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hi,

we've written you numerous times over the yrs about this topic....

while this complicated issue is plaguing portland and other cities over the world, again you have to solve the root of the problem, as we are all aware of.....

we all know that takes time....

the pandemic made it worse, but mayor haes back in the day hardly tackled the houselessness problem...

we've written you data and examples of how demolitions of homes is the wrong approach, as you have removed affordable housing from the city...

it only makes affordability worse...

you tear down a 300-400 k house that needs a little tlc, and replace it with 800k and above abodes...

passing rip recently will make it worse, as it gives incentives to developers to knock it down, which takes away from livability and community...

the camping that has been going on for yrs has violated not only a.d.a, but safety with fires, needles, fighting, and murder...

over the yrs, we've helped some folks nearby with food, if they keep a tidy tent...

one man actually got a job at a laundramat, and now camps behind a house that allows him...

he used to camp on ne mlk, and was real nice....

when i first moved to portland in 1977, you had skid row around w. burnside and the union gospel mission, and meals served....

when we'd bike downtown, you would just see one person, or two sleeping in the cubby outside a business...

now without hardly any mental health services, except portland st response, unity hosp, cascade behavior hlth, and a few others besides or. state hosp, everything will be a bandaid...

folks can thank gov ronald reagan in calif for that one back in the day, when he cut mental health, and let folks who needed help out on the streets...

until that funding is provided from fed, state, regional, and local, all bandaid approaches are futile....

it's a revolving door of mental health and hard core drug addiction, low police staffing, as we all know....

if the state legislature doesn't provide bi partisan funding with additional \$ from all regions nothing will work...

we bike downtown a lot to give our local businesses that struggled to stay open during covid, like hubers, dan/louis oyster bar, and food carts...

we love portland and want to see it be vibrant....

when we see maga types taking over the streets, it is frightening, in addition to the shootings in our immediate neighborhood....

we all have to take a stand and take our streets back, building community..

we pick up trash, volunteer at local solve cleanups, and are engaged with our local n.a...

again when investors buy up so much housing stock, it pushes us out..

what kind of community is that?

again, demolitions carve a community up, and rewards investors instead of people...

we support putting folks temporarily in some shelters that can be built today, like ww2 quonset huts with services, showers etc

it has to be brief to keep them safe from winter...

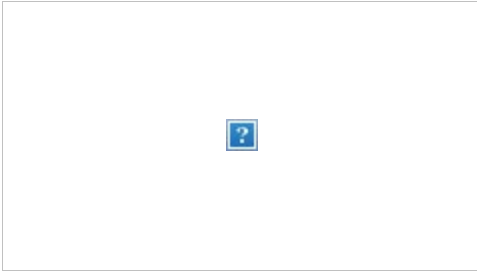
sorry this is so long..

thx

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