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I'd like to endorse the new ordinances the Mayor has put forward. Restoring order and offering assistance to those that find themselves "camping" on city streets must be our first priorities. Some of the policies to date have helped some, but by and large this problem is past due for new efforts. What is being done now in general is not working. Allowing people to put up tents anywhere they choose only creates chaos and enables those with drug problems to continue a destructive lifestyle. Providing centralized areas with access to services and treatment is the best answer for a very diverse problem. We see the crime and the destruction of lives and property that has resulted under the current policy. This new ordinance is hopefully a way to begin changing that.

Thank you,
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