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**To:** <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u> **Subject:** written testimony 899-903

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For 8 years I have worked at the Kaiser Permanente Gateway medical office.

During that time I have watched in horror as the homeless have taken over the neighborhood.

There are multiple camps in the Gateway area, but the largest and most concerning is the camp on the corner of 102nd/Weidler.

I have witnessed the homeless campers on that corner repeatedly block sidewalks, accost pedestrians and bicyclists, and attempt to block traffic. I have also witnessed them have physical altercations, verbally assault each other (as well as patients and staff at our clinic), and even urinate/defecate on vehicles in our parking lot.

Something MUST be done.

**END CAMPING NOW**: It's past time to end dangerous, inhumane, and illegal camping in public areas. People are suffering. Neighborhoods are unsafe. Portland is hurting Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city. This is a long overdue step.

Thank you, Wendy Godel

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