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I am in support of safe housing. As you move the homeless into housing, please make an effort to move seniors 55 years old and older into their own building. Moving some abusive, disturbed homeless into housing means those dysfunctional communities are reoccurring. Women, who are targeted on the street, also need their own areas away from male violence. These areas or buildings could also include those who identify as women along with staffing who reflect the building's population.

All buildings and sanctioned camps need staffing 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To make areas or buildings safer please design with safety in mind and build with security cameras and security staffing.

There are some buildings in Portland that are transitional housing and independent living. There is a legal standard of care and a duty of care from the property owner when difficult people are placed in "independent living" and cannot follow a basic lease. Smoking in 'smoke free' housing, illegal sublets, theft, and aggression happen and since these buildings are not staffed twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, these tenants go after the most vulnerable. When tenants whose problems both behavioral and resulting actions are disrupting housing and are preying on the vulnerable, problem tenants need to be assessed and placed in mental health and/or addictions treatment buildings with a higher staff ratio than absolutely nothing which is independent living. These relocations need to take place quickly.

Please create areas of safety for the most vulnerable. Ensure their safety through design and full staffing. I am in support of the Portland Gray Panthers Safe Housing for the Elderly. Without structured housing, the elderly are the strongest's next victims.

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