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To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u> **Subject:** Houseless agenda items

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I support the decision to move the houseless off sidewalks and out of non sanctioned camps. There are areas of the city where you can't walk or it feels totally unsafe to try to negotiate through the hazards/tents/people. All areas of the city need to support the sanctioned camps, enough with dumping everything in North Portland.

I agree with the need for more mental health and drug treatment services to help those who need support to receive it. More housing /supportive housing services is also needed.

People who commit crimes in the city should be held accountable and prosecuted. While being houseless should not be a crime, stealing/ other crimes are crimes and folks should be held accountable. Breaking into folks houses/ sleeping in folks houses is a crime. I am tired of hearing the excuse "she/he is homeless " so we're not going to persecute.

Homeowners have rights too. The only rights we seem to have is to pay more and more taxes. I don't mind paying taxes but I would like to be able to enjoy some of the services I pay for, like my local park without having to deal with aggressive campers.

Stop enabling and start holding people accountable.

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Sent from my iPad