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Hello and thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

In my estimation, two things should be apparent. First, the vast majority of residents want homeless people treated with compassion. The second is that whatever strategy is currently being employed is failing.

No expert, activist or advocate who is backing the status quo should be taken seriously. There is no metric by which the homeless crisis in Portland can be regarded as successful. No one is winning in this situation. Businesses (who generate revenue for, among other things, homeless services) are leaving certain areas, residents are being impacted in a multitude of ways on a daily basis and worst of all the homeless themselves are in no better of a position than they were before...and in many cases their situation has worsened.

As a city we have enabled their lives to continue down a miserable path and all the good intentions in the world aren't helping them. We need a real solution enacted by those who aren't concerned with being shouted at on social media, but rather leaders who have a common sense vision supported by an overwhelming majority of Portland residents. Please, get homeless people off the streets by banning camping, create areas that are designated for them to stay in while the city tries to get them the services they need and hopefully we can all see real progress in the near future.

Thank You for your time  
-Chris Maiurro