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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: support for mayor's plan to address homelessness
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Dear City Council Members,

I support the proposal to create alternative safe, and sanitary spaces for homeless "camping" so that it can be eliminated (or at least reduced) on streets, parks, paths, and other public land in the city.

As someone who regularly travels on foot and bike in the city and with a 14 year old son who uses city parks and public spaces, I want safe, clean public streets, parks and paths. I am dismayed by the degradation of common public spaces including the Springwater bike trail, the Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, and Laurehurst Park. It's my observation that the degradation of these spaces is most harmful to those who are lower income and don't not have their own green spaces that come with detached homes.

I applaud this plan as a humane approach and a step forward. Of course, it's not going to be easy to implement, but we won't have any progress if we don't try something new.

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