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I support the mayor's plan. I have worked at Pendleton in downtown Portland for twenty years. I loved walking the neighborhood at lunch, check out the eateries and crossing over to big pink. Now I will not leave the building. It is too dangerous. Every few days the police are contacting me for our building video on another shooting or knifing incident within a two block radius. The building supervisor quit one morning due to gunfire and we all dove to the floor. He couldn't take it anymore. Then of course another incident just last Tuesday 10/18 on the corner in a tent from a beating to multiple guns found at 9am in the morning. It was one of our contractors that called 911 because he thought the man was going to be killed. I called Clean and Safe for a wellness check recently for what I thought was a dead man lying face down on the sign walk. It was surreal that I even had to make the call. My staff refuse to come in unless they can be in our secured parking lot. Finally a man, Peter, known as Sarge has been camping six feet from my window since 2019. He refuses all assistance other than new tents and grills. He parks his car for free at a meter and feels its his corner. He isn't there because he can't pay rent. He's there because he's an addict and chooses that space.

Stop talking and do something.

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