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Hi. I'm a Portland resident in Hosford-Abernathy, and I'm writing to voice my support for cleaning up unsanctioned camping. We should not allow people to appropriate or vandalize public property. Sidewalks and bike lanes are for the public to use for car-free transportation. The city should clear any trash, tents, or other private property blocking them - and catch anyone who put it there. This is unacceptable, and it happens only because we allow it to happen. The problem is vastly less prevalent everywhere outside the West Coast of North America, because such behavior is not tolerated. We need to make it clear it's not tolerated here either.