



May 31-June 1, 2023 Council Agenda

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Wednesday, May 31, 2023 9:30 am

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Lauren King, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Item 431 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Council recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Council recessed at 9:47 a.m. and reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:24 p.m. and reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

Council recessed at 1:20 p.m.

Communications

424

[Request of Kathleen Ulrich to address Council regarding pedestrian easement at McCormick Pier condos](#)
(Communication)

Document number: 424-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

425

[Request of Bruce Barnes to address Council regarding drugs, homelessness, crime, and environmental impact](#) (Communication)

Document number: 425-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

426

[Request of Patrick Cashman to address Council regarding Multnomah Village Neighborhood Association public meeting requirements](#) (Communication)

Document number: 426-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

427

[Request of Alex Cassaro to address Council regarding living and working in Portland](#) (Communication)

Document number: 427-2023

Disposition: Placed on File

Time Certain

428

[Accept the 2022 Annual Report of the North and Northeast Neighborhood Housing Strategy Oversight Committee](#) (Report)

Document number: 428-2023

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Time certain: 9:45 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Ryan.

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

429

[Accept the Technology Oversight Committee Quarterly Report](#) (Report)

Document number: 429-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Time certain: 10:15 am

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Accepted

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Ryan.

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Consent Agenda

430

[Reappoint Samuel Rodriguez to the Building Code Board of Appeal for term to expire June 2, 2026](#) (Report)

Document number: 430-2023

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Disposition: Confirmed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

431

[*Pay settlement of Heather-Lynne Van Wilde bodily injury lawsuit for \\$26,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau \(Emergency Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191302

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance; Revenue and Financial Services; Risk Management

Disposition: Passed

Item 431 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

432

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for the Healthy Streets Program not to exceed \\$84,500 \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191303

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Management and Finance

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

433

[Extend authority of the Director of the Community Safety Division to execute grant agreements for gun violence reduction programs \(amend Ordinance 191064\) \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191309

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Community Safety Division

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

434

[Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain permanent property rights necessary for construction of the Johnson Creek Oxbow Restoration Project through negotiation or exercise of the City's eminent domain authority \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191305

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

435

[Authorize a Joint Funding Agreement with U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \\$1,123,805 for Streamflow and Water Quality Monitoring](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191292

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Second reading agenda item 410.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

Regular Agenda

436

[Amend Joint Office of Homeless Services Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to extend the term of the agreement \(amend Contract 30005335\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191296

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Housing Bureau

Second reading agenda item 411.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Nay

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

437

[*Authorize City Attorney to settle lawsuit related to sidewalk obstructions created by campsites and pay claims of named plaintiffs, including attorneys' fees as directed by the Court](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191295

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: City Attorney

Time requested: 30 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

438

[Amend contract with Squire Patton Boggs for federal representation for a one year extension and increase amount by \\$198,000 \(amend Contract 30006128\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191312

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Government Relations

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to June 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

439

[*Ratify collective bargaining agreement with American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees, Local 189 for represented employees within the Auditor's Office for 2022-2025](#) (Emergency Ordinance)

Document number: 191297

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Human Resources; Management and Finance

Time requested: 10 minutes

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

440

[Authorize borrowings of not more than \\$38 million in anticipation of the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund levy for FY 2023-24](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191313

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau: Debt Management and Investor Relations; Management and Finance

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to June 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

441

[Authorize Portland Parks & Recreation to establish and collect fees in-lieu of mitigation activities to implement restoration projects in natural areas](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191314

Introduced by: Commissioner Dan Ryan

Bureau: Parks & Recreation

Time requested: 15 minutes

Disposition: Rescheduled

Rescheduled to June 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

442

[Revise sewer and stormwater rates, charges and fees in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Sewer User Rate Study](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191293

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Environmental Services

Second reading agenda item 423.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Nay

443

[Vacate a portion of SW Greenleaf Ct east of SW Greenleaf Dr subject to certain conditions and reservations \(VAC-10135\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191315

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

444

[Vacate a portion of N Kerby Ave south of N Halleck St subject to certain conditions and reservations \(VAC-10139\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191316

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time requested: 5 minutes

Disposition: Passed to second reading

Passed to second reading June 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

445

[Revise transportation fees, rates and charges for FY 2023-24, amend Transportation Fee Schedule, and fix an effective date \(amend TRN 3.450\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191294

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Second reading agenda item 420.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Nay

446

[Authorize the rates and charges for water and water-related services beginning July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and fix an effective date](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191298

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Water

Second reading agenda item 422.

Disposition: Passed As Amended

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Nay

447

[Amend permit fee schedules for building, cannabis, electrical, enforcement, land use services, mechanical, noise, plumbing, signs, site development, and land use services fee schedule for the Hearings Office](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191299

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Second reading agenda item 418.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

448

[Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization to allow building-related Stranded Workers to work in the jurisdiction where they are stranded due to an emergency that disrupts communication and transportation routes](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191300

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Development Services (BDS)

Second reading agenda item 419.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

449

[Revise solid waste and recycling rates and fees for franchised residential collection and the commercial tonnage fee effective July 1, 2023 \(amend Code Chapter 17.102\)](#) (Ordinance)

Document number: 191301

Introduced by: Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Bureau: Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

Second reading agenda item 421.

Disposition: Passed

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Nay

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: Recessed

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez
Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Commissioner Ryan arrived at 2:05 p.m.

Commissioner Mapps left at 5:15 p.m. and returned at 6:32 p.m.

Officers in attendance: Adrienne DelCotto, Deputy City Attorney; Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk; Christina Thomas, Acting Council Clerk

Council recessed at 2:54 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m.

Council recessed at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

Council recessed at 8:10 p.m.

Time Certain

450

[Accelerate transportation decarbonization strategies, establish electric mobility as a near-term Citywide priority, and increase adoption of electric vehicles](#) (Resolution)

Document number: 37620

Introduced by: Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Bureau: Transportation

Time certain: 2:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Adopted

Votes: Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea

[Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115 \(amend Code Sections 3.18.020, 14A.50.020, 14A.50.050, 17.43.120, 20.12.010, 20.12.030, 20.12.100, 20.12.230, add Code Section 14A.50.025, and repeal Code Sections 20.12.070 and 20.12.150\) \(Ordinance\)](#)

Document number: 191311

Introduced by: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Time certain: 3:00 pm

Time requested: 1 hour

Disposition: Passed to second reading as amended

Motion to amend Section 1, Finding 8, of the ordinance regarding the Hearings Office to strike and replace it with the following sentence, The City will ensure the District Attorney's Office is aware of the additional affirmative defense that may be asserted under HB 3115: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Motion to amend Ordinance to add Finding 11 as follows, The City of Portland Resolution number 37595 directed the establishment of at least six designated camping sites that must be diversely spread across the City that will serve as an alternative to self-sited unsanctioned encampments, offer mental health and substance abuse treatment services to people in Portland experiencing homelessness, and Directive B as follows, That the enforcement of Portland City Code Section 14A.50.025 (Enforcement) be integrated into the timeline, and phased as such, as to match the delivery date of the first two designated camping sites such that there is congruence in the enforcement and ability of people to have meaningful places to move to after being given the initial warnings and allow sufficient time for the training dean to provide training to city officers: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-Rubio; N-Ryan, Gonzalez, Mapps, Wheeler). Motion failed to pass.

Passed to second reading as amended June 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 1, 2023 2:00 pm

Session Status: Adjourned

Council in Attendance: Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Mayor Wheeler presided.

Officers in attendance: Mike Porter, Deputy City Attorney; Keelan McClymont, Council Clerk

Council adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Regular Agenda

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Bureau: Government Relations

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tents and just to keep it on the record that any future distribution of tents by the city, I'd like to be evaluated in conjunction with the fire bureau, in particular the fire marshal.

Speaker: But that's just mostly for the record. Thank you, commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Sure. Just a quick clarification on the tent piece.

Speaker: So the city funds the joint office to the tune of about \$40 million a year. I kind of tend to think of them as being a contractor. I think I also noted that this ordinance forbids contractors from distributing tents. So does this tent band aid also apply to the joint office? I do not believe it does.

Speaker: That is not how it was kind of negotiated or discussed, but I don't think we generally consider the joint office to be a contractor of the city. Okay thank you very much.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: With that, we will get to public testimony. How many people do we have signed up?

Speaker: Keelan we have 36 people, 36 two minutes each.

Speaker: Couch. We don't need your address unless you choose to give it. But we would like your name for the record □ you're here representing an organization, that's good to know. So thank you all for your patience again. And we're we're excited to have you here today.

Speaker: First up, we have keith martin. Honorable mayor Wheeler, distinguished commissioners.

Speaker: I'd like to take a moment to thank all of you for having us here today. We are so impressed with the speed and spirit of cooperation that you've exhibited in our issue of clearing the streets and making them safer for those of us with disabilities, what happens when you make the safe the streets safe for us? You

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Speaker: This is the Wednesday, may 31st, 2023, afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Back for more Keelan. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Good afternoon, Ryan Gonzalez here maps here. Rubio here. Wheeler here.

Speaker: We'll now hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon.

Speaker: Welcome to the Portland City Council call to testify before council in person or virtually. You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [w-w-w dot Portland.gov/council slash slash agenda](http://w-w-w-dot-Portland.gov/council/slash/slash/agenda). Information on engaging with City Council can be found on the City Council clerk's website web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated, a timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected, is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally council may take a short recess and

reconvene virtually. Your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. One state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary to disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. Three for testifiers joining virtually. Please unmute yourself once the council clerk calls your name, thank you.

Speaker: Great. Thank you. And we have two items on the agenda today. When we get to the second agenda item, I may have you reread it. We have, I believe, 170 people signed up to testify. That's a little over six hours. And I don't want to miss the opportunity for people to be fully cognizant of what the rules are. So thank you. With that, we'll get to the first time certain item it's a resolution item for five zero to accelerate transportation decarbonization strategies, establish electric mobility as a near-term citywide priority and increase adoption of electric vehicles.

Speaker: Very good, commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Thank you, mr. Mayor. Colleagues, this item comes to us from the Portland bureau of transport station. This resolution describes the steps pbots will take to reduce carbon emissions in our transportation system over the next several years. Now, this resolution is coming to council because the 90 day resolution this council adopted at the beginning of this calendar year directed pbots to report back to council on the steps. The bureau is taking to decarbonize our transportation system. Now more than 40% of our region's greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation. Pursuant to this council's climate emergency work plan charged pbots with the task of developing strategies to decarbonize urbanize Portland's transportation system and the resolution before council today outlines at least three strategies pbots has developed for reaching this goal. These strategies include first transitioning our transportation system from fossil fuels to clean electricity. Second, making sure that renters and low income Portlanders are able to charge their

electric vehicles. And third, supporting micromobility options like biketown and e-scooter. In addition, in this resolution before us today confirms our commitment to pbot leadership role in transportation decarbonization. It also identifies the steps pbot should focus on and begins to highlight the resource gaps between the city's aspirations to decarbonize and what actions must be taken now, before we introduce our presenters, I'd like to take a moment to thank pbot staff, especially hannah morrison, jacob sherman and eric hess. They have been instrumental in making this work real and now here to tell us more about the resolution before us today, we have art pierce pbot planning projects and policy group director kristin hall. Pbot planning and project development division manager and vivian satterfield and bp's chief sustainability officer. And with that, I will turn it over to our panel.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner and council. We're glad to bring this item with you today and really appreciate your leadership with the 90 day resolution giving us this clear, time sensitive direction to come up with strategies and bring a response back to council to show our accountability to these very important goals. We're going to quickly walk you through some of the context to the resolution today and then go into some of the details. And we're very pleased to have our colleague from the bureau of planning and sustainable equity, vivian satterfield, here with us today. I think her first presentation as a city staffer after coming many years as a friend of the city. So we're very pleased to have her join us here today and provide a little bit of context on the work that bp's does to help frame the goals for pbot. Yeah, thanks again, art and kristin and the entire team at pbot.

Speaker: As art mentioned, I'm vivian satterfield. She her and my name are my pronouns and I'm pleased to join you all as Portland's as the city of Portland at bts, the chief sustainability officer. For the past four months. And I'm also pleased to be here today to see pbot commitment to transportation, decarbonization and the

action items listed in this resolution as commissioner Mapps already framed up for us. Our transportation sector is responsible for over 40% of Multnomah County carbon emissions, so it is critical for all city bureaus and staff to take this bold action now to reduce transportation related emissions and address associated pollution and health risks that disproportionately impact black indigenous people of color. Portland and low income Portlanders as well. So the city's work to decarbonize transportation sector fits into three main categories. The first is about developing plans that encourage or require developers to build compact and connected communities, to enable people to meet their daily needs without driving them. The second is to reduce vehicle miles traveled by building bike walk and transit infrastructure to support safe and enjoyable non driving trips. And the third is the focus of the resolution before you today, and that is to transition the motorized vehicles that remain on the road to be powered by electricity. These are efforts that cut across all city bureaus to help accomplish these goals. And it's important, again, to acknowledge that not all Portlanders have equal access to these amenities of connected communities. Electric vehicles or non-motorized transportation options. That was so much of my work as an advocate for the past ten years in the city. So I'm fairly passionate and a little bit of a transportation wonk when it comes to some of these topics. Therefore, this work needs to be implemented through a climate justice lens to decrease these existing disparities and to ensure clean transportation options for all. And I've always been a proponent of an abundance of transportation options. Thank you for changing the slide. And so the climate emergency work plan is the city's most recent commitment to climate action. It builds on a long history of council actions, including our current transportation system plan and our comprehensive plan, the bureau of planning and sustainability bts led the development of the city's ev

strategy, which was unanimously adopted by council in late 2016. That is a lot of our leadership that this body has exerted in this realm and continues to. Several of the actions in the ev strategy are now embedded in the city's climate emergency work plan and pbot is an important partner in this work. I'd like to take a moment to just acknowledge several transportation decarbonization projects that have recently been adopted by council and are currently underway, such as the ev ready code project. This was unanimously adopted by council in just February of this year. It requires ev ready infrastructure to be installed in 50 to 100% of parking spots at new construction, multifamily buildings as a next step following the ev ready code update staff at the bureau of planning sustainability are partnering with rocky mountain institute to discuss ev charging solutions with multifamily residents, building owners and property managers, and will be working to implement these solutions and develop an ev charging toolkit to meet the needs of residents in multifamily buildings. Their needs are going to be different than single family home residents and others. And then of course, the Portland clean energy fund is developing the inaugural climate investment plan, which will allocate at least 100 million for transportation decarbonization projects and programs over the next five years to benefit people with low incomes, people experiencing disability and bipoc communities. Additionally bts and pbot staff are working closely on the right of way focused work that is included in pbot transportation decarbonization resolution before you today. The climate emergency progress report, which includes many of these bureau wide actions, will be available later this summer and staff will brief council offices on that report in June and July. So you can look forward to that.

