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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
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Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners Hardesty, Rubio, Mapps and Ryan,

I write in full support of Proposals 899-903.

Amazed and glad to see a plan to help those unable to help defend and improve their living situation themselves due to poverty, drug addiction, disability, age, mental illness or criminal record.

Living in wet, moldy tents and tarps or fire-prone disabled junker RVs is NOT a solution. Being stabbed or hit by cars..or overdosing alone is NOT a solution.

The streets are dangerous!! They are cold...or alternately too hot....there are constant dangers and no facilities. Women and non-binary persons are under constant peril of sexual assault.

The sidewalks are blocked, and disabled Portlanders must go out in the street. Businesses have closed, industries left....no one wants to go out at night.

Criminal activity has intergrated itself into the camps....and open stolen bike and car dismemberments take place in full view. And need I even mention the garbage.....

What will it take it get it.....this is not working?!

The citizens of Portland have taxed ourselves silly to support the homeless.....yet the problem is worse than ever.

Let's give these proposals a chance and see if things don't improve many more lives.

Thank you,

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