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I support mayor wheeler's proposal to end street camping. I drive down Lombard hwy daily and it's a 45 mph zone. There are over 20 cars and Motorhomes camping along a short stretch between 33 and 42. It's so dangerous for these individuals. They've erected tents that are attached to their vehicles. This is not safe. One day there was a small child running and playing next to a motorhome. Cars are often speeding along this stretch since there are no lights for miles.

Second, I think you need very specific deadlines to meet each goal. Giving unhoused people time to make a plan for their next step is a fair procedure. It also ensures accountability.

Lastly, I argue the city stop supporting the joint office. They have wasted millions of dollars. It's important to bring in medical expertise that understand the complex issues related to mental health, addiction, and homelessness. There is not a magic solution to fix the many issues involved in this crisis, therefore it's important to understand the various subgroups of individuals who are homeless. This can help identify a strategy for each subgroup and make sure the most vulnerable individuals are identified and prioritized.

Thanks for your time. I appreciate the opportunity to offer my input and I fully supporting this new decision. Before retiring, I worked with women experiencing homelessness for many years and have compassion for treating all people with respect.

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Sent from my iPhone