From: Sara Neill

To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u>

Subject: Ban Unsanctioned Camping in Portland **Date:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022 7:40:15 PM

To the Mayor and City Commissioners,

I support Mayor Wheeler's proposal to end unsanctioned camping in Portland. Allowing illegal camping in Portland was an unsuccessful plan started by Charlie Hales in 2016 and it is high time to end it. Illegal camping in Portland does not appear to have helped connect the homeless with necessary services. Instead it has led to more traffic fatalities and overdoses. Portlanders do not feel safe to shop downtown which has led to business closures and we risk further deterioration of our city. Please ban unsanctioned camping immediately!

Thank you,

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