Speaker: Thanks, vivian. So focusing in on transportation, the city transportation goals as well as through pbot has long focused on the reduction of drive alone trips as a key strategy within our overall approach. This shift is in how people get

around, reduces congestion, improves safety and reduces transportation related greenhouse gas emissions. City Council has also adopted the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reached net zero by 2050. This this policy goal is directly addressed as climate and could could be achieved by a combination of transportation, electrification and mode shift together. Meeting these policy goals is critical to addressing the climate crisis, but also exacerbates pbob fundings challenges by reducing gas tax and parking meter revenue are two major sources of revenue stream. Notwithstanding the revenue challenge, our, as vivian mentioned, our strategic plan and our approach to transportation decarbonization really focuses in on a combination of reducing vehicle miles traveled through the way that people use the system, the way we design and build that system, as well as the shifting of clean fuels and vehicles all centered around designing for transportation justice together. And that will, we believe, will get us to achieving the goal of less than 50% by 2030.

Speaker: Picking up from there, we are working in a federal environment that's very different than anything I've experienced in the 20 years that I've been working in transportation planning, and that is that the federal government has adopted a us national blueprint for transportation decarbonization and has focused in that blueprint on electrification above all else. And as a result, there is an unprecedented amount of federal money available to support that transition to electric vehicles and electric mobility on our system. The work we will discuss today will really position the city to benefit from that, that federal grant, those federal grant programs and be a national leader in transportation, decarbonization. But to really compete for that federal funding pbob will need stable funding. We need to use this moment to make gains on our electrification goals. But we can't do this without stable bureau level funding. Winning grants requires pbob to be prepared

with well thought out projects with private sector partnerships and resources for grant writing and required match. Without these resources, pbot will not be able to compete with federal funding and will fall behind our peer cities in supporting transportation, electrification. One of the reasons that government has an important role in transportation electrification, particularly at this early stage. If you think about the hockey stick of technology adoption, we're right there in becoming more ubiquitous and it's really around achieving equitable electrification outcomes. Today, there are nearly 400 charging ports places you can charge your electric vehicle in Portland, but they're primarily located in our central city and inner Portland neighborhood, as very few are located north and north or east Portland public charging infrastructure is most important to people who live in multi-unit dwellings or people who rent their homes and are not able to install ev chargers in their own homes or garages. We see our role as filling market gaps and supporting an equitably distributed ev charging network as well as a more complete view of public charging needs for other electric modes like shared scooters and sheridan individually owned e-bikes. And pbot has been busy on transportation decarbonization already. This isn't a new a new stream of work for us, but it's one we're very focused on as a core pbot service area. And the bureau has been leading efforts to implement transportation decarbonization projects over the four years that I've been at the bureau and far before that we already operate the electric Portland streetcar and other transportation options like biketown, which is an all electric shared bicycle fleet. We're also making moves to support ev charging in the right of way. We brought to council a code and administrative rule update earlier this year that will allow right of way charging for the first time. We just want a \$3.3 million grant with the us department of energy that will allow us to partner with our utilities to install 50 new ev chargers in the right of way, which will operationalize

that code update, which is very exciting to take something from kind of policy to implementation. And that that speed we're also continuing to build out safe cycling infrastructure, supporting demand management strategies, improving transit speed and reliability. But our ability to do this work, even the work funded by grants, relies on having a bureau that was sufficient and stable funding and appropriately staff planning, project development and program development functions.

Speaker: Keep going. One more. Oh yes. So that brings us to today's resolution. The resolution before you today responds to the 90 day, 90 day transition priorities assigned by mayor Wheeler. It seeks to confirm transportation, decarbonization as a key city priority and core pbot function name aims implementable and actionable decarbonization strategies drawn from council adopt a climate emergency work plan. It also highlights the continued resource challenges that pbot faces in delivering these other core services. And finally, it highlights the role that pbot plays specifically in implementing transportation decarbonization plan that centers equity and the needs of frontline communities to ensure that no one is left behind in the transition to a decarbonized transportation system. So we've broken this resolution down that you have in front of you into four primary buckets that i'll talk about today.

Speaker: And the first one, we really are asking you to direct pbot to make ev charging available to more Portlanders by expanding the available of public charging and the right of way and on other publicly owned sites, we want to increase awareness about how Portlanders can charge their electric vehicles. And the reason we're focused on charging is because it's one lever that pbot can pull to expand the benefits of transportation and electrification equitably in the city. And this is the area where that us department of energy grant will help us. The second

bucket is around promoting electric mobility options and this is where we have items like supporting zero emission delivery and goods movement strategies, expanding our successful transportation wallet program, which helps people to make decarbonize transportation choices at an individual level. Transit owning our own fleet at the city and other commercial fleets to electric vehicles and supporting trimet and electrifying their bus system and expanding the use of public transit items. On this list are particularly at risk if pbot faces unprecedented funding shortfalls. The third bucket is investigating strategies that support e-bikes and shared micromobility. This is about getting expanding. Who is using our bike infrastructure by getting more Portlanders onto shared or individually owned e-bikes and shared scooters, as it means supporting e-bike rebate programs, including the one currently proposed by the Portland clean energy fund. Expanding the visibility and use of e-bikes and scooters as a way Portland can meet their daily Portlanders, can meet their daily transportation needs, and addressing barriers to e-bike ownership, including addressing safe and secure parking and charging, putting this all together, the resolution directs pbot staff to report back to council about how shared micromobility and individual and shared e-bikes and a renewed focus on cycling can reverse the downward trend in biking mode. Share in Portland.

Speaker: And finally, the resolution continues to highlight, as you are well aware, of the funding challenge that pbot faces structurally based on the way that we are currently funded with with gas tax and with parking, the graph here on the on the slide is it shows a new estimate coming from the Oregon department transportation showing a decline in the forecast for gas tax revenue based on Oregon being the second in the country for ev adoption and for other factors leading us to continue to lift up the need for council support and community investment in the transportation bureau for us to be able to respond to this crisis.

The be it resolved, we placed it right on is focusing in on the recognition that we're not currently funded adequately and the graph on the right is trying to highlight what it would take to get to full implementation. And in green, where we are currently in yellow in the middle, which allows us to use some of our resources, our pbob resources to leverage grants and chase after the planning team that kristen supervises who are funded by general transportation revenue are able to use that time to then chase and leverage many millions of dollars annually in external grants and then in red sort of where pbob will be heading if we are not better funded and better resourced and really leading us to a false choice between the needs of today and the needs of our pavement condition and the hopes of our planet and of our communities. So we really welcome council deliberation and support for continuing to have us on this path for decarbonization and your your sort of deep collaboration in getting us there in a sustainable way. Happy to answer any questions. And we also have some invited testimony, colleagues, any questions at this particular juncture?

Speaker: I have one question.

Speaker: I can do it now. What's your preference?

Speaker: Why don't we hear the invited testimony and then lump all our questions together? Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. And who's calling up the invited testimony ?

Speaker: We have a panel of three folks digitally. I don't know.

Speaker: I've got the list. Great.

Speaker: Great. Thank you.

Speaker: Easiest. So the first panel of three folks who are joining us virtually are jeanette shaw from fourth, victoria piker from climate solutions, and jackie traeger

from the Oregon environmental council. Thank you. Jeanette. Do we have you?
There's Jackie. I see Jackie. So why don't you go first.

Speaker: Hi, everyone. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yep, loud and clear. Great. Um Mayor Wheeler and commissioners.

Speaker: Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the resolution directing PBOT and other bureaus to accelerate transportation decarbonization strategies. My name is Jackie Traeger, and I'm the campaign manager of climate and transportation with the Oregon Environmental Council. Founded in 1968, BoEC is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works on behalf of our members statewide to advance equitable, innovative and collaborative solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges. As we support the directed priorities, especially the following make low carbon travel options safe, accessible and convenient for all. Decouple transportation funding from fossil fuels, make low carbon transportation options more affordable, especially for those who can least afford them, and support state and regional vehicle miles traveled reduction policies the way we get around makes a difference for our health and our environment. Cars and trucks emit nearly 40% of Oregon's climate pollution and more than half of Oregon's air pollution run off from our streets. And parking lots pollute our water. Poorly planned roads lead to sprawl, which threatens Oregon's forests and farms, communities where residents can't walk or bicycle or bicycle safely have higher rates of chronic diseases like diabetes, cancer and heart disease. And many families struggle with the cost of transport. Nation it's time for a transportation system that supports clean air for climate stability and healthy families living in economically vibrant neighborhoods, a system that provides everything, including those too young to old, too poor or physically unable to drive, provides for everyone with equitable access to the places they need and want to go. Thank you for the your

consideration. We hope you support this resolution directing pbot to accelerate transportation decarbonization action.

Speaker: Thank you. And I think I see Jeanette's here. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: And apologize for not being jumping right on with my unmute button and thank you. Following Jackie. My name is Jeanette Shaw. Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. I am the director of policy at Fourth and I use she/her pronouns and I am very happy today to provide testimony on behalf of Fourth. Fourth was founded in Oregon in 2011. Our mission is to equitably electrify transportation by bringing people together and that is to create solutions that reduce pollution and barriers to access choice. And Fourth does this really in three different to four different ways through programs and policies that increase access to charging, such as the West Coast Electric Highway at workplaces, at community centers and apartment buildings, also access to cars such as car sharing pilots and access to emerging modes such as e-bikes, electric school buses and even electric tractors for supports. Portland's goal to become a top city for equitable transportation, electrification to promote electric mobility options, as well as to support strategies to support e-bikes and shared micromobility and very excited with our recent award, which you heard earlier for the right of way charging in Portland and also the US Department of Transportation award to pilot zero emission delivery zone. Portland is well poised to accomplish its goal to accelerate transportation decarbonization Keelan and by working with community based organizations, establishing communities of practice based directly on community needs, assessments. Fourth, partners to bring transportation, electrification technologies to traditionally underserved communities such as the city of Portland and pbot would be doing through this resolution in 2017. Fourth work to accelerate transportation electrification by passing the Oregon clean vehicle rebate program.

And similarly, in 2017, the Portland City Council adopted the Portland electric vehicle strategy to also accelerate the transition to electric vehicles, which included e-bikes. And we all understand the importance of decarbonization and decarbonizing the transportation sector to mitigate climate change. And I just want to further emphasize the role of electrification. I do know you have several other presenters, so I'll keep it short and make sure my testimony has been submitted. But we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with pbOT to build lasting programs and policy models that will significantly increase transportation, decarbonization and working with the city of Portland. So with that, again, very happy to support this resolution and we'll turn it over to the next presenter. Thank you.

Speaker: Great. And I believe I see victoria here. Hi victoria.

Speaker: Hey, good afternoon. Good afternoon. City of Portland commissioners. For the record, my name is victoria baker and I'm the Oregon transportation policy manager at climate solutions and climate solutions is a regional nonprofit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis. I'm here today to voice our support for the resolution directing pbOT and other bureaus to accelerate transportation, decarbonization strategies, as well as share new program that climate solutions has been working on to accelerate fleet electric education. So last year, climate solutions partnered with four organizations, including Oregon business for climate, to create the breaking barriers collaborative that launched its first fleet decarbonization accelerator, which was a hands on cohort based program to help businesses accelerate the transition of their fleets to clean energy. And it included Oregon groups like central city concern new seasons market organically grown pacific coast fruit company mckinstry and the Oregon department of transportation. And this program was a huge success and showed that there is a

strong desire for among small and medium sized businesses to transition their fleet to clean energy. We hope that you'll continue supporting these organizations and businesses so they try to make the transition. And while electrifying all modes of transportation is necessary to meet our climate goals, this is just one of two important strategies. So as you've heard, the other is reducing the amount of vehicle miles traveled or getting people out of cars and using alternative modes of transit and based on the 2020 report from climate solutions called transforming our transportation in, we found that Portland would need around 97% electric fication of all vehicle types and at least 47% reduction in vehicle miles traveled. And both of these tax tactics are needed to be paired in order to achieve the biggest social and climate benefits such as health and air quality improvements, reduced transportation, cost burdens and address the climate crisis. Reducing vehicle miles traveled by almost half of today's miles means that we must prioritize investing in alternative modes of transportation options that are safe, affordable and efficient. And this paradigm shift will help create a city where all people, including those that don't have access to a car or can better access essential services like getting to school work, buying groceries, getting to a doctor's appointments, going to community events and more. I'll take a moment to say, too, that the decision by the trimet board to increase fares starting next year is an example of how not to reduce vehicle miles traveled as it will cut many of our most vulnerable, low income Portlanders off from being able to afford rides and increased traffic congestion when instead the city should be in conversations with trimet to figure out ways to subsidize fareless transit, to achieve climate goals and maximize society benefits, especially to our most vulnerable Portlanders. So the best path forward here is to meet our transportation goals, is making transportation people centered, providing equitable investments to underserved communities, and prioritizing access to multi

modal transportation options that are affordable, safe and efficient as well as electrifying all the rest. Thank you very much for the work you've done so far for Portland's transportation future. And let's keep going and mr. I believe we have, is that all of our online testimony, I think we might have some people in the room to come on up.

Speaker: All right.

