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The homeless camping situation in Portland is completely out of control. It is inhumane to the people camping on the streets and unfair to other residents and businesses who live and work in our city. IMO this problem cannot be solved until the city enforces the laws already on the books against I sanctioned camping. Given a choice many of those living on the streets would not accept shelter or services if (when) offered. Many if not most of the mentally ill and drug addicted residents are incapable of making rational decisions about their own welfare. This has been demonstrated many times.

The belief that the way our of this crisis is to build housing first is a failed policy. We can't wait that long and there will never be enough money to accomplish this. END UNSANCTION CAMPING NOW!

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