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Hello council, my name is Judith Lienhard, retired RN and military veteran and I live in Portland, 97225.

I am here to urge you to talk, and listen to people who are currently homeless or have been before voting on this proposal.

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan, your offices have been contacted by Kaia Sand, executive director of Street Roots to join some of our top agencies working with homeless and housing insecure communities including JOIN, Blanchet House, AfroVillage PDX, Sisters of the Road, Urban League PDX and others for a town hall about the impacts of this proposal.

With growing unaffordability in our city, and the last of the pandemic-era renters' protections expiring this month, this is a time to listen to our communities in crisis, and create bold policies informed by and with them.

Some of this plan is bold, and addresses root issues. Others simply rely on the status quo of criminalizing our most vulnerable citizens.

"Nothing for us, without us" should be a guiding principal for our elected representatives.

Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Ryan, this is an open invitation to listen to those your proposal would impact most to help us create stronger, more informed ground up solutions to one of our city's greatest challenges.

Thank you,
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