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Mayor Wheeler,

I have worked in downtown (in Old Town) for over 30 years and the last 3+ years have been awful. I very much dislike coming into downtown daily and love leaving downtown at the end of each work day.

In regards to your proposed unsanctioned camping ban, while I love the theory behind it and the NEED for it I am concerned that it is just rhetoric and will not get implemented.

One concern is that there are so many individuals in tents in Old Town who really don't want anything different than to just live their life in a tent. What will the city/county/state do w/ those individuals who show no interest in leaving their current life style? Over the past couple of years I see numerous streets where tents are cleared out and then reappear a few days later. If unsanctioned camping is banned how does the city/county/state plan to enforce this? Will designated city/county/state people go street by street and day by day and clear any unsanctioned camping/tents?

Another concern is where will the money come from (and the labor) to implement this plan? This is why I think all of your words are just rhetoric as there are no **details** as to how this plan will succeed.

A last concern is the timeline to implement this plan. This problem has been going on for several years, not just since the start of the pandemic but started w/ the prior Mayoral administration, and what is the timeline plan for implementation?

Good luck but I have lost all faith in local governments in making the desired changes and the city of Portland will continue its slide deeper into a cesspool. And don't get me started about all the graffiti....

Thank you for the time to comment.

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