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Subject: Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903)
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Please support proposed resolution 899-903 to stop camping on our streets and sidewalks. As a concerned citizen and mother of 3 children it is time for the city to end dangerous and inhumane camping in public areas. Camping is hurting our city. It's driving away business, it's hurting our neighborhoods, creating a garbage crisis and endangering school children. I love that Portlanders are compassionate and want to help our fellow citizens, but allowing camping to continue is not compassion, it's inhumane. It hurts everyone involved from the houseless person living on the street to families who can no longer walk safely through their neighborhoods. It is time to act NOW to fix this humanitarian and public safety crisis. It's time to enforce existing no camping laws and make policy changes to create safe camping areas with access to services, more emergency shelters, and more housing. Use city funds now! Use the \$250M a year homeless service tax to move houseless individuals' off the street and into permanent housing. Use the funds wisely and get our streets cleaned up, we are at a tipping point, it's time to act.

Sincerely,

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