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To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u>

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To whom it may concern,

IT IS TIME TO DO SOMETHING NOW ABOUT HOMELESS CAMPING!!

I am very sad to see how our city and neighborhood has deteriorated. Local businesses closing and boarded up. Today I would not move into my current neighborhood that I have lived in for 30 years. The garbage that camping produces is disgusting. I don't feel safe simply walking around. Portland has spent so much time and effort on making it an easy biking city. I currently cannot use many of the bike paths as they are more of an obstacle course of tents, fires, smell of urine and feces, drug use, persons dangerously flailing weapons etc. It is unhealthy for the campers AND unhealthy for everyone living in the neighborhood. IT IS INHUMANE to allow this to continue.

END CAMPING NOW. USE CITY FUNDS NOW.

It's past time to end dangerous, inhumane, and illegal camping in public areas. People are suffering. Neighborhoods are unsafe. Portland is hurting Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city. This is a long overdue step.

Yours in Health,

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