From: Maeve Hayden

To: Council Clerk – Testimony

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Hello,

My name is Maeve Hayden and I work as a Career Development Coach at Outside In, a nonprofit offering services to the unhoused community—I specifically work with unhoused youth aged 18-24. I am testifying against the adoption of agenda item 901. There are many reasons I think this resolution is a terrible idea. I'll share the most obvious one: As agenda item 899 acknowledges, there is a severe lack of affordable housing available for Portland residents. Given that 899's promised units will not be constructed until 2033, it makes no sense to ban unsanctioned camping first. The city foolishly chose to build a Ritz Carlton during the explosion of its housing crisis and now has the audacity to suggest criminalizing people for up to 8 years while they wait for housing to become available. I urge you to vote no.

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