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Housing the unhoused is a problem that will require many years to effectively address. In the meantime the number of unhoused only increases and Portland has an escalating livability crisis RIGHT NOW. Having people camping on our sidewalks in areas with significant pedestrian traffic is beyond inconvenient, ugly or at times threatening - it is dangerous. Dangerous in terms of violent crime, property crime, sanitation, pedestrian traffic flow, fire, etc.

Please allocate resources and create solutions right now to provide city sanctioned camping sites for the unhoused so that existing no camping laws can be enforced. Not only will this help address public safety concerns, but it will make it easier to effectively provide services to the unhoused.

Portland needs both long term AND short term solutions. We desperately need you to bring focus and priority to short term solutions while you work on longer term solutions.

A Very Concerned Resident,

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