Speaker: I'll go first. Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler. And commissioners. My name is eva cicero, a senior transportation electrification specialist with Portland general electric. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the city's transportation decarbonization resolution on pge appreciates our partnership with the city of Portland to support electric transport station and evs. Together, we've collaborated on great projects like the recent application to the us department of energy for a grant electric avenue charging stations downtown in and pole mounted ev, charging demonstrations in southeast Portland. In addition to pbob biketown being a recipe part of our drive change fund, a grant fund program for funded by Oregon clean fuels program and administered by Portland general electric, pge understands that the transition to clean transportation depends on both reliable charging infrastructure and on decarbonizing our own electricity supply. Pge is working to achieve at least 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions associated with the power served to customers by 2030 and 100% by 2040. We share many of the city's transportation decarbonized action goals and want to help you achieve those outlined in the climate emergency work plan, including equitable ev adoption and promoting electric mobility options. As we're working to make investments in infrastructure and provide customer programs that drive ev adoption and reduce the overall cost to serve these new ev loads. For example, we created a new municipal charging collaboration pilot, which was

approved by the Oregon public utility commission in October of last year. The municipal charging pilot focuses on level two chargers in the public right of way to support those who cannot charge at home. Such as those who live in multi-unit dwellings, provide. This access is critical to ensuring equitable adoption of evs for those who cannot charge at home, are unable to enjoy the many benefits, such as a reduced maintenance costs. Better air quality and the convenience and cost savings of electric fuel. We are also working on our transportation electrification plan that complements many of your transportation. An decarbonization strategies. A draft will be filed this week with the Oregon public utility commission on and hopefully adopted later this year after robust stakeholder engagement point. We're excited to continue to collaborate on transportation, electrification projects such as the recent us department of energy grant and look forward to supporting our customer and our public partners like Portland in decarbonizing the transportation sector. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate it.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mr. Mayor. Commissioners, my name is keith wilson and I'm ceo and president of titan freight systems, a regional transportation titan company based here in Portland. I'm here to voice my support for the resolution and also to share some good news. Yesterday, freightliner, based in north Portland, notified me that the first trucks in my order of medium and heavy duty, all electric trucks were available for pickup. These will be the first in Oregon and only a few short weeks. The zero tailpipe emission vehicles will be making deliveries to businesses throughout Portland. The electrification of Portland's medium and heavy duty delivery fleets has begun. While you consider policies to help foster this continued transition, I would like to outline the support you will receive from a host of organizations. While an electric truck costs hundreds of thousands of dollars

more than the equivalent diesel engine truck. Federal and state credits and rebates are being established to offset this cost difference. The federal government is offering a \$40,000 credit per unit, and Oregon house bill 2714, when passed, it will provide an additional 85,000 to \$120,000 rebate per unit. Additionally, these trucks will require an entirely new fueling infrastructure for. But Portland general electric and federal credits make it easy and affordable. Pge offers a make ready program that covers about half the total cost of the infrastructure, and new federal credits will cover up to 30% of the infrastructure. And finally, these all electric trucks will enjoy significant ongoing support from Oregon's clean fuels program, which provides the highest incentives for any trucks excuse me, the highest incentives for clean fuels in the united states. For example, titan will generally purchase electricity for these vehicles at \$0.15 per kilowatt hour. However, we estimate that the Oregon clean fuels program will provide credits that will offset this cost to very nearly zero. To be clear, the electricity to operate these trucks will be close to free. These are only a few of the financial benefits that will help support carriers as they make the switch to all electric trucks. However the most important benefits of this transition will be enjoyed by our community. These trucks will result in significant reduction in surface pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Regarding surface pollutions, these zero tailpipe emissions vehicles will immediately begin to reduce respiratory disease that are attributed to diesel exhaust and which disproportionately affect low income communities that live near transportation corridors. Poor Portlanders will enjoy healthier lives. And regarding the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions this year, with the use of these electric trucks and other decarbonize measures, my Oregon operations will reduce ghg emissions from a baseline of 1778 metric tons to 550 metric tons as a 70% reduction in global warming emissions. Some thing for which my team and I are very proud of. So that concludes and I just want to thank

you for this opportunity and with these new electric trucks, as commissioner Rubio knows and commissioner Ryan, I'm going to invite each of you and your families out to my office to drive a set of triples around our lot. Let's celebrate this achievement. It's at the end of July and I'll let you know. And I hope you're able to make it and enjoy it with your families.

Speaker: That's great. Thank you both. Appreciate it.

Speaker: And I'm looking to pbot staff. I think that completes our invited testimony.

Speaker: All right, mr. Mayor, that concludes invited testimony.

Speaker: Thank you, commissioner Keelan, how many folks do we have signed up?

Speaker: We have four people signed up.

Speaker: Very good. Keelan. I'll call you up, please. Three minutes each name for the record.

Speaker: First up, we have george mccarthy joining us online on. All right. It doesn't look like they've joined us. How about cory pinkard? Also online. Let's move to jackie traeger. I think we jackie, you, I think participated in our invited testimony.

Speaker: Oh, great.

Speaker: Yes. I already went.

Speaker: Yeah. Oh, great.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. And finally, we have lynn hanlon. Hi. My name is lynn hanlon, and I'm here to speak in favor of this resolution, but with reservations.

Speaker: Yes, it's excellent that you are. You know that pbot is doing a lot to promote ev infrastructure here and making a more equitable. And that's all very good. And unfortunately, electric vehicles are should be the smaller portion of our transition not not the major portion we need to focus more on reducing the vehicle miles driven and. Reducing and which which is in part increasing the use of public

transportation. Um, there was a mention in this thing about the really the only concrete mention about trimet and supporting public transportation was getting electric busses electrifying the system or which is wonderful, but if you don't have people on those busses, it's not going to do any good. So um, and an earlier person referred to the, the recent bad decision by trimet to increase fares. And I want to right now thank mayor Wheeler for coming out against that fare increase. Really appreciate that. We need more of that from from the city and from pbot. Um i, I would like to I would like pbot to actually work with trimet. Um and, you know, encourage and do what they can to go to a fareless system, right now, it's not only fareless, but they've increased the fares, which is essentially a tax on poor people because this is going to, this impacts low income communities. The most. And and, and not, you know, continuing to increase fares and have expensive public transportation just does not do a whole lot of good. So we really need to focus more on public transportation an and you know, evs is great but it's not the be all and end all it is better than just you know trying to go for renewable so-called renewable diesel, which is not also not an answer. Um, another small thing is, you know, I know you're talking about having, you know, less parking and all that and perhaps transitioning more, more parking spaces around the city, especially in outer east Portland, uh, you know, take away parking space here and there and put in shade trees which are contrary to what some of the board here seem to think are critical infrastructure here. So just want to say thanks for doing the ev thing and please focus more on public transportation. So thanks. Sorry that's my fan club outside.

Speaker: Great. Thank you. And does that complete public testimony? Very good. Colleagues, any questions at this commissioner Gonzalez.

Speaker: So thanks for the comprehensive report. With respect to the long term financial viability of pbob and our move towards electrification, anne, what's your best guess on the on the way out of this? Right. So if over the next decade we're going to commit to electrification, that's going to decrease gas consumption in the area, it's going to decrease our tax gas revenue, putting parking revenue aside, how do we reconcile this financial?

Speaker: Lee that's a great question. And honestly, cities globally are struggling with exactly this sort of cross incentives. It really requires us to shift away from the specific use based fees of using gas as the as the credential and shifting towards other use based fees and more general, uh, usage fees such as a lot of cities, as we've talked about in recent weeks, are moving towards a utility or utility fee that is specifically that every household and every business is contributing towards the need to have a transportation system rather than specifically taxing just one type of usage more efficiently. Spreads the load to everyone who depends on that system. Every household and every business needs a viable transportation system. Currently, we're not set up that way. We're really just focused on one specific system that perhaps was adequate when it was conceived of, you know, many, many years ago, but really isn't viable anymore, is there is there a model that is plausible where we can target specifically ev consumption?

Speaker: And to parallel what has historically been done on on the gas side, my understanding is one of the challenges is the specific data set is how to know what type the type of vehicle is and I don't believe that's readily available currently in how we're set up.

Speaker: So that would be one of the sort of sort of system challenges we would need to find a way to shift and come up with that. The Oregon wide road user charge concept is already trying to address that and odot's provided really great

leadership statewide on that of trying to shift if that could be ubiquitously adopted, we could shift away from fuel tax and have everyone pay a road user charge regardless of the of the fuel type. Right.

Speaker: Okay. I mean, obviously it's something that we just need to keep at the forefront. We have some big goals in the city of Portland and it's a defining character of the city that we strive for these things. But the financial viability of pbot should be on everyone's mind and at this point, these two poles are somewhat irreconcilable, at least at at this point in time. Correct yeah. Separately there's the gap between what we want to be and what we aspire to be. And the infrastructure and the barriers to get there and trying to either set goals that make sense for what we can actually achieve with the resources we have is going to be part of the grown up work we need to do over the next decade for sure. Yes thank you. Yeah, great.

Speaker: Thanks, colleagues, any further questions? If not, this is a resolution. Please call the roll. Ryan. Uh, thank you.

Speaker: First of all, this is a very noble endeavor, and I understand why our city needs to move in this direction. Thank you, commissioner Mapps, for bringing this forward. Excellent presentation. Welcome aboard, Vivian. Thank you. Art and Kristen. I do want to sound alarm here. It's been mentioned several times, and while we're not on track right now to meet these goals, what happens when we are 100% clean energy? Like you, I'm a bit concerned about this fact. So far I've not heard a plan to make up for the lost revenue for pbot when we are no longer collecting tax. Gas tax revenue commissioner Mapps, you have been very vocal, understandably so, and I appreciate that about the funding shortfall for pbot and I want to hear some vision and be in that dialog so we can reform with the corresponding revenue plan. Um, where is the model where Portland is climate friendly and we have money to fund important and necessary entities like pbot. I

look forward to seeing alternative revenue plans so that we may continue to invest in our city beyond the sale of gasoline. Of course, I'm going to vote in favor of this item. I just want to make sure we as a council recognize and address a plan for lost revenue. Congratulations, Keith Wilson, there you are in Titan for your leadership in the freight industry. You offered a tangible you offered some tangible good news today, which is very refreshing and I got to say, I'm looking forward to coming out and taking a spin. We also need to be mindful of the equity issues here. Electric vehicles do bear certain costs that I don't think get talked about enough. I want to make sure we have we actively ensure that our climate policy is also equitable and fair. And I know you all share the same thoughts. Having said all that, I would i. Gonzalez I I'm going to support this resolution.

Speaker: Glisan want to echo the concerns just about long term financial viability for pbot developing a strategy that addresses Portlanders safe, but don't want to lose that. And when we talk about decarbonization, then last but not least, our grid is not yet clean in Oregon and in the short, medium term, the push for electrification in does have some unintended consequences in further coal consumption and even natural gas consumption. So I just want to keep that at the forefront. I think the long term goal of driving electrification makes a ton of sense. We will soon have online our first electric fire truck in the city of Portland. So that's exciting. It takes a mammoth charger, but we're going to celebrate the heck out of it once it comes online. Uh, but all those things notwithstanding, I vote I on the resolution maps. I want to thank everyone who testified today.

Speaker: I also want to acknowledge the hard and excellent work done by people at staff omf who contributed to this resolution and this body of work. Well, this resolution is future focused. It sits on a foundation that pbot has been working on for many decades, supporting equitable, sustainable and safe transportation is core

to the bureau's mission, and we are excited about continuing this important work. However, I must also point out, as my colleagues before me, have also that decarbonizing. Our transportation system will require resources and frankly, pbot does not currently have these resources, nor do we have any anticipation that these resources will be coming to our budgets unless something fundamental changes. As as we have heard pbot fundamental funding mechanisms are broken. This council will not be able to achieve its goals and decarbonizing our transportation system until we develop a new funding model for our Portland's transportation system. Now, I appreciate the sensitivity and curiosity my colleagues have expressed around fixing this problem, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in this council to develop a new approach to supporting transportation here in Portland. And in the meantime, I vote. I Rubio thank you.

Speaker: Commissioner Mapps vivian and the pbot team for bringing this resolution forward. And just to echo my colleagues, very, very much looking forward to that broader conversation around long term funding, decarbonization is an important part of the city's climate emergency work plan, and I'm really, really happy to see the measures outlined in this resolution that can really move the needle on this work. I also want to further state that climate change and carbon reductions need to be prioritized by all of our bureaus because the impact to our communities cannot be ignored. And we all know that Portlanders that are most impacted by this crisis need to be kept front and center, and those are our frontline and vulnerable population who've been disproportionately impacted. And as some of the according to some of the well, we know this already, but was further echoed by a lot of the testimony that we heard today, the goals and the resolution are important and we need to keep focused about accomplishing these things together. So I'm glad that bts, together with vivian's leadership, will continue to be a

strong partner with pbob to make transportation decarbonization a priority. So this is very critical work and I'm happy to vote. I Wheeler I will just mirror my colleagues and commissioner Mapps I want to thank you again for bringing this forward.

Speaker: I think it is a good roadmap for the path ahead and I think you've been very clear headed and honest about the challenges that we face going forward. We are trying to restructure the way we think about transportation funding. We're moving from one paradigm to a completely different paradigm. I would suggest that we will have to be proactive in defining what that is. This is not news to us that as carbon based fuel dissipates and people move towards other platforms, including electrification, the traditional revenue streams will continue to wither. And I would suggest that others will not necessarily come forward with a solution for us, even though I realize every transportation bureau in the united states is facing exactly the same fiscal crisis as to greater or lesser degrees. So I appreciate the work that went into this and the conversation. And I have hopefulness towards the future and it's in that spirit that I vote. I and the resolution is adopted. Colleagues, we will take a it looks like about a 7 or 8 minute recess until we do our time certain at 3 p.m. We are in recess. For we are back in session. Before we get to item number 451, i'll ask legal counsel to read the rules of order and decorum. Again, please. Welcome to the Portland City Council to testify before council in person or virtually.

