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I am writing to support resolutions 899-903. It is dangerous for the people camping AND ALL THE INNOCENT CITIZENS WHO LIVE, WORK OR DO BUSINESS NEAR BY! It is time to stop wasting the time AND THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THIS CITY. I support the enforcement of no camping laws and ending illegal camping on city streets and sidewalks.

There are adequate financial resources available to the city to get this plan started. Stop wasting \$45M a year on the **clearly** failed county-run Joint Office of Homeless Services. Portland needs to take our share of the \$250M a year homeless services tax and start solving our problems.

We cannot wait any longer. Delaying enforcement of existing no camping laws, will only further delay the policy changes required to create safe camping areas with access to services, more emergency shelters, more housing, and cleaner, clear sidewalks. Without accountability and action, this plan is nothing more than just empty words and empty promises.

Also, it is time to stop giving homeless people more rights than the taxpayers who have to suffer from their actions! They should not have the option of living on the streets when housing is available for them. They will never get off the streets if they don't receive appropriate services. Also, let's stop pretending that the majority of homeless people are not also drug addicts!

If Portland does not take pragmatic and constructive steps immediately it will be destroyed!

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