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My name is Paul Sherbo. My wife Judy and I are volunteers who serve weekly at the Maybelle Center and MacDonald residence in Old Town. I believe we must have a better solution than allowing people to camp on sidewalks downtown. We see every week what the results of this are. Drug dealer work openly from the tents, and safety is a very serious issue for people who are near the encampments. People who need treatment need to be in a place where they are safe. Those who do not seek treatment by choice must be evaluated to ensure there is not a mental health issue, then otherwise must not be allowed to infringe on the rights of other citizens, especially the disabled. Having a place where the homeless can go, and not so deeply affect the rest of the population is a good start.

Let's finally clean up our once beautiful Portland and bring a sense of order back to the community.

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