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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Fw: Let City Council Know What You Think About Homelessness Plan
Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 12:31:51 PM

City Council Members,
Please see below.

From: melanie townsend <mel@melsframeshop.com>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Mayor Ted Wheeler <mayorwheeler@portlandoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Let City Council Know What You Think About Homelessness Plan

Mayor Wheeler,

I'm glad you are taking efforts to remove camping from our streets. The one thing that no one
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problem. I have been downtown for over 20 years and the drug problem is the worst I have
ever seen. Our city must get these people in detox centers, then rebuild their purpose in
society. People do not pull themselves out of dark places unless their whole body, mind and
spirit are addressed. The mentally ill need to be in community half houses with staff that can
make sure their needs are met and keep them safe and the community safe. Drug addicts and
mentally ill or a combo of both is what I see living in the doorways of businesses downtown.
Just building houses only helps a few but the most vulnerable the drug addicted and mentally
fragile are just being ignored. How is this humane in our city that claims to care about all
people.

Standard Business care about these people but asking us to ignore it and expect people to continue to want to come downtown to support the city is at a breaking point.

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Mel Townsend



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Dear Mel,

Last week, Commissioner Dan Ryan and I announced 5 resolutions we co-sponsored that focus on a series of projects and plans to **[fast-track construction of affordable housing and move homeless Portlanders closer to services.](#)**

These five resolutions are coming before City Council for a first reading this week and I want to hear from you.

Mel's Frame Shop



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Here's how to share your input and engage with City Council:

I want to hear your perspective on the plan Commissioner Ryan and I shared last week. You can engage with City Council directly this upcoming [Wednesday, October 26th, 2022, at 2pm.](#)

1007 SW Morrison Street



You can sign up to provide verbal testimony for the upcoming City Council meeting by [clicking this link.](#)

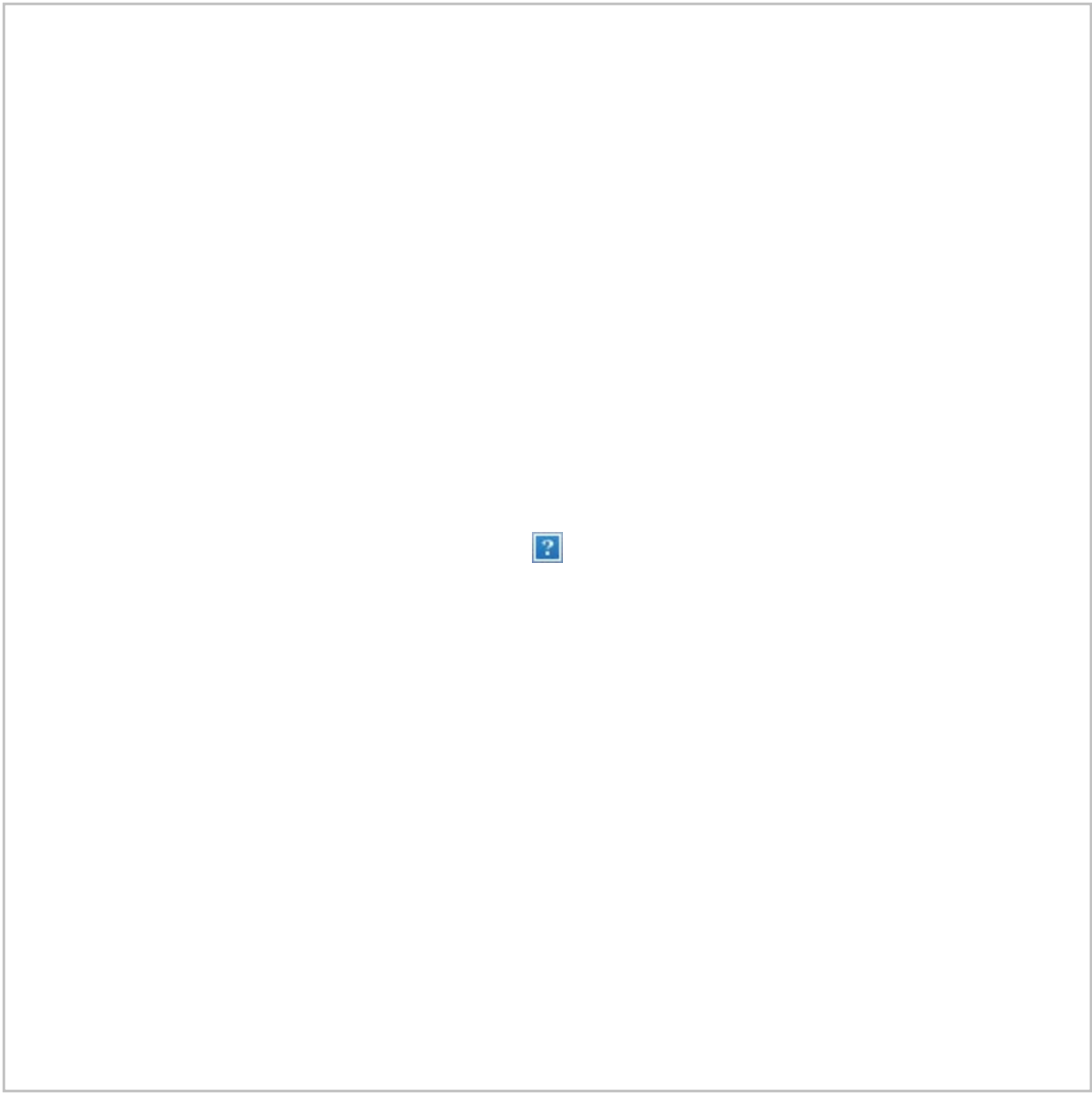
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Reach out to my office directly by emailing:
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You can reach out to my colleagues on the Portland City Council by
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To learn more about the five resolutions Commissioner Ryan and I announced on Friday, or to watch the press conference, [click here.](#)

