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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony; Wheeler, Mayor](#)
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I support banning unsanctioned camping!!! The city is in real trouble with the homeless camps, crime and rampant drug use. Portland is losing its appeal and livability. My spouse and I no longer go downtown, take mass transit or walk around after dark. We have spent a good part of the last year looking for a new place to relocate to if Portland doesn't clean up.

Unsanctioned camping is not humane for the people who live that way and it is destroying our once beautiful city.

The homeless need to agree to get help or they need to move on. I have done a 180 on my view on many of the homeless. We've been enabling them instead of offering help.

Please offer sanctioned camping areas with police protection, mental health and addiction services.

I love my neighbors and my home and we do not want to move, but what Portland has turned into is not livable and should not be tolerated.

Sincerely,

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PS- We've been telling friends not to visit us due to the condition Portland is in.