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Hello Mayor and Commissioners;

I am a resident of Portland's NW currently living in Mexico on a research residency. While I am away, I am still very active with my neighbors in my building and, of course with the city.

I am very excited about the proposed resolutions regarding homelessness on our streets.

I agree with the following:

- 1.) Campuses for unhoused people. Why? Because, from what I understand, these centralized campuses will provide sanitation, mental / phsyical health resources, and closer, immediate access to agencies that will help place people in housing.
- 2.) Campuses remove from our sidewalks and streets the dangers of multiple fires, untreated human waste, open drug use, and violence as a result of mental illness and drug abuse. I understand this is not the situation for every homeless person - but these are the epidemics that have turned our public spaces into unsafe, garbage strewn, mentally ill and violent spaces.
- 3.) New rental assistance and housing development.

I own a modest condo on 16th ave nw between Couch and Burnside. I am a 68 year old woman cyclist. I am a professional educator, consultant and artist practitioner. I chose to live in Portland because of cycling, public transportation, and access.

I've watched Portland become less and less inhabitable. I cannot afford taxes, replacement of stolen bikes, and the emotional expense of moving around this city as it is, to a home I do not feel safe in.

While not everyone is a fan of your proposals - doing nothing is not acceptable anymore. Please act. Please remove sidewalk camping. Please return the public spaces to all the public. Please move to provide services and housing to those who need it.

Thank you,
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