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Dear City Council,

My name is Luca Barrett and I'm writing to share my concern regarding agenda items 899-903. The proposed solutions for addressing the needs of the unhoused community in Portland have proven to be harmful and unproductive. Camping on public property is not a reason to inflict harm or punishment, especially when that punishment involves taking away folks' resources (tents, sleeping bags) that are necessary for survival. These practices propel trauma and stress across the Portland community at large. Further, the suggestion of camps is tone deaf to histories of camps (Japanese internment camps, Holocaust-era camps) that resulted in the deaths of millions of innocent people and is, frankly, a terrible abuse of power.

City council must create platforms to prioritize and implement the knowledge and voices of leaders in social services and folks with lived experience. Collaboration in establishing trauma-informed, person-first practices will reduce harm and increase pathways to safe and sustainable housing.

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