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To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Portland all my life, 68 years, and in downtown Portland near the Art Museum for the last 15 years. The mess our city is in now is completely out of control. No one has been willing to deliver the bad news. Sidewalk, park, greenway, freeway ingress and egress, business doorway, campers parked on public streets etc camping should be illegal and not tolerated. Those homeless who are truly interested in bettering themselves should not object to moving to a sanctioned campground with basic facilities and then counseling help to get into housing, get a job, get help. Those homeless who object should be arrested. Someone needs to take back control of our once beautiful city.

I am in agreement with Mayor Wheeler's proposed ban on camping and the moving of homeless folks to sanctioned camp areas. The sooner the better.

Thank you for listening.

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