Speaker: You must sign up in advance on the council agenda at [w-w-w dot Portland.gov/council/agenda](http://w-w-w-dot-Portland.gov/council/agenda) information on engaging with City Council can be found on the City Council clerk's web page. The presiding officer preserves order and decorum during City Council meetings. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated, a timer will indicate when your time is done. Disruptive conduct

such as shouting refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting others testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If you cause a disruption, a warning will be given further disruption will result in ejection from the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave once ejected, is subject to arrest for trespass. Additionally counsel may take a short recess and reconvene virtually your testimony today should address the matter being considered when testifying. One state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary to disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organizer, please identify it. Three for testifiers joining virtually. Please unmute yourself. Once the council clerk calls your name. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Just a couple of notes on this afternoon's item. We have about 170 plus people signed up to testify. Testify so we did notice that it will be two minutes of public testimony. Keep in mind that that is over six hours of public testimony. We want to make sure we get through. Everybody who would like to be heard today. So please, as you're planning your talking points, limit yourself to two minutes as the rules of order and decorum are so that we have a safe environment for everybody, regardless of their perspective, motive. We want to make sure that everybody feels safe and welcome to express their views. If you came into the chamber with the assumption that you have the only viewpoint, you will be wrong. We want to make sure that we do have the opportunity to hear people, and that includes people who disagree with me, people who disagree with my colleagues, maybe people who disagree with you. But let's show that the democratic process can work. And if it doesn't, I just want to warn those of you who think this doesn't matter, we will go to virtual. We do not have to legally meet in person. I'd prefer we do that. We have everybody here that we can look each other in the eye and hear different perspective tvs and be civil about it. But if we can't, then what i'll do is i'll give notice

that we are going to go virtual. We'll clear the room and that will be that. So with that, we will get to our first item. Item number 451 amend city code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with house bill 3115 colleagues, this is a first reading of a non emergency ordinance. That means we will not be voting today, but we will hear a presentation. We will have public testimony. There will potentially be some opportunity for council discussion depending upon what time we get through testimony. This item amends the city code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with the state's house bill 3115. Before we begin, I'd like to make a technical amendment to the ordinance s to remove and correct references to the hearings office. This is a technical amendment that I move as follows section one finding aid of the ordinance regarding the hearings office is stricken and replaced with the following sentence. The city will ensure the district attorney's office is aware of the additional affirmative defense that may be asserted under house bill 3.115. Could I get a second, please? Second second from commissioner Mapps. Any further discussion on the amendment? Mayor commissioner Gonzalez so can you just help clarify the background here on on the need for the change? I will defer to legal counsel as it's a technical amendment, but but I believe what it is doing is stating that under house bill 3001 15, there are additional legal rights assumed under these time place manner ordinances and we are acknowledging that. But i'll defer to robert, who actually is an attorney.

Speaker: Thank you. Mayor robert taylor, city attorney under house bill 3115. There is an affirmative defense for somebody charged with violating a city ordinance passed under that bill. And the affirmative defense allows the defendant to assert that the restriction is not objectively reasonable. And so this technical amendment just makes it clear that the city will instruct the district attorney about

that affirmative defense is the intent that we bypass a hearing officer mechanism or entirely the intent under the enforcement mechanism is to provide two warnings. And then after those two warnings, it would be subject to a criminal prosecution by the district attorney. And we also understand that the district attorney is interested in diversion opportunities to connect people with services and resources and just to be crystal clear, so what's envisioned would bypass hearing officer unless diverted to by the da or in as a part of that criminal justice system?

Speaker: Correct. Okay. Thank you for the clarification. I want to think about it. I'll approve it for purposes of the amendment, but we'll want to think about that a little bit.

Speaker: Would you like me to hold off on the vote on the amendment?

Speaker: I mean, I don't want to disrupt the process. So if it's advantageous to get it in right now, I would support it. But i.

Speaker: Why don't we do it? Because it basically has to be in it. As I understand it. Please any further questions? No, please call the roll. Ryan hi. Gonzales

Speaker: Hi. Maps. Hi. Reveal hi, Wheeler.

Speaker: All right. The amendment passes. I'll also note that two sentences in the impact statement at the eighth paragraph of the budget office financial impact analysis regarding regarding the hearings office will also be stricken by the council clerk, though that correction does not require an amendment. Thank you, colleagues. So to the matter at hand, there are currently hundreds of unsafe and sometimes dangerous and often squalid homeless camps across. All 146mi² of the city of Portland. These homeless camps, as I've said on many occasions, represent nothing short of a humanitarian catastrophe for those who are struggling in those encampments as well as the community at large, who often struggle, as we heard

this morning, under the public health, the public safety and the livability issues caused to everybody in the community, we have to continue to balance these important issues. We have to develop workable and compassionate means to connect people to the services that they need to get off and stay off the streets. And we also have the further requirement now to update our city code to comply with new state laws related to homelessness. This in 2021. Specifically the Oregon legislature adopted house bill 3115. This bill requires all cities in Oregon to update their local camping ordinances to ensure that they're objectively reasonable with respect to time, place and manner. Restrictions on unsanctioned camping. These changes must be adopted by all Oregon jurisdictions by July 1st, 2023. House bill 3001 15, along with rulings from the ninth circuit court like martin v boise, require the local jurisdictions to adjust their laws regulating unsanctioned camping so that they can be meaningfully enforced within this legal framework, my administration aims to bring Portland city code up to par with state law by ensuring the city has reasonable time, place and manner regulations, actions while continuing our work to find solutions to these complicated problems. These changes to city policy are necessary for three primary reasons is first, to make clear my goal of ending unsanctioned camping in the city of Portland. Second, to align our unsanctioned camping city code with the requirements of current state law. And third, to explicitly state in writing the city of Portland's policies, as well as our enforcement strategies. As such, I'm proposing the following changes to city code regarding time prohibit all camping between the hours of 8 a.m. And 8 p.m. Regarding place a complete ban on camping in specific locations, including but not exclude missive to parks, docks, sidewalk areas intended for pedestrians as well as areas near construction sites, schools, daycare center existing shelters, high crash corridors and environmental overlay zones regarding manner camps may not obstruct access to private property

or to businesses. Start or use gas heaters in or around a site set up permanent structures accumulate garbage or hazardous materials assemble or offer to sell multiple bicycles, cars or other parts. Enforcement of this ordinance is intended to be a tool to connect people with appropriate resources, while also addressing behavior that is damaging to our community at large. The ordinance requires written warnings prior to any penalty after two documented warnings, an additional violation could result in criminal penalties, as our intention is to offer alternative shelter options amenities to those living on our streets. We will phase in our enforcement if passed, which will coincide with the opening of our first temporary alternative shelter site with more to follow shortly thereafter. Individuals who do not abide by the strict restrictions outlined in city code will be subject to a warning citation. My team has expressed my strong commitment to collaborating with the district attorney, as well as Multnomah County courts, to support any efforts to create appropriate alternatives to criminal sanctions for violations, whether it is acceptance of service referrals, completion of community service or restorative justice participation in I'm fully behind creating pathways out of the criminal justice system. We're investing. We're investing millions of dollars in various programs to provide access to services and to shelter. This includes but is not exclusive to the city's safe rest villages. Temporary alternative shelter sites and funding to the joint office of homeless service charges, which goes towards shelter for rent support. Alternate native camp sites, transitional housing, housing and other services, including behavioral health, substance use disorder, treatment, basic health care access and navigation to housing. I will continue to work to increase and bolster these programs while ensuring the city has reasonable laws that it can enforce to address unsanctioned camping. I also recognize that this ordinance change may place additional burdens on day center facilities. As my

team is working to identify opportunities to support these critical services as my goal is to have enough shelter, housing and treatment access available so that we can fully eliminate unsanctioned, unsheltered camping within the city of Portland. I believe that this would be helpful to those who are currently struggling on our streets and I believe that this is what Portlanders in general are asking for as well. Since announcing these changes, our office has received overwhelming positive support for this proposal. These changes are critical. You may not agree, and that's fine. That's democracy. These changes are critical to the city's compliance with state law and vital to our community's ability to return soon to the vibrant place that we all love. I now like to invite skyler brock, my senior policy advisor here, as well as robert taylor, our city's attorney, to present information to the council. Thanks skyler and robert, I appreciate it.

Speaker: Thanks, mayor. Commissioners good afternoon. Skyler brock, nap, senior policy advisor for the mayor. We're going to discuss some of the background and context and then go through some of the pieces kind of an overview of this ordinance. So just to reiterate that this is amending city code titles 14 and 20 with respect to unsanctioned camping in the city of Portland to comply with house bill 3115 that was passed in the 2021 Oregon state legislative session, requiring all jurisdictions within Oregon to comply with that state law. Every jurisdiction has to comply with the ordinances that are objectively reasonable as to time, place and manner with respect to persons experiencing homelessness. If voted upon and approved, will be in compliance with this state law in early July and robert's going to speak to some of the legal context for this as well.

Speaker: Thank you, skyler. Robert taylor, Portland city attorney, the martin versus boise case is a case out of the ninth circuit and it held that a city cannot prohibit camping citywide if there are not alternative shelters available for people

experiencing homelessness. The court, however, also indicated that even for those who are experiencing homelessness and where there is not alternative shelter space available, all cities can adopt reasonable time, place, manner, regulations governing how that camp thing is done and that's why you see in 2021, the Oregon legislature adopted house bill 3001 15 that required all cities in Oregon to make sure that their local camping ordinances were objectively reasonable. With respect to the time, place and manner regulating camping. That's what the city of Portland is proposing to do today with this ordinance. And this is also why you see other local jurisdictions throughout the state going through this same process to update their local ordinances. Thank you.

Speaker: Next slide, please. So I'm just going to run through some of the pieces of the ordinance and these restrictions so as to time. Some camping will be permitted only between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. After 8 a.m., all items have to be packed away in the campsite needs to be removed. This is similar to the city of beaverton's proposal, so neighboring jurisdictions have similar proposals as well. Next slide, please as to place as the mayor ran through some of these as well. But just to reiterate, this is not an exhaustive list. Involuntary and involuntarily homeless person may not camp in the following places at any time, even during that 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Time frame that's on a pedestrian plaza on city docks in a pedestrian use zone along the sidewalk that people use in a park within 250ft from a preschool kindergarten elementary, secondary or child care center within 250ft of a safe park site, a safe rest village or a temporary alternative shelter site. And then within 250ft of a construction zone with a building permit in high crash corridor networks, and then within 250ft of the environmental overlay zones and river natural area zones also within areas posted no trespassing by city bureaus. Next slide, please. In terms of manner, these restrictions mirror a lot of the elements in our impact reduction

program matrix. So already part of city policies but being codified into city code. Some of those include not being able to obstruct access to private property or businesses adjacent to the public right of way. That includes ingress and egress for fire safety issues as well. Starting or maintaining a fire for the purpose of burning any combustible materials all in and around a campsite or the use of a gas heater, setting up any type of permanent or temporary fixture or structure in and around public property or public right of way. Storing belongings or other objects in a total area encompassing more than ten square feet outside a tent or readily portable shelter and then, as the mayor mentioned, assembling disassembling, offering to distribute or store three or more bicycles or two or more automobiles or their parts. Robert is going to talk about enforcement of this ordinance, this enforcement will be phased in using a series of warnings before somebody is subject to criminal enforcement that somebody would receive two written warnings identifying the provisions of the code that were violated.

Speaker: And the warnings have to come at least 24 hours apart at and then if you have a third violation within a one year period or a or a third violation after a conviction within a one year period, then you would be subject to the criminal enforcement punish by a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment for up to 30 days or both. Again folks, we can go virtual.

Speaker: It's up to you. If what I'd really recommend and you can hate this all you want, but let's hear the presentation. And then when it's then when it is your turn to testify, you get the mic. But if we can if we can't be civil, we are going to go virtual. And that's the bottom line. It's my call and that's what I'm telling you. It's not scary. It's actually just being civil. Go ahead.

Speaker: The district attorney's office would be responsible under the code for enforcing those criminal penalties, although the da, we understand, would be

focused on diversion to connect people with necessary services and resources. And that is the intent of the criminal enforcement, is to provide a venue to help people access those additional services and resources.

Speaker: Next slide, please. So our next steps in terms of communication and outreach, we have spoken with service providers, day center provider\$ Multnomah County and the da's office s, as well as other folks involved in this process. There will be a need for ongoing communication and education and outreach for all parties involved. So we've had those discussions, some of those discussions already, and we'll continue to have those discussions over the next couple of months. It will be a phased in enforcement process that will require a lot of education and outreach because it's a change in city code. It won't happen overnight. So communication that will be provided on our website and printed handouts. We will also go hold virtual office hours to answer folks questions. Robert and I will be made available to answer technical questions. We've already briefed the media once, but happy to do it again in a technical briefing. Outreach obviously through the street services coordination center, our impact reduction program through the joint office of homeless services and Portland street response, and then also the coordination with community based organizations like I mentioned, there's hundreds of outreach workers who work in the city and the county. And we want to make sure that everyone is aware of these code changes as and educated on them as well. Again, just to reiterate these this process of enforcement will be phased in over a period of time after the first opening of the temporary alternative shelter site. And again, it will be an educational process for everyone involved. Changing city code means that we need to educate every person who is a part of the process along the way. Thank you.

Speaker: Very good. And does that complete your presentation? Yes, very good. Commissioners I understand some of you have invited testimony. I'll pass it to you and introduce those testifiers. Commissioner Gonzalez. Sure.

Speaker: I'd like to invite nick coffee from my office up. Oh absolutely.

Speaker: Yeah. Do you want to go first now? Sure

Speaker: Nick, we're going to switch it. Commissioner Ryan would like to go first. If aaron wants is online.

Speaker: I know you have to leave at 330. Is this okay? Small business owner at westside electric. Are you there? There he is.

Speaker: Hello? Hello everyone.

Speaker: Yeah, I think you have three minutes. Yeah or two minutes. Is that the rule?

Speaker: It's invited testimony. So why don't we say two minutes?

Speaker: Two minutes? All right. Thanks, aaron. Okay i'll try to be quick here.

