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As a disabled veteran, and housing provider to disabled adults, I am extremely unhappy with the uncaring attitude of our city's leaders that have allowed our city to be trashed by folks camping on our sidewalks and streets; deficating in our yards; and stealing our stuff to feed their drug habits. It's not right that us disabled folks can't get around, often having to walk in the middle of the street to get past these encampments. The unhoused are not being helped by allowing this chaos to continue. They need help; services; support; mental health care; and life skills training. Allowing them to languish on the streets is not compassionate, and the businesses and people profiting and drawing salaries continuing the misery should have no voice continuing this mess.

Respectfully,

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