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I am a Portland voter who believes that housing affordability and universal access to safe shelter is one of the main issues facing our city. I commend any attempt on the part of city council to increase housing availability, affordability, and density.

HOWEVER. The fact that any initiative to do those things is coupled with a truly reprehensible plan to criminalize the very act of being unhoused and in need of social support, written largely by people NO ONE VOTED FOR (such as Sam Adams) without consultation with PEOPLE ACTUALLY AFFECTED is really just beyond the pale (Agenda Item 901). Ted, Mingus and Dan and their cronies may represent the moneyed interests of Portland, but I reject your dystopian vision for Portland with every fiber of my being. I reject your strategy to lie to voters that if we simply sweep away the people you've scapegoated, they will be able to live in some ridiculous fantasy vision of a playground for the wealthy (which is not going to happen anyway, but it's a convenient way to get certain people to vote for you).

There is already a great plan that is evidence based, can actually be accomplished, and is based on programs that already have been demonstrated to actually get people into stable housing: The 3000 Challenge: <https://3000challengepdx.org/>. This plan has an actual roadmap that could work. and could be scaled up. There is a real path forward!  
We just need leaders who actually want to improve things. I only see two of those on city council at present, and neither of them is involved in this farce.

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