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Hello,

I am writing in response to the plan to put houseless folks in camps of 500 people in the city. While I support the push for more funding for affordable housing and hopefully housing as a human right for people (even though the mayor does not use this terminology), I have major concerns with these plans. The mayor needs to be much more clear about how he's going to go about getting people housed. Additionally, we absolutely must not criminalize houseless campers outside of these "sanctioned" camps. That would be an egregious wound to those who have almost nothing as it is and already have trouble navigating an onerous system that only perpetuates houselessness.

Further, I want to comment on the timing of this plan of Wheeler's. This is very likely not doable in the timeframe claimed— 18 months. It smacks of political maneuvering to affect races right before the November election. This leaves a very bad taste in my mouth when thinking of the genuineness of Wheeler when it comes to this plan. Further, *Martin v. Boise* delineates that houseless folks should not be criminalized for simply existing if we don't have the shelter space. As it is, we do not have enough shelter space for people. This plan for 500 person camps thus seems a deceitful ploy from a politician trying to sweep the problem under the rug.

Thank you for your time,  
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