Speaker: Thanks. So, hi. My name is aaron watson. I'm the owner of westside electric, and we have 40 amazing people here on our team. Members of biko are a union, an electrical contractor, local 48. We provide residential and commercial electrical services to the community for years, we have had major problems with the street camping around us. We've lost numerous people from our team that were very important to our staff and to what we do because they could not they did not want to come to work or live around the extreme camping drugs and crime and the filth that is around us. Um the rvs and the tents and the structures block the sidewalks around our building. There's trash and debris that piles up around those camps and our, our our front door. There's garbage being burned. That sucks in through the rooftop units. And it affects all the employees in here. We had to put filtration systems in so that people could not be coughing and try to breathe. Um

we use our landscape as a restroom. There's drug items thrown over our fence into our lot. We can't find a landscape person that will even come and clean it up, uh, to cut down our trees. Uh, they're breaking into employees vehicles, our company vehicles, stealing our tools, breaking into our our building, cutting through our fence. I could go on for hours with everything that I've had to deal with, with this being down here 8 to 12 hours a day. Um, I've had personal conversations with many of the people around here. The people that are living in these camps, trying to help them to see if they need help. I found one gentleman, a job and a place to stay to get him out of this situation because he seemed he wanted that he did not want help. He just moved his camp over a little bit and continued to do what he was doing. There's drugs everywhere. They're selling bikes and tools and everything. All day long outside of my windows. It's a problem because I care about everyone that's here and I don't like to see people living like that out there on the street. And it affects our business. Customers don't want to come down here. Um, I could go on a little more. Thank you. Support this plan? I think it's the best thing.

Speaker: Thank you. Appreciate it. Dan said. Yeah okay. Commissioner Gonzalez person can't get away from work. Okay

Speaker: Nick, coffee from my office. I just has some research that we wanted to walk through briefly.

Speaker: Could you just state your name for the record, please.

Speaker: Uh, good afternoon, mayor and commissioners.

Speaker: My name is nick. Coffee I'm a policy specialist for commissioner gonzales. He asked that I analyze this current proposed oil and contrast it with some of our neighboring jurisdictions to identify where we largely align and where some differences exist in its current form. Um, two of our larger neighbors, beaverton and tigard, are putting forward their own ordinances right now. And I have noted

some differences. Last week, Tigard adopted their time, place, manner ordinance in Beaverton is set to pass their most recent amended version on June 6th. Tigard has gone a step further than Portland at this current proposal by largely increasing the camping buffer zones around child care providers, schools and high traffic corridors to 500ft. While this proposal dictates only 250ft. Additionally both Tigard and Beaverton have larger distance buffers for camping near shelters and homeless service providers, as well as a broader definition. This current proposal for Portland dictates a camping ban within 250ft of city owned safe park, safe rest and future sanctioned camp areas. Both our neighbors to the west include nonprofit and private providers in their definitions of sheltering and services. This proposal only includes city owned sites. Tigard has implemented a 500 foot buffer around shelters and providers, as Beaverton will adopt a buffer of 1000ft. Beaverton has also dictated buffer requirements between campsites in response to issues they have noted in situations where the campsites are closely clustered together in response, they are pursuing a 150 foot buffer between the campsites. So if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to our office or the city attorney's office for inquiries on the language and the order itself. Thank you.

Thank you.

Speaker: Paul. A question for follow up.

Speaker: Go ahead. Do you want to hold on one second here?

Speaker: Can you walk us through what you found with respect to Lake Oswego?

Speaker: Sure. Lake Oswego has dictated that they do not feel the need to create a new time, place, manner, ordinance. It's seen that there exists in city policy already went far enough in meeting the state's concerns. Lake Oswego has been much more strict than the city of Portland and other surrounding municipalities up to this point. So they are not providing an updated time, place, manner, ordinance at all.

Speaker: And can you just give like the high level on what lake Oswego currently prohibits?

Speaker: Sure. So lake Oswego does not provide city sponsored sites. They only allow tent camping in the event of it being in an individual's backyard. I'm sorry, I can't speak much further into lake Oswego. Fair enough.

Speaker: So is it fair to say, based on your review of neighboring cities, that Portland is less restrictive than Beaverton, Tigard or Lake Oswego? That's correct.

Speaker: Right. Okay. I'll leave it at that for right now.

Speaker: All right. Thank you.

Speaker: Anybody else have invited testimony, Commissioner Rubio, you had an amendment.

Speaker: I do.

Speaker: So just a second here. So thank you, Mayor. I'm introducing the following amendment. It's sort of in the spirit of reflecting on the conversation we had back in November 2022. A majority of this council stated publicly that we would not seek to criminalize a community member solely for being homeless, and we also agreed that we needed to create an expanded system of housing options. And given that we do not yet have all the available units and that's why we're opening the temporary alternative shelter sites with on-site services, my amendment makes it clear that we are aligning our timelines to match with the increase in available shelter sites and in addition to give our officers time to be trained by the new training. Dean um, I don't know that they know all the details of this ordinance. I also believe that all of our shelter providers need time to understand what this new ordinance will mean. So what my amendment reads is as follows amending section one council finds and adding paragraph number 11. Um, the city of Portland resolution number 37 37595 directed the establishment of at least six designated

camping sites that must be diversely spread across the city that will serve as an alternative to self site sanctioned unsanctioned encampments offer mental health and substance abuse treatment services to people in Portland experiencing homelessness. Also adding section b to the council directives as follows. Now, therefore, the council directs that enforcement of city code section 14, a dot 50 .025 will be integrated into the timeline and phased as such as to match the delivery date of the first two designated camping sites, such as there is congruence in the enforcement and ability of people to have meaningful places to move to after being given initial warnings and allow sufficient time for the training and to training dean to provide training to city officers. So I just want us to hold true to what we had stated in the intent. It doesn't make sense to me to move forward with this aspect if we don't have the tasks set up fully equipped to receive people so they have a place to go. So that's my amendment eight.

Speaker: Very good. Is there a second to the amendment? I, i. Okay i'll second it for discussion purposes and then we'll keep it open. Just i'll be honest, I don't support it and i'll tell you why. Number one, I'd like to maintain I would like to maintain the flexibility that is in this particular ordinance, the time, place, manner, ordinance is separate from the temporary alternative shelter sites. That is a separate issue and it may be the case that in a year or two years or four years or seven years, we don't need any of them, which would be my hope. We might go in a different direction and expand shelter services or other alternative temporary sites. But we're locking ourselves into one specific strategy be temporary alternative shelter site. The first one will open in July and it will hold approximate 140 people. Our current shelter system holds over 2500, so it's what that particular strategy right now is. We are just beginning to scale it up is a drop in the bucket. So I'm putting my cards on the table. I appreciate the spirit in which you brought this forward, commissioner. I see

where you're heading with it and your your I see what you're trying to do. I just won't support it. That's where I am. But I will second it for the purposes of discussion.

Speaker: Commissioner Gonzalez yeah, I just had a follow up question.

Speaker: I guess this is first to the mayor and his team. Um, what is the anticipated timeline for the second temporary temporary alternative shelter?

Speaker: So 1st July and sky, if you're still floating around here somewhere, maybe you could come back and tell us what you think the approximate date time frame for number two is. Yeah

Speaker: Thanks, mayor and commissioners skyler brucker, senior policy adviser. So it will likely be in fall. We don't have a precise date just due to construction timelines, probably in early October would be my guess.

Speaker: And do so. Do we have a site located a lease signed for the space?

Speaker: Not a lease. We have an loi signed. We're working on a lease right now, so.

Speaker: No, no signed lease. Do we have a provider selected? Will be urban alchemy for that purpose. So no, no, no. Signed lease. And you're thinking it would be fall for the second one? Yes. Okay um, I think that's. I'm good. On questions for skyler. Thank you. I echo the mayor on this. I won't support this amendment. I think time, place, manner needs to be separate from the discussion about creation of shelter. We need to pursue both of them with earnest. But i'll leave it at that for now.

Speaker: Very good.

Speaker: Commissioner, would you mind if we leave this open for testimony? Terrific. Good. Thank you. Any further amendments is good. We'll get to the main show then. Many individuals have signed up to testify today. How many folks do we

have signed up? Keelan 176. 176. So again, we are limiting testimony to two minutes. That's still over six hours of testimony. I know not everybody can stick around that long. Some of you who are at the end of the list might want to come back. It's certainly your call. Note that the clerk will mute virtual testifiers when they've completed their two minutes. That is not her choice. That is my directive. Just so we keep things moving so that we can hear from everybody for those of you who are in person, I would kindly ask you to complete your testimony within that two minute time frame. Thank you. So with that, we'll turn it over to our very wonderful council clerk and she'll call people in order. You don't need to give your address or anything like that. You can state your name if you'd like. We prefer it if you're a lobbyist. We need to know that. And if you're here, represent an organization, you're certainly welcome to say that too. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: First up, we have heather lynn van wilde in person. Welcome back. Thank you.

Speaker: Talk about putting the cart before the horse astroturfing dark money group people for Portland released polling stating 23% of Portlanders oppose this ordinance. Yes, that's better numbers than what sandy chung of the aclu pointed out when in 1961, gallup asked who approved of the freedom riders? That was only 22. Just because something is popular does not make it right. And this ordinance, as written is not right. The rules proposed do not give objectively reasonable restrictions about homeless people being able to rest. It gives no recognition to homeless people who actively work night shifts. And yes, they do exist who would now have no safe place or time to sleep. It discriminates against marginalized people who sleep during the day so they can stay awake at night when the risk of harm to them is the highest yet. It makes no effort to address where people are supposed to maintain their belongings if they have to pack them up every morning.

It makes no provision for where it's for. If there's no safe place to go looking at the list of now banned places, even as a longtime resident, I'd be confused about what's allowed and what's not allowed without a map. This will actively hurt nonprofits like blanchett house sisters of the road and rose haven, homeless advocacy groups did not get to provide feedback on this plan, nor does it appear where any homeless people consult. And even the Oregon law center, who helped frame hb 3115 says this is an inappropriate response. Contrary to mayor Wheeler's previous claims, this is an attempt to criminalize homelessness. And instead of jailing homeless people that money could be better spent working to provide adequate housing for a fraction of the cost. Experts agree that permanent supportive housing is the most cost effective solution to. But instead, we go back to the trump playbook. Boec. The city had two years to address hb 3115, but literally waited until the last month to come up with a deeply flawed and likely unconstitu optional plan. But hey, at least it removes a ban on skateboarding on cobblestone roads. Our next three testifiers are joining us online.

Speaker: First up, lance goldenberg, followed by tim mccormick and vadim mazursky.

Speaker: Yeah. Hey can you hear me? Loud and clear. Oh, great. Okay, well, I just want to thank you guys. Uh, mayor, council for your courage. And finally taking steps to address this critical issue in a humane and realistic way. Enacting and enforcing clear time and place restrictions on camping is sorry as long overdue. And I applaud your effort to codify this so that various bureaus have full authority to humanely redirect individuals to sanctioned camping parking shelters and other resources. Many of our cities best intentions have misfired and come back to haunt us. We have enabled and in some ways even encouraged street living to the point where far too many of our streets and public spaces are now inaccessible

environmentally unsound, unsafe, often resembling open air, insane asylums. Oh yeah, I know it's cliché and it's all because of you. We absolutely cannot allow this situation to continue. We cannot allow people to keep refusing help or refusing shelter, refusing hope to keep living on the streets because Portland has allowed this horrible situation to snowball to the point where it is now nearly unmanageable. We have to turn off the welcome sign to street camping and be strong enough to say no, we need the legal tools to encourage and compel people experiencing mental health or substance use disorder to get help. Doing otherwise creates a potential danger to those in crisis and those around them. We've a long, difficult, uphill struggle ahead of us, but at least what's on the table today is finally a step in the right direction. Thank you. Next up is tim mccormick.

Speaker: Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yes, we hear you. Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler.

Speaker: Council members.

Speaker: My name is tim mccormick. I'm the director of housing alternatives network, nonprofit. First, I want to thank you for tackling this tough issue in a civil way and letting different voices be heard. I think mayor Wheeler kind of got to the heart of it in a statement this morning, early on when he said people need to know if they can't be there, where can they be? As hillel the elder said about 2000 years ago, if I am not for myself, who will be for me? If not now, when can we add? If not here, where? Now I'm asking this myself because I personally don't have housing for next month and I'm building a car trailer to live in as a fallback if nothing else comes through. Thousands of other people now on the street will or currently have that problem. The city has the question also in order to enact and defend any such policy. So you might say that ironically, we have a common interest here. So I have a proposal about something concrete and practical we can do, that we can do

today. And in fact, I've already built the first version of it that is a tool to help anyone answer the question immediately. Can I be here? If not, where can I go and what can I do? You can go online at if not here, dot org to see the start of this and see how you can help. You can email, help and if not here.org you can tweet. If not here or hashtag if not here. Where we'll add a phone number so you can test. And finally see if you are housed and you're not personally facing this. We still want her and you want to know how you can help as I said, I'm building a trailer. It's a way for me to solve the problem for myself, but also to potentially solve it for hundreds or thousands of other people. If you have a garage or a driveway, a side yard or a backyard, and you can offer it, let us know. You can provide someone a place to be yourself. Thank you. Bye

Speaker: Next up is vadim mazursky.

Speaker: Hello, mayor Wheeler and city commissioners.

Speaker: I have a strong suspicion there'll be plenty of opinions presented to you over the next six hours of testimony. So let me begin by reading off some facts. A record 193 homeless people died in Multnomah County in 2021. A 53% increase compared to the previous year. Substance abuse contributed to about 60% of those deaths last year, 36% of pedestrians killed in traffic related crashes were homeless. Homicides in the homeless community more than doubled to 18 in 2021, amounting to 20% of homicides that year. In 2022, there were almost 2000 homeless related fires. 41% of all fires in the city. These figures are all the more staggering because the homeless comprise of only about 0.7% of Multnomah County. Last year, the city and contractors picked up a total. Of 16,167,273 pounds of trash from around encampments. A new record for the city in the past has built a reputation for being environmentally conscious. We have a humanitarian, a public safety, a drug addiction, a mental health, and even an environmental catastrophe

on our hands. We all know the obvious truth from these staggering figures the status quo is not tenable. A recent poll reflects this 75% of Multnomah County voters say that homelessness in Portland is an out-of-control disaster, quote unquote, at 71. They support the current ordinance. This ordinance provides hopes support and hope to Portlanders who know the status quo is not working for them and their families. It is pragmatic in addressing the livability and safety needs of Portlanders and visitors alike, while also compassionately addressing the need to connect the homeless to services. Let's be realistic. We have a long journey ahead of us to fully deal with the mental health and drug addiction crises that we're witnessing in our streets, on our sidewalks and our green spaces. But this ordinance is a step in the right direction and an and a necessary step. Thank you. Next up, we have eric cole joining us online, followed by sandra comstock and dwayne reynolds in person.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. And commissioners.

