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Thank you for inviting community members to speak to this new plan. My family has lived near Peninsula Park for about 45 years and my siblings and our children have all invested in this part of Portland. Over the years, we have seen the park become a lovely place full of diverse families and celebrations. It breaks my heart to see the park become an unsafe place for children and animals after such a long effort by so many people to make it a community resource. Will the resolution really work? Can the money and cooperation be found including services for people struggling with addiction and mental illness? That I don't know. But having neighbors in vehicles and tents on streets without the basics? That's no way for anyone in Portland to live, the people in houses or the people without them. Yes to new possibilities...please!