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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: End Homeless Camping Please! 899-903
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I am writing to respectfully demand that the City finally end the unacceptably inhumane policy allowing homeless camping within City limits. I live in Lents with my family and we can all tell you first-hand that this is humanitarian disaster. It's past time to end dangerous, inhumane, and illegal camping in public areas. First and foremost, the homeless are suffering in these camps. The criminal element is thriving. Neighborhoods are unsafe. Portland is dying. Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city. This is a long overdue step.

There is no doubt in my mind that setting up monitored, controlled campuses for the homeless to camp within is FAR safer and more humane than allowing them to camp with absolutely no services, no policing, no regulation.

USE CITY FUNDS NOW: The city has the money to get this plan started. Stop wasting \$45M a year on the failed county-run Joint Office of Homeless Services and use these city tax dollars to start implementing this plan. Do not give County or Metro politicians a veto over city policies.

Make this happen NOW. There is no reason to take your time, this is a HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY. If you can't see that, you don't have your eyes open when you travel to any neighborhood in Portland.

Sincerely,
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