsanctioned camping in Portland and provide additional shelter options. The current status quo is untenable and is destroying our city. I am raising a young family in NE Portland and we are tired of seeing good friends and wonderful citizens constantly moving out of Portland because they no longer feel safe. And I am tired of reading about violence directed at vulnerable unsheltered persons. The most compassionate solution for all is to ban unsanctioned camping and assist those interested in moving to a location where they can be connected with services.

Please, do the compassionate, responsible thing and support this plan. It can't happen soon enough.

Thank you, Brad Geiger Resident of NE Portland