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Hello,

With regard to Council Agenda Items 899-903, I offer the following testimony.

Portland streets are looking worse than the highway from Chicago O'Hare airport to downtown Chicago. More trash and vandalism than Chicago! More than the approach into Newark International airport where the trash is literally visible from the air. It is disgusting and an embarrassment.

I, and many whom I know, want camping and dangerous on state, county, and city property to end; end this sanctioned camping, clean-up after them, and start prosecuting illegal camping, littering, vandalism (including graffiti), and theft in a manner that meaningfully punishes rather than scolds the perpetrators. Give them incentive to follow the laws. Stop allowing these people to assault, take advantage of, and/or damage the property and sometimes the welfare of the law abiding and tax paying citizens.

Move homeless residents to permanent or temporary housing and/or create camping areas away from schools, parks, and forests and make these the only sanctioned camping areas. Provide toilets, trash, and security services at these locations.

The city, county and METRO has expressed that they have more money expected from the various taxes to support homeless and those in jeopardy of losing their housing, so start putting that to work and stop spending it on the Joint Office of Homeless Services. \$45 million dollars so far and nothing toward the end of camping or permanent housing to show for it. Stop wasting the taxpayer's money.

I also suggest that services not be provided to those who were not Oregon residents prior to becoming homeless. Stop creating incentive for people to come to PDX to use our services and tax monies.

Those littering, stealing, vandalizing, etc should not have any privileges and I find it difficult to have any sympathy or empathy for them.

Start being the solution to clean-up the city rather than a catalyst for the problems.

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