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END CAMPING NOW: Our city is overrun with illegal camp sites. Neighborhoods are unsafe, school students and families walk around tents and garbage on their way to school and those who reside in tents live in danger. Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city.

USE CITY FUNDS NOW: Stop wasting \$45M a year on the failed county-run Joint Office of Homeless Services and use these city tax dollars to start implementing this plan. Do not give County or Metro politicians a veto over city policies.

PORTLAND CANNOT WAIT 18 MONTHS FOR CHANGE: This plan currently lacks the timelines, deadlines and benchmarks that reflect the urgency and severity of this humanitarian and public safety crisis. 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.