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My name is Anne Thielman and I live in the Portland area and work in Portland. I see people who are experiencing houselessness every day. I, like many other Portlanders, want nothing more than for our city to solve the problem of houselessness but too often plans to address this problem treat the people *experiencing* the problem as *being* the problem. Houseless people's voices need to be at the center of any plan to get them off the street and into safe housing. Too many people who have never experienced houselessness, and have not worked extensively with this population are trying to "solve" the problem by hiding it. Houseless people are our neighbors and need to be respected as such. Any plan offered by the City that does not center the voices and needs of those directly experiencing this issue is not humane and will not be effective. I urge you to vote No and create a new plan that centers the voices and needs and ideas of houseless people.

Thank you,  
Anne Thielman

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