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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
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Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

Thank you for your service to our community. I live in SE Portland near Powell Blvd. I am concerned about our residents living outside without shelter and support Mayor Wheeler's proposal to ban dispersed and unapproved camping locations. I also support the proposal for three large shelters.

I understand larger shelters are not always sought by those without shelter. At the same time City residents can't shoulder the impact that dispersed camps have. As an example, the recent officer involved shooting in the Lloyd District involved a woman who repeatedly stole vehicles to stay warm in order to stay out of shelters. The burden of this individual falls to residents and insurance companies of the vehicles stolen.

The underlying issues of why houseless individuals don't like to be in shelters needs to be addressed with this plan to the extent they are reasonable. The shelters should be safe.

Thank you and please take action as the status quo has many Portlanders wondering where our policies went wrong.

Eric R in SE PDX

Sent from my iPhone