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To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u>

Subject: Homeless Shelter Initiative re: Safe Rest Villages **Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022 12:32:07 PM

Mayor Wheeler,

Congratulations and thank you for your comprehensive new initiative regarding the homeless camping situation in Portland.

The scope of this remarkable initiative is such that the Safe Rest Village concept becomes nearly inconsequential in the whole scheme of things. The SRV implementation has been met with numerous issues - strong neighborhood opposition, delays, etc.

It would make much more sense that the **50 million dollars and the** resources allocated to the SRV program be re-directed toward this larger, more permanent initiative.

Will you please take any actions necessary to make this happen?

Thanks,

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