

From: [Laura Mittelstadt](#)
To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Fwd: My support of Banning Tents and Camping on Portland streets
Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 6:11:28 PM

Thank you Mayor Wheeler for bringing this proposal forward. Banning tent camping is the only way. I am writing as a small business owner from the Central Eastside precinct and a 6th generation Oregonian. Mental illness and rampant drug addiction need to be addressed. Advocates for homelessness and letting mentally ill drug addicts run rampant are not compassionate. For years, even pre covid, we have seen increases in problem but the 2016 legalization of street camping has put this city on a downward trajectory beyond comprehension.

I am writing to urge you commissioners Mapps and Ryan to support Mayor Wheeler as I do in making this broad and sweeping change.

I am writing as a taxpayer of multnomah county, the city of Portland, Metro PLUS a Central Eastside Clean and Safe fee (which has literally done nothing).

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It will take years to rebuild what we have lost, in downtown in particular.

If we don't ban camping, Portland will continue to be lost in drugs and violence and abhorrent and senseless filth. That is not compassionate.

The young adults I have raised have no memory of Portland before tents, that's all they've known. SAD!

We can't begin to heal and move forward without bold action. People need help and we taxpayers are doing our part. We need our city leadership to do their part as well.

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Respectfully submitted,

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