Speaker: My name is eric cole.

Speaker: I'm my pronouns are he him and I'm here on behalf of revitalize Portland coalition. And I am a registered lobbyist. We're the voice of the commercial real estate industry, which I think, you know, is the largest industry in Portland's downtown. And our membership represents a workforce of over 8000 members across Oregon. We support 451. On your agenda today with the understanding that additional shelter options come online rapidly, as is so apparent, we believe the status quo of tents, unabated debris and dangerous conditions calls for this action to be taken. And we agree with mayor Wheeler that we do face a humanitarian catastrophe as our members see it every day on their properties and in their neighborhoods. We're also, frankly, concerned about an economic catastrophe for our entire region if we don't address the situation in our central core district, a

diminished central city has economic consequences for all our neighborhoods and we believe reasonable rules on unauthorized camping is a necessary step. People camping on our streets aren't served well by this status quo. As you establish safe alternative shelter opportunities separately in this ordinance, they can result in a greater connection to services and resources and we think these settings provide a valuable opportunity for vulnerability screens, for folks to get access to mental health issues, substance disorders, addiction, as well as co-occurring diagnoses. Hopefully that can lead to improved treatment and support instead of giving out tents. We should not be satisfied until no one lives in inhumane conditions. On our streets. We respectfully ask you to approve this measure, and we will. We believe it will improve the quality of life in our city as well as connect more Portlanders to services, treatment and housing. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have sandra comstock. Hi, I'm sandra comstock.

Speaker: And I'm here because I'm really tired of cleaning up after the city, a city that punishes rather than helps unsheltered neighbors. The camping ban is just one more weight on our overwhelmed shoulders as providers asking homeless Portlanders, 60% of whom live with one or more disabilities to carry their homes on their backs for 12 hours a day, seven days a week will heighten mental and physical distress, hitting houseless and frontline workers like a punch to the gut, slapping \$100 fines on homeless Portlanders will result in warrants jail time that raise rather than lower barriers to health and housing. The key to our success in solving this problem. In a call last week, scholar baker nap couldn't tell us what rules would govern ticketing stating only that tickets would be for those who officers remembered with Portland's record of overpolicing black, brown, trans and mentally ill residents. This ban won't just generally harm, but disproportionately ticket and jail groups who are already targeted and underserved. And last week,

eric zimmerman additionally promised businesses that the city would be sending tough urban alchemy staff out into the streets with extra police to the central east side to push people into the camps where, quote, no one would be hugging it out with homeless people. The harsh and counterproductive methods of urban alchemy are backed up by its record of shooting a homeless man in san francisco and the woeful performance of its camp, where just 7% of residents found permanent housing and 50% disappeared in seven died. The camping ban will just deepen the suffering it promises no relief for housed or houseless Portlanders. With this in mind, why not address the problems unhoused people are complaining about and houseless people are suffering from from the hookup data. We know that those complaining about camps are most concerned about trash, fire, waste and use of public space trash and bio waste could be solved by doing what those of us on the clean and green committee have been urging the city to do for years provide public toilets and rationalize trash service, improving access to city streets and land is also possible if we focus resources on things like moving Multnomah and master leases, which fast track 214 to healthy housing in less than four months for just \$4 million, a fraction of what the cost of one of these 250% urban alchemy camps is going to cost you. Yet we are poised to spend. I'll need you to wrap 30s.

Speaker: Okay. Yeah. We are poised to spend 60 million plus on sweeps tickets, jailing and camps to nowhere.

Speaker: I'm tired. Tired of cleaning up after the policies that strain our resources and kill our health and well-being of homeless, low income and frontline workers alike. I wish that you would listen and collaborate. It's time to put on your grown up pants and stop pointing fingers and belittling us and wearing out those of us who stand between you and a much bigger humanitarian disaster. Thank you. Thank

you. So I don't I don't want to be the time police, so please keep your remarks to two minutes.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have dwayne reynolds. They were planning to join in person as dwayne reynolds here. Okay. We'll move on to david dixon joining us online.

Hello

Speaker: My name is david dixon. I co-chair the downtown neighborhood association. Homeless, houseless team during the covid camp in place period. Our 25 good neighbor volunteers delivered survival items on a weekly basis to our unhoused neighbors in downtown. As a good neighbor, I witnessed firsthand the cruelty and inhumanity of unsheltered camping. We held a memorial service for a double amputee who died in his tent. I greeted a young girl who returned to her camp in tears after being raped. A 15 year old camp leader died of an overdose. We must build more housing for the thousands of unhoused Portlanders, but we cannot wait forever for this to happen. If an earthquake left thousands homeless, would we let them suffer on the street for years waiting for housing to be built? No no. We would immediately create safe and sanitary shelter. We must do the same today. I support the mayor's plan to end unsheltered camping. Unsheltered homelessness is cruel and dehumanizing. People are dying on the streets. We must use all of Portland's creative hardesty to create shelter for our unhoused neighbors. Sweeps alone do not solve the problem. Um. They make it worse. The mayor's plan for large outdoor shelters will work for many, but. But it won't work for everyone. We need multiple shelter options that will work for the many unique needs that our unhoused neighbors have. Let's build on what works. Dignity village with its long history of self-governance, we shine tiny home communities, safe rest villages, kenton's women's village and hazelnut grove. The pop up shelters proposed by

keith wilson in using churches and community centers as night shelter sites, as unsheltered homelessness for too long has hurt Portland's reputation in and quality of life for everyone, especially our unhoused neighbors. Let's harness our innovative spirit and end unsheltered camping in Portland. Now thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have frank cobb. Frank cobb. K ren k, ren arrieta. Ren. Arrieta. Ren melissa hansen. Melissa hansen. Gary barker. Gary barker.

Speaker: Could I ask a question?

Speaker: If somebody in the overflow room, how are we going to know? Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Speaker: Oh, good question.

Speaker: So if in the overflow room, if your name is called and you hear it, just come to the main chamber and we'll set you up in here.

Speaker: We're not going to skip over you. Yeah.

Speaker: Great. Thank you for making that announcement. Let's move on to jonathan molson. Welcome.

Speaker: Good afternoon, commissioners. And mayor Wheeler, my name is jonathan molson and I'm a business and property owner in Portland central eastside.

Speaker: I'm a board member of the central eastside industrial council. Over the past 20 years, our business beam development has been fortunate to work with countless small businesses of all types in the central eastside, and therefore I'm confident we have a unique insight into the challenges that these small businesses face, which are such a vital part of our local economy. The primary concern we hear from these small businesses is the lack of safety on the street resulting in employees and customers not feeling safe. Coming into our district and thus making it extremely difficult to sustain or grow a business in the district and

provide the quality jobs that have historically existed there. The main factor driving the perception and reality of an unsafe district has been the proliferation of unsanctioned camping on sidewalks in the street under overpasses, around off ramps and on other publicly owned properties, of which there are many in the central eastside in the district struggling to recover. Following the pandemic, navigating around tents and trash human excrement and drug paraphernalia is simply too intimidating and traumatic for many workers and customers to feel safe returning something needs to change. I believe our community's intentions have been in the right place by prioritizing compassion for those who find themselves on our street. However, I also believe that our community has been taken advantage of by significant number of people that do not want shelter treatment or the like and merely want to live consequence free on our streets. We need a new approach to the persistent problems of houselessness and unsanctioned camping, an approach that will allow our city to revitalize is ensuring we have resources to help those in our community most in need. For those reasons, I support this ordinance and respectfully ask that the council adopt it. Thank you. Okay next up, we have art fortuna in person.

Speaker: Good afternoon on mayor Wheeler and commissioners. My name is art fortuna. I own a business called vibrant table catering. We're located in southeast Portland and I also am the current vice president of central eastside industrial council and I'm on the board a member of the esd that was formed about four years ago that is called central eastside together and you know, we formed that. We formed that esd with the support of City Council to, to provide additional services in our district, which included sanitation, safety care teams and graffiti abatement. Frankly, we've been overwhelmed by the problem of the houseless community. We, even though we have a major representation on our board and of all communities,

including houseless as well as associations that are working with the houseless and we have found that to be incredibly difficult to maintain, particularly in the last three years of the with covid. And we're we're finding that we formed with the concept of using informed care, trauma, informed care. And we've maintained that throughout the process. But it's still an overwhelming problem that we can't seem to do enough for in recent years, recent weeks and months. We've got the mayor's program, which has been the. 90 day reset, which we've seen nice improvements on. And we think that that's a step in the right direction and we support both the cic and the cdd do support this measure. So that we can give the Portland police a tool that helps them move in the direction I think in the long term will be improved. Thank you very much. Thank you. Oh yeah.

Speaker: Next up again, folks, if everybody here agreed with you, that's a problem.

Speaker: You don't want to be in a democracy where everybody agrees on everything. Let's let's have a competition of ideas. Let's hear everybody out. Can we do that, please?

Speaker: Next up, we have scott herman. Scott kerman. You have money, mayor Wheeler, commissioners.

Speaker: My name is scott kerman. I'm the executive director of blanché house and I use he him pronouns. Should this ordinance go into effect, its day centers like blanché house that are going to be on the front lines helping people who are affected by this ordinance and likely further traumatized by the ordinance. I'm here to request financial assistance for blanché house and other agencies who provide these essential daytime services. If we are going to meet the increased need for our help that this ordinance will cause us, we are going to need your support and beyonce house's founders cafe, which each of you have visited, is a community space where people not only receive hot, freshly prepared meals, but also clothing,

peer support, resource and referrals. In recent months, our team has also become first responders revived people overdosing on fentanyl. Blanchett house has become a hub for both public and private agencies. Come on a regular basis to deliver information and resources, as well as help, as well as health care and other services people need. And if I might interject a reminder that we serve not just unsheltered persons, but also people who live in other shelters or low income housing. Unsheltered or not, the people we serve live in, in in extreme poverty and insecurity. We all of this occurs without the assistance of public dollars, blanchett house's budget and expanded its staff to meet the profound need in our community. Thank goodness for the generosity of individuals, foundations and businesses that we've been able to keep up with this need. But this measure will require us to do even more as people are affected. Mayor Wheeler, you yourself have has acknowledged that day centers will be an important resource in helping people affected by this measure. How will we respond? We'll serve, of course, because that's what we do. For the last three years, we've responded to every crisis and catastrophe. No matter the cause or consequence. We provide a safe place for people to go for care and comfort and we provide services that keep people going until their shelter and housing available for them. With regards to this ordinance, we're going to need your support if we're going to keep going.

Speaker: Thank you. Scott, if I may, I want to say I agree with you and we'll look forward to working with you on that. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Uh, next up, we have chris hansen.

Speaker: Thank you. My name is chris hansen. I founded nordic semiconductor in about five years ago in downtown Portland. We are a public company based in norway with about 2000 employees worldwide. We currently have about 30 employees in in downtown Portland and about another 60 spread across the pacific

northwest. And the rest of the united states. I chose downtown Portland at the time five years ago, because it was a hip city, easy to attract new employees. It was a nice city to live in. It had good transportation, public transportation into downtown from outlying areas, easy walking, distance. You know, the walking score was very good. People could go to restaurants and things like that, and it was a great success. But unfortunately, because of the unsanctioned housing, I guess it's called those benefits that we had have actually turned into liabilities for us. Now it's very difficult. We have employees actually who are who are frightened. So instead of using public transportation now, we're actually funding parking for people's cars in downtown. So instead of using our excellent transportation system, we are paying for parking for people so they can avoid it, which is not what we really want long term in the city. Additionally, we have not getting people coming from from abroad. Add on the delta flight from amsterdam. People have been unfortunately we had some bad experiences with this, so they are not even coming to Portland any longer either. So with that, I'm just saying that this is a situation that we see. I so I'd like to for the mayor and the council, I support measure 451 but I also want to stress that we need to support the vulnerable and needy amongst us in the city too. We cannot shirk those responsibilities. At the same time.

Speaker: Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you for being here. Next up, we have katie o'brien followed by alan combs.

Speaker: Hi, my name is katie o'brien and I'm the executive director at rosehaven. We are a daytime shelter that serves women, children and gender diverse folks who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. And we help people meet their basic needs for safety and restrooms and showers and nutritious food. And then we have onsite advocates who help navigate the limited resources available for housing and recovery and domestic violence and mental health. And our primary mission is to

provide community and connectivity. But over the course of the last year, we've just become more and more of a crisis response center to the point where we've added three mental health workers to help us deal with the emergent need of people in serious crisis who have nowhere else to go but here. This ban on daytime camping is going to exacerbate a lot of these issues, and it's also going to really complicate things for women who tend to stay awake at night and sleep during the daytime for safety reasons. I want I want to make sure that we have complete clarity about what outside spaces are available for people. There's a long list of places that they can't go. So we need to we need to know that. And additionally, you've referred to daytime shelters as spaces that people can go to. But this ban is going to increase the pressure on agencies like ours and further challenge some delicate relationships that we have with our neighbors here. We moved from a 3000 square foot facility to one that's 10,000ft² just this last year. And we demand for services is just continuing to skyrocket it. And we've served over 3000 people last year. Yesterday was the first day in 26 years that we've ever had to not let people in and hold a line out front because we had 145 people inside. So I just want to say that we're going to continue to be creative and responsive to need, but we are at a breaking point and this is not going to happen without a whole lot of help. You know, we're at capacity and we have no financial reserves to make this happen. So we need your support. Thanks, katie.

