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I urge the Council to approve this 5 part plan because:

1. It promises to be a complete solution to both provide the care needed by people experiencing homelessness and reclaiming our streets and public spaces.
2. We cannot wait years for permanent housing to be built to reclaim our streets. Our city is dying because most of our suburban residents have written off Portland, killing many businesses.
3. Living on the street is inhumane.
4. Larger shelters are the only way to provide needed capacity.
5. Housing is the ultimate goal, so this must be part of the solution. However, isn't the Metro tax enough to solve this aspect?

We have tried small steps but this problem is a crisis deserving a bold solution.

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