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To whom it may concern,

As a transitional care RN who has worked with the houseless population for 8 years now, I oppose Ted Wheeler's "diversion program," as it is not based in trauma-informed care or harm reduction. These individuals who are living on the streets and dealing with any plethora of issues ranging from substance use disorders, behavioral and mental health, chronic medically complex issues, etc. need more services, resources and support in meeting them where they're at. Your plan is essentially forcing people to move into these designated camps. Giving warnings and making this a punitive process will backfire and not truly help those living on the street. I'm wanting to know if anyone on your team has spoken to and worked with this population to see what their needs/wants are? Nothing in your plan indicates that this has happened. In order for any "solution" to occur, it should be collaborative, non-punitive, supportive, and trauma-informed. Please make an effort to hear their stories and learn about what would actually help them instead of devising a plan that can and will most likely cause harm.

Best,  
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