Speaker: Next up, we have alan combs.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and council members. My name is alan combs. Pronouns he him. I spoke this morning for item 437 and I'm back to register my support in favor of conforming the city ordinances with hb three 3115 before explaining why I support the measure, let me suggest one amendment I regularly witness the unhoused sleeping within inches of dangerous public roads. I

recommend that unless the easement is greater than, say, ten feet, that camping adjacent to a road with a speed limit above, say, 30 miles an hour. And that has two lanes be prohibited even if it's not considered high crash suggestion. But back to why I support in December, I testified before you and recounted my experience of observing a bimodal population among the unhoused one population with a high turnover rate that either got services or otherwise moved off the street. And another a group very intent on staying put. Five months later, this is still true. And the inconvenient fact is that nearly of all the stay put crowd people that I observe and try to help in ways I can are either addicted or experiencing severe mental illness. I say this because I see Portland street response come time after time. They offer dialog shelter. But these people will not go. We've made it very easy to be an addict in this city and to do so in public spaces. We need to find incentives for them to get off the street and get safe. Portland is a compassionate city. The approval of the homeless service tax literally raises hundreds of millions of dollars in the footprint of Portland through the county, the city and county have the capacity to open alternative shelters and the city ordinance before you today provides an incentive to get chronically unhoused into shelters, possibly alternative ones, where they'll receive better services. To say that unrestrict camping anywhere, anytime is a path to services or somehow provides harm reduction is to me, is cynical and nothing less than cruel. You are our leaders and you have a choice of where the city is to go. Do you want a place that is attractive to newcomers, a place to live and make community, or one that provides a very bleak future for the rest of the time?

Speaker: Thank you. The one person clapping.

Speaker: Next up, we have Edward Johnson, followed by Emily Holly, both in person.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is ed johnson. I'm the director of litigation at the Oregon law center. I've had the privilege of representing Oregon ones who who've been forced to live outside for more than 25 years. I'm the lead counsel in the grants pass case that's currently pending before the ninth circuit. I understand that I'm not going to be able to persuade you to do the right thing here today, but this ordinance is the wrong thing to do. Life is very hard for people who are living outside, and this ordinance is about to make it even harder. This ordinance will not solve the serious problems that this city is facing. It will make those problems worse as we know what works. Supportive housing, rent assistance, a tenant protections and supporting people, keeping them stable when they are outside this law cuts against all of that. It will destabilize and criminalize our neighbors who have been forced outside and it will waste money that could be spent toward these solutions. On the legal front, there's no doubt that this new law violates ors. 195 530 because it is not reasonable to expect people to pack up and disappear every morning when they have nowhere to go. It is not reasonable to expect people to understand the incomprehensible list of places that they cannot camp when there is no list or map or information about where they can camp. I read ordinances and statues for a living and if I had to sleep outside tonight and comply with this law, I would literally have no idea how to do that. It is also unreasonable, bill, because it is unfair and unreasonable to throw people in jail for 30 days after two warnings for violating an incomprehensible law that they have no choice but to violate, to begin with. So I understand you're going to pass this law, but you should do it with the understanding that it will not work. It will make this situation worse and it will face the city with liability for violating state law, the eighth amendment and the 14th amendment to the us constitution are. Chief boone concern me.

Speaker: Excuse me. Hello folks. Folks commissioner Gonzalez had a comment or a question.

Speaker: If you wanted to come back, could i. Could I please implore you again. Look, it's fine that you support the position. You support, that's fine. But it. Well, no, what you're what you're doing is you're shutting down other voices because it's taking. Look, this we're not we're not here to applaud. We're not here to boo or hiss or heckle people. We're here to listen to people's perspective. He gave a good, cogent argument. So let's hear it. And I will I will say again, if we have to go virtual, we'll go virtual. It's up to you. It's your it's up to you. Commissioner Gonzalez just just some quick follow up questions.

Speaker: There are you familiar familiar with beaverton's proposed ordinance? I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you. Are you are you are you familiar? Excuse me.

Speaker: Once again, this literally the last warning I'm giving. And then we are going to clear the chamber and we are going to go virtual. This is it. The one guy claps again. Thank you. Sorry sir. Go ahead.

Speaker: I want to thank you for testifying, first of all. But are you familiar with beaverton's proposed ordinance to comply?

Speaker: Only what I heard your staffer say earlier today.

Speaker: Are you familiar with tiger's proposed ordinance to comply with state law? Same thing. Are you familiar that lake oswego is not proposing to amend their city existing bans on only what I heard here today. So why do you choose to grace the city of Portland with your presence on these ordinance but not beaverton, tiger or other jurisdiction that are also doing their best to balancing the very difficult public policy considerations? I'm a Portlander and I've lived here for 27 years, and I care about this city.

Speaker: I appreciate your testimony.

Speaker: I encourage you to make yourself aware of what other cities are doing to try and comply with state law before you're stating a very public conclusion about the lack of objectivity and what the city is proposing here, I'd leave it at that. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have emily hawley.

Speaker: Can you hear me? Yes loud and clear.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor Wheeler and commissioners Mapps Rubio and Ryan.

Speaker: My name is emily hawley and I'm senior policy associate at the aclu of Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to testimony to testify in opposition to this draft ordinance on behalf of the aclu of Oregon. We strongly caution the city of Portland that proposed the proposed ordinance likely violates Oregon statute 195 530. This these prohibitions further risk unconstitu rationality under martin de boise. The fact that other locales have also proposed ordinances that may be worse than this does not make this policy humane or reasonable as drafted. This ordinance imposes an impossibly restrictive constellation of places to rest and impractical, limit, impractical and harmful limits on when an unsheltered person may do so. The daytime camping ban ignores the reality that for many houseless individuals, nights are not safe. Houseless individuals are dispersed, disproportion cully victims of violent crime, especially women and members of the lgbt community. This ordinance would effectively penalize those who, for whom nights are the least safe. The ordinance would further ban camping in a long list of locations that others have made clear and what they've also made clear is that this list is so expansive that it leaves one wondering what places remain for how houseless people to exist, people and our physical bodies and possessions cannot simply disappear from public spaces because the government orders us to do so. This requirement is particularly harmful and unreasonable for houseless

individuals with disabilities and those experiencing mental health crises. It's foreseeably harmful, unduly burdensome and unreasonable for the city to create such complex and ever changing place restrictions. Moreover, the ordinance ultimately relies on criminal enforcement turning to an extraordinarily expensive, inhumane and ineffective response to the humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Portland. I urge the city of Portland to reconsider this ordinance and engage in a process that centers the experience, voices and voices of the houseless community in developing an ordinance that addresses the intent of house bill 3115. Thank you. Next up, we have jessica shellhorn, an online followed by sarah rudolph.

Speaker: Hello. I'm here to support the proposal. You'll hear a lot about vulnerable communities today, but no one seems to care the most about the most vulnerable community of all our children. It's not fair to my kids or yours that ten feet from his car seat, my toddler can watch someone shooting drugs into their arm at a stoplight. It's not fair to my kids or yours to see a dead body on the side of the road as we try to leave the house for hot cocoa. It's not fair for my kids or yours that on the first nice evening of the summer after enjoying a family barbecue, our 12 year old has to ask if we should go back inside as the sun sets because he does not feel safe within running distance of our own front door. Some people will today will say the proposal is not fair to people experiencing homelessness. You know what is less fair? Dying alone in a tent covered in filth with a needle in your arm. On thanksgiving evening, this past year, my family got a phone call from my sister in law that her sweet, lively and adventurous 26 year old daughter was found dead in a tent under the steel bridge. Couch. I will never forget the sound of my sister in law's screams or the way my mother in law crumpled into me that day with the city has allowed is particularly not fair to the houseless community as an addiction pandemic ravages our city, the loudest opposition here today will be the nonprofit

people who need to believe their ideas will work because their jobs depend on it. But when they leave here to go back to one of the still nicer areas of Portland patting themselves on the back while drinking their \$6 oat milk lattes is definitely working class bipoc and immigrant communities of Portland are left trying to survive the next scary thing. Please support this proposal. Next up, we have sarah rudolph.

Speaker: Hi, my name is sarah rudolph. She her first of all, I would just like to point out that there are unhoused children as well. Perhaps are more threatened by the current situation than your post barbecue. 12 year old. I'm going to express my disappointment that the city with actual answers to these issues, even though the answers are in front of us, it is very disappointing that five, six years ago we decided that cops were not the people who should be interfacing with the homeless. We decided that 50% of homeless arrests are the 50% of arrests that the police made. Portland police make of homeless people are not doing us any good and they're not doing the system any good. These police have stated that they are not trained or willing to do these interactions. So instead of continuing to put money into police response, what if we gave money to Portland street response, a proven successful program? What if we put money into the treatment options? The behavioral and mental health options that we were promised that we have no availability for? We do need more shelter space, but what if instead of looking at cities like beaverton and lake oswego, which have nothing in common with us or our thank you look to a city like Seattle who has recently established a public housing developer, were ordered to build housing to put people in, which is another thing we don't have. That's all I got today. Have a great. One all right. Next up, we have richard perkins in person, followed by tim larson.

Speaker: Welcome. Good evening.

Speaker: My name is Dick Perkins. I've been a Portland resident for 35 years. All of it housed the last 18 years. Have been as a downtown resident before living in Oregon, I was a heroin addict, served time in both jail and prison, and experienced times where I was unhoused. I have compassion for those living on our streets all people deserve housing come safety and dignity and a sense of purpose.

Unfortunately this county's this county's Multnomah is policies for homelessness and behavioral health are making solutions harder by shrinking public support and chasing those who fund the solutions away from Multnomah County. I know quite a bit about homeless population downtown because we share the public spaces with each other and interact daily. Portland has always had a homeless population glisan and drugs and mental illness were often correlated with it, but never like. We are seeing today. Over the past several years, the use of new and more addictive drugs among the unsheltered has grown dramatically and along with it, the intractability of the solutions for homelessness in respect of the reason someone is homeless. Once homeless, it is easy to understand why people are self-medicating in cheap, plentiful and de facto legal drugs supplied by sophisticated cartels have changed the safety and livability environment for everyone housed and unhoused alike. It has devastated the minds and reasoning ability of users and created unintended consequences. The county's lack of emphasis on good data about those on our streets, the housing first and harm reduction policy as we've been trying to employ in the absence of good data and some incompetent coordination, have damaged the very businesses and residents who are funding the affordable housing we so badly need. The measure we passed to decriminalize drugs and prevent the criminal record that often comes with addiction. As instead devastated the homeless population and killed way too many. Now we need to provide a path from addiction to a more stable life, which eventually includes

housing and for many, a job, a sense of self worth and with it dignity that will require more data about those living on our streets. A continuum of shelter and treatment options and the way to that housing and a greater engagement from all of us, not just the few people with lived experience. We need people who can make and execute a real plan in and help develop a future for people. After homelessness. I think this ordinance is a good start. Next up, we have tim larson.

Speaker: Welcome, sir. Thanks. Good afternoon.

Speaker: My name is tim larson in Portland. Resident since 1949. I'm here as an unbiased observer of the homeless situation in Portland and Multnomah County, someone who has personally worked with interviewed, befriended countless homeless individuals over the past three years. As I personally participated in the last two point in time data collections, completing two segments for each, interviewing over 100 homeless individuals. Nils past and current City Councils have made serious errors in not enforcement of long held camping prohibitions that have previously been law for all publicly owned property in the city of Portland. You have a chance this afternoon to rescind these damaging and very expensive decisions and return to some semblance of sanity to this city and its beleaguered citizens. I'm going to also a part time uber and lyft driver, which has given me a perfect view of how illegal camps have grown over the years and the devastation they have created in our neighborhoods. In just the past two weeks, I have seen and heard the reactions of not only visitors to our city, but from three families that are leaving or have already moved to safer places to raise their children. During the past two weeks, I met the 79 year old man who was viciously attacked along with two other passengers in the train driver by a mentally unstable homeless person. In January, on the max. My heart has been broken many times in old town when I have witnessed the mentally ill walking the streets in the pouring rain in 45 degree

temperatures with no jackets and often with no shoes, only wet socks. I've been equally shaken by the dozens of rats scurrying across the streets nightly from tent to garbage piles to another tent. I'm begging you, please ban unsanctioned camping in Portland and stop the horrific crime wave that I am certain has affected you, you, and some of your personal acquaintances. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have leslie bienen, leslie, bienen. Next, doug kreiman. Doug kreiman, sarah fisher. Sarah fisher. Okay, are you getting time of people who are outside that get through to get here?

Speaker: Let's if somebody hears their name in an overflow room, just get to the microphone or get to somebody and we will get to them.

Speaker: We're not going to exclude anybody. Good afternoon. Hi again, friends.

Speaker: I'm still sarah fisher, the priest at saints, peter and paul episcopal church on southeast 82nd avenue. I'm here because my faith binds me to respect the dignity of every human being. This ban suggests that unhoused citizens, as people experiencing the humanitarian catastrophe firsthand, have less of a stake in the common life of our city than those who want them to disappear. It is convenient to embrace myths that keep us separate the myth that they are transients when most of them camp fairly close to where they last had stable housing. The myth that shelters are a reasonable option when they are known for drama, drugs and bugs. The myth that homeless people are different from us as the unhoused people that I hang out with. Listen to the same music that I do and root for the same sports teams. We share values and favorite foods like me. They are following the story of this band and they feel that our city has failed them. We have failed. If we want to get our neighbors out of sight rather than treating them with dignity and respect. Typekit this ban not only further separates us who are housed from those who live

in tents, but is a cosmetic fix that makes things worse for all of us. What we need is not to spend more money jailing citizens as punishment for their very existence s but to work together for with our most vulnerable neighbors. Please join me in respecting the dignity of every human being and deliver actual outcomes that address the actual homelessness crisis. Our city is full of people eager to make that happen. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have john hollister. John hollister, followed by los an armani welcome.

