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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
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Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Council Members,

I support Mayor Wheeler's effort to push through a new homeless plan. As his plan has acknowledged our city needs both affordable housing and homeless shelters. We also need to push aside needless and oppressive city codes that create obstacles, so housing can be built quickly and affordably.

Getting people off the streets is where we need to start, but we cannot stop there. We need to ensure Resolution 3 is in place to connect people with mental health and substance abuse recovery services. Drug use leads to living on the streets and has been a huge reason for the increase in tents and campers that occupy our downtown streets where people are openly dealing and using drugs. All of this leading to violence and crime that our downtown retailers, businesses and residents experience on a daily basis.

It is more humane and dignified to move people off the streets, giving them a safe place to live where they can use the bathroom, wash themselves, and have a place to discard trash, than to let them live as they are now, disgraced and shunned by the public, on our streets.

This is absolutely a step in the right direction to take care of our people and get Portland back to the beautiful, thriving city we all love and miss.

I implore the City Council to **come together and support the Mayor's plan**. There are two things that are possible at the same time. Caring for those in need and providing a clean and safe city for everyone to prosper.

Sincerely,
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