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The longer it takes to end street camping the more our dear city will lose its businesses and middle class residents -- in other words: **the tax base**. Who will stick around on this ugly sinking ship?

Currently my 2 year old grandson and I are looking out the window at a couple shooting up in their new expensive tent on the sidewalk. The fact that no one is surprised to witness this daily occurrence is insane. We ask ourselves often why we continue to live in a dangerous inhumane city. We can no longer tell ourselves with any optimism that it will get better. Please prove us wrong.
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