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Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners

Please listen to the hundreds of voices of those who directly work with and experience the housing crisis and do not move forward with this unfunded plan that risks chaos, trauma and wasting money on criminalizing people experiencing the housing crisis. While the most common perception of unhoused people are of chronically unhoused with mental health and drug problems, the vast majority of unhoused people are suffering from high rent and inequality and historically oppressed people suffer the most. As former Oregonian reporter, Melissa Lewis has documented, the majority of arrests by PPB has been of unhoused people for low level offenses. As social service workers have said, they do not have the capacity to manage mass shelters. As unhoused people have said, such mass shelters would not be safe and would be concentration camps. Please don't listen to just the voices of the large developers and property owners associated with PBA and their dark money group, calling themselves, People for Portland, some of whom tried to hijack our Metro funds for such purposes while opposing a womens' shelter near their properties.

There are no short cuts to addressing this huge issue and the set of resolutions that Wheeler and Ryan introduced, would set up back from addressing the root causes of our housing crisis.

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