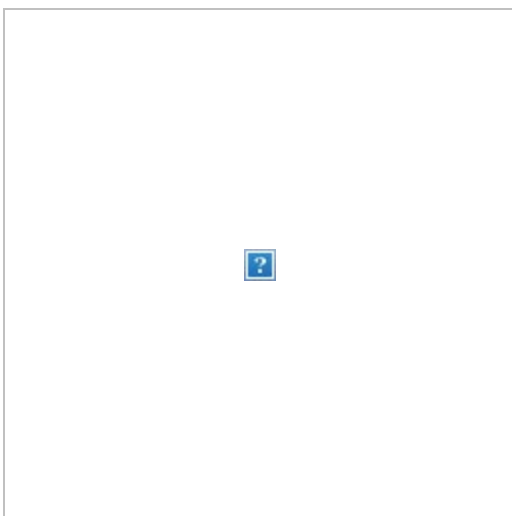
There is no issue more critical to Portlanders than addressing homelessness. I am confident that the plan we're working toward will save lives and livelihoods for all Portlanders, housed and unhoused.

Those Portlanders who are unhoused and, on the streets, deserve our understanding, compassion, and help. The goal should be to connect people to whatever services they need to get off and stay off the streets.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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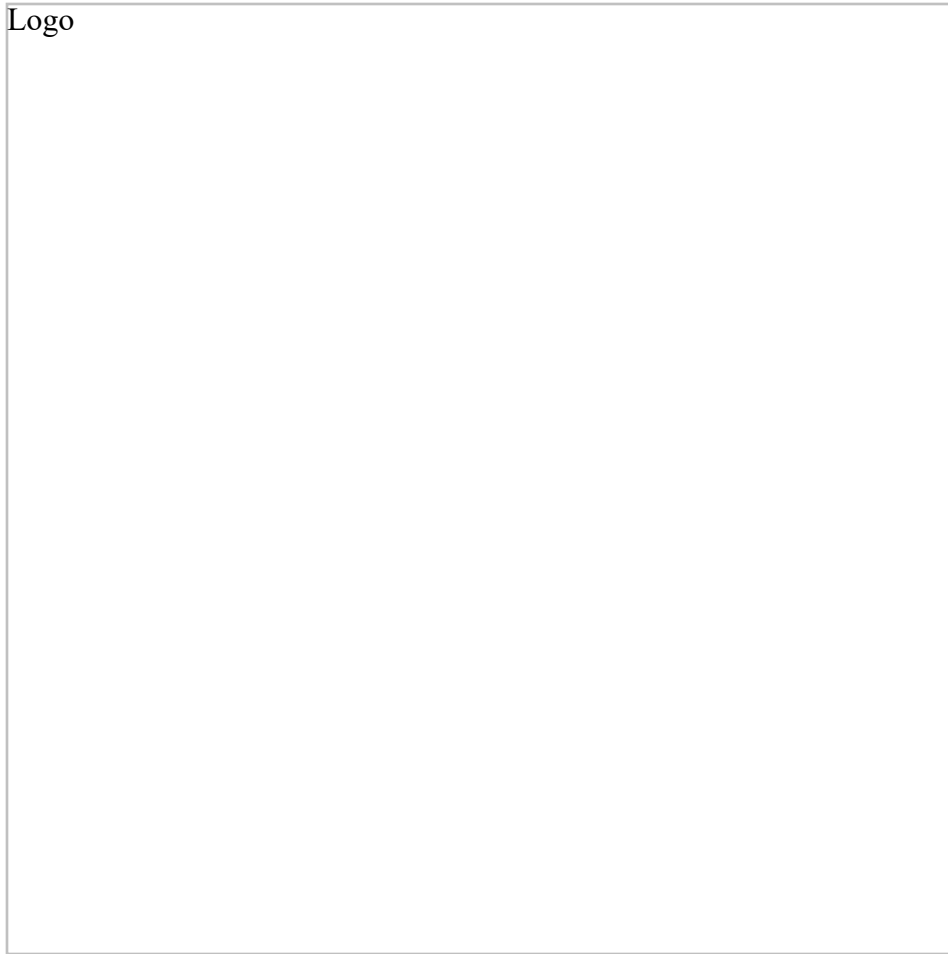
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