



Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Members of the Portland City Council  
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**Re: Resolutions 899-903**

October 28, 2022

Mayor Wheeler and Members of the Portland City Council,

On behalf of the Northwest Grocery Association and our 60+ retail members operating in the City of Portland, we offer our strong support for Mayor Wheeler's and Commissioner Ryan's joint five resolution proposal to address the city's homelessness crisis.

Portland's homeless crisis requires long overdue solutions and we support the fast-tracked priorities contained in the package. It is time our customers feel safe shopping in their neighborhood grocery store again and our workforce comfortable about navigating the downtown shopping corridors. The proposals before the Council present meaningful ideas that once employed will result in immediate change in Portland neighborhoods.

We cannot wait any longer and it is clear that these proposals represent the strongest collaborative plan offered to-date. We strongly encourage the city council to unanimously support the resolutions. The time for bold urgent action is now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Dalton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Amanda Dalton  
President  
Northwest Grocery Association