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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for the 5 resolutions regarding homelessness.
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As a small business retailer in the core of downtown I want to urge City Council to adopt the Mayors 5 proposals. There must be a change and we need it now.

I'm a well established retailer, over 17 years downtown, my store underU4men is a destination of over 5,000 sq ft of retail plus a 3,000 sq ft web services center we take up a ¼ city block of the Park Blocks at SW Park and Washington. I am also home to Travel Gay Portland - Visitors Center.

On a daily basis we have issues with street camping, dealing with individuals in mental health crisis. Weekly the level of vandalism and shoplifting increases, we now average 6 **violent** grab and dash shoplifters a week in addition to the normal shoplifting. Our Loss Prevention records show in 2018 it was only one every 3 months. This must be solved.

I not only urge the adoption of the resolutions but urge Council to consider this an emergency like that of a Flood or Earthquake. **React in days not months** or years. If you need a site ... use Waterfront Park! Place a camp in public view and at the cost of the events that would normally be there. That pressure of not having the Waterfront for events will push the process along and assure it gets solved.

Take bold fast actions, it's time.

Best regards,

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