Speaker: I'm very fragile. Before I start there's a little handout that I that I gave and I didn't have enough copies for everyone. Um. So. As you're reading through that, I just want to read a couple of things. I have tremendous empathy. Oh by the way, my name is john hollister, and I'm a citizen here. Um, I have tremendous empathy for our disabled citizens in wheelchairs. I can't imagine how frustrating the last few years have been because many of our sidewalks are blocked by tents, not allowing tents during the day will allow of our most vulnerable populations the freedom to travel on on our public sidewalks. I also have tremendous empathy for our homeless living on the streets. No one. I've talked to many people who live on the streets and through my outreach and no one on the living on the streets has told me they're living their dream. With this ordinance. The well, actually people living on the streets, they're living with tremendous levels of trauma and this ordinance will actually cause additional trauma. And what I believe that needs to be met to like the roshaven person said and the blanché house said is we need to be able to invest in those daytime services in vest, in, um, higher levels of humanitarian outreach. The I currently am associated with an organization in that places over 20 people a week into the into shelters and it's in a very very small area. Um we work very well with the city. But what you'll see in front of you on the on the example is,

is one, people don't worry about being anyone being jailed because there have been signs up for a long, long time on odot property and things are being prohibited and no one's ever gotten a ticket. So the what we have on the second and third page is, is some of the operations that we did last may where we completely we moved 45, we helped 25 homeless neighbors get into shelter, cleared 45 tents, cleaned up the area to look like a park light like. And then the. Odot decided to rip all of the tents down and create it into to an area where there are actually filth and an excess of trash. We removed eight tons of trash and I know I'm going over. Yeah. Um and 35 put down 35,000 pounds of bark to make the area clean. And I would like to have you guys support us being able to put those barriers up. I know I've talked to you, commissioner gonzales, and now mr. Or commissioner Mapps. I want to work with pbot to be able to get some of those things back up. Thank you.

Speaker: Thanks. Chair. Yeah

Speaker: Next up, we have lauren armani.

Speaker: Hello, commissioners. My name is lauren armani and I'm from sisters of the road.

Speaker: Within the last ten years, I also received the title of unicorn simply for being a lifelong resident of Portland. We are so rare now because of the devastation left in the wake of the latest iteration iteration of colonization, gentrification houses in Portland that were \$70,000 in 1990 are now valued at over 1.2 million over 19 times.

Speaker: Their value just 40 years ago. How is this allowed? Allowed? This system is rigged from plymouth rock to broken treaties to 40 acres and a mule and redlining this system has always been rigged to criminalize people who are forced to lose this rigged game is violence. To force people to make the choice between

criminalization and your camps is violence. You're using our unhoused residents as scapegoats for your inability to lead and the federal government's disinvestment in housing services may not be your fault, but your lack of advocacy on behalf of Portland residents is you shift the blame onto the county. The state and the homeless themselves. You could be working toward solutions like guaranteed representation in eviction court, stricter rent cap legislation, high quality public education or mitigate literally any other inequity caused by capitalism and oppression. And you do nothing. Oh wait, you have done more than nothing. You continue to hand over the reins to speculators mining Portland for its cultural capitalism through tourism and leave the poor to pay the price. Time and again, sweeps and camps do not end houselessness do not end houselessness they just attempt to invisibles it. At what cost? 10 million to rapid response annually. How much goes to police private security and detainment fees? Millions of dollars for boulders under freeways and now 10 million to urban alchemy a year. And this is without the enforcement of the camp ban. What is stopping you from just housing people? Because it sure as hell isn't money. This is unreasonable. Full stop your bore on the poor. Stop the camping ban. Thank you. Next up, we have finn oviatt online, followed by michael o'callahan and jamie arcelay in person.

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: Um, my name is ben hewitt. I use jaehee pronouns. Um, I don't have anything as succinct or impressive to say in opposition to this measure. Um I'm just a 22 year old kid. I grew up here in a part of town that I think a lot of people don't think about. I grew up on 82nd near clackamas. Um, you know, I've been at risk of houselessness a great portion of my life and I can firmly say like, I don't, I don't know that this is helpful. I mean, so many people have said like, I think that we are collectively a lot smarter than this. I think that we're a lot more creative and

imaginative. Um, you know, I feel like there's better solutions. So many people have given so many ideas, you know, when they don't even have to. This is a lot of time. I mean, like, I've been sitting here for several hours just to speak, and, you know, I can't imagine like, I don't know, actual houseless people currently living downtown coming here to say something. I mean, like, this is too much and they're too busy waiting in line. They're too busy, like, trying to, like, make it through the day without, like, imploding on themselves. I don't know. I want to believe that, uh, my elected officials are able to think of something better. You know, I know the, the response that a lot of you seem to have is like, oh, well, if you don't want this, well, what do you want then? And I think that's that's a pretty thing to say. I mean, like there's more than just the one option. Um, there's a lot of gray area in the world. There's a lot more beautiful, creative things to happen to do, to think up. Um, maybe that's just the art student in me speaking, but like. Come on, that's all I have. Keelan beyonce. Thank you.

Speaker: Next, we have michael o'callahan in person.

Speaker: Welcome. Hello.

Speaker: Uh, thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is michael o'callahan. I've been involved with the unhoused issue for god probably 20 years now. And you have heard referred to martin v boise. You also can refer to at the same time o'callahan versus the city of Portland, because I figured I was the first unhoused person to win a case before the ninth circuit court. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: And the mayor said he would ignore that order.

Speaker: So that was interesting. I helped to start right to dream. Um, I wrote there 500 and 1c3. So I have some experience. Okay a couple of things that this ordinance doesn't do. It doesn't allow for the confiscation of private property.

Okay? The city does that with impugning me. There is the fourth amendment that says we shall be safe. I'm not okay. You stole my tents four times in the 2016 sweep. Okay now, this is this process here is a carrot stick process that is generally used by our government. Right. Okay. And carrot stick thing doesn't work so well. You hit it. It's easier to hit them with a stick, right? Know this is a whitewash is basically what it is you guys want to supposedly go along with this state law. It's a objectively reasonable all that this law is not in compliance with the constitution. Okay what this law will do is kill people. Okay. What happens when somebody goes without sleep for three days? They're certifiable, insane. You create this insanity. You create this drug addiction. This is not a solution. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next up, we have jamie arcelay.

Speaker: He's a nice guy. Jamie arcelay. Next, we'll go to hopkins. Laura. Hopkins, laura next. Christine breton. Christine breton. How about rhea hannon. Oh, rhea hannon. Sorry. Okay welcome. Thank you.

Speaker: Good afternoon. My name is ray hannon and I'm with sisters of the road in my free time, I babysit for a kid who loves to climb trees.

Speaker: Is a police officer going to cite her for it? I know a reed student who hammocks in laurelhurst when the weather is nice is an officer going to interrupt her reading? What about my friend who swims in the river with her dog? Will someone call the cops, say whatever you like, but I'm guessing not. But what about an unhoused person doing any of the same activities ? We know exactly who these restrictions target and it's not you or me or the kid I babysit or my outdoorsy friends. It's unhoused Portland who you continue to treat like perpetrators of a heinous crime, whom you criminalize dihar, humanize, destabilize. Why countless studies have shown that unhoused people experience violence at twice the rate of the average person and people with minoritized identities experience even higher

rates as so many women and youth stay up all nights to keep themselves safe, the violence they experience will be intensified by the daytime camping ban and could be significantly reduced with access to housing. Oh, and to clarify why, I don't mean urban alchemy camps. I mean stable permanent housing. Not overpolicing, not criminalizing human lives, not a camping ban, house keys, not handcuffs. You've known for over ten years that Portland needs more housing. You failed to provide adequate shelters. You've known about hb 3001 15 and the July 1st compliance deadline since and you've had nearly two years to comply, yet you're inaction on both will now result in the criminalization of homelessness. Yes. So here we are, a month away from July 1st with you citing time constraints as the rationale for forcing through this sloppy, unethical, ineffective plan. If you really want to talk about time constraints, talk to an unhoused person traveling across the city to access food resources and health care, even a chance for housing. Ask them what time constraints this daytime camping ban will impose. Listen to community advocates and people with lived experience work with us, respect us. Hear us. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next, we have evelyn roche online.

Speaker: Hi, my name is evelyn roche.

Speaker: I am a resident of Portland, Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to the ordinance proposed today.

Speaker: Making camping illegal does not solve homeless, but instead creates more difficulty and suffering for those who are already disadvantaged. Housing and resources need to come first.

Speaker: If you are not providing permanent housing solutions, low income housing, rent restrictions and other housing assistance, then you are effectively

criminalizing and making the existence of unhoused individuals illegal. All these are members of the community.

Speaker: These are our neighbors. These are people in Portland who live here and they have not gotten a say. And like others have mentioned, we need to start listening to the actual people experiencing homelessness as well as people who advocate on their behalf and work with them every single day. You state that there will be a transition to shelters, not permanent housing, working directly with unhoused community on and off. Since 2020, I have learned the various very valid reasons that people refuse shelters. These include safety restrictions on belongings and ability to bring animals, including service or emotional support animals and lack of privacy. Not only does criminalizing camping cause further harm and suffering, it also fails to solve the problem of homelessness, which is a failing on the part of this city. And its government. It does nothing to provide housing or resources for those members of the community. If the issue is trash or human waste, as others have mentioned, then what is needed is services is not sweeps and not a ban on camping. How many will die or be harmed at the hands of law enforcement simply because they needed a place to stay or exist during the day. Moving people from streets to jails does nothing to solve the problem. Where are they supposed to go? For all these reasons, I would like to state my extreme opposition to this ordinance. Thank you. Next up, we have jessie pressley glisan online.

Speaker: Jessie, you're muted. Jessie, are you able to unmute. All right, we'll come back. We'll see if we can get jessie Keelan is that monitor about to go off?

Speaker: I can't see what it's says. Something about turning off. Okay.

Speaker: Yeah. Okay. Thanks I think we're on it. Great. Thank you. Sure it doesn't turn off. Thanks okay, next up, we have dylan russell. Dylan russell. Okay thanks.

Reverend nathan jimenez, national in person. Reverend nathan jimenez, national. How about dominic murphy. Dominic murphy. Kaya san and. Oh I think. Good afternoon council and kaia sand.

Speaker: I'm the executive director of street roots. It's a sad day when the logical outcome of policy is that the most reliable shelter is jail. Instead, in a city where the arrests of 20 1718 were more than 50% unhoused people, when in 2008 over 50, 2018, over 50% of the arrests were of unhoused people. When in 2019, over 50% of all the arrests were of unhoused people. In 2020, over 50% of all the arrests were of unhoused people. That's the last year that's been measured. And this is the lot of our policing. Most of the infractions are of crimes of homelessness and old offenses. And those old offenses will grow. So when we use citations and jail as penalization for actually just simply being housing, and then police will be essentially employed to continue to enforce this attending courts for entire days. We're just soaking up our police budget. In fact, with a non-solution with making life so much more difficult. This is bad faith to the constituents of Portland that you pursue policy that in fact invites lawsuits. I don't want us to be tied up in these lawsuits. And we know that this is going to be challenged. I want to address democracy. You'll notice it's very, very difficult for unhoused people to testify. I'm here at street roots. We've got a sheet on the wall. People are lined up. They're watching. A number of people will be after me. But in fact, people have to bring everything that they carry when they go into city hall. They can't go through the metal detector. Imagine what it's going to be after this ban takes place. So I just want to say, I want to see moral fortitude from our leaders. But in fact, what you're doing is you're breaking our collective civic heart. Thank you. Next up, we next up, we have annette johnson.

Speaker: Hi, my name is annette johnson.

Speaker: I go by nettie. I'm a vendor here at street roots and this is a complicated situation. Okay?

Speaker: I live in southeast Portland near the woodstock area.

Speaker: And I want to say something to, uh, what's the man's name over there that just wanted to join hardesty.

Speaker: See hillsboro. For hold on.

Speaker: This is not a funny situation because most of you guys got a place to stay.

Speaker: I ask you, were you the new commission chair and you said, I'm trying to be are you a running right? And I said, what are you plan to do about the homeless issue downtown? And you specifically said, I want to give them jobs. Okay, let's hold that thought. Carmen how many homeless people are in Portland, Oregon, right now? How many? You don't know. Okay. Thank you. Uh, mingus man okay. Um, you know that the reparation law, they're trying to fight for it, right?

Speaker: So you know what it's like to feel sorry.

Speaker: Sideline. Okay. Ryan, who ran on your brother's death and Wheeler has always held his position. Stern you don't waiver. He's not sweating money. But I was working in downtown Portland cleaning parking lots, and I resigned three weeks ago because it was so dangerous. I've been homeless and all that. We're not here for a sad story. But guess what? We all are the ones that's next to becoming homeless. So do you think everybody in this room, even you guys, is next up?

Speaker: Is george mccarthy. More from harmon.

Speaker: Hello, everyone. My name is george mccarthy. Myself, I was homeless for almost ten years, a long time in Portland.

Speaker: I understand the situation. I have lived in and suffered a great deal of brutality. Everything from beatings with sticks, fist fights, attacks with knives. I've been shot at. I've been robbed at gunpoint. I know what it's like to live outside.

When I look at this proposition, I'm sorry to say, it looks very nebulous to me. There's nothing locked down about it, nor does it seem to have a specific plan at all. It's basically we're going to do this and, you know, it's up to you. You it immediately will make make your life virtually a criminal just being alive. You have for 12 hours to be up out moving around, hustling your things back and forth. It leaves you prey and it leaves you open to all kinds of surveillance, all kinds of ill treatment. And it's dangerous for people. For women, more than ever. I was I was homeless for a long time. I suffered more brutality than you can imagine. But women have it worse, far worse. And I worry about them all the time. And it makes it so much harder for the most vulnerable people in the city to even live or get by or move around. And now when you realize when you hear somebody say, what are you going to do, Portland? Are you going to make this attractive to investors or not? Or people that seem more disgusted at the sight of a dead body and the fact that somebody's dead? You realize, is we want to clean the city up. You know, the virus is over. We want to go back to work. We don't want this to deal with this. And that's how you end up with a circumstance where you put together something without a clear end point. That leaves people so many so vulnerable to such danger and to such problems. This is not going to fix anything for anyone. It's going to make things impossibly worse. I don't know how you're going to support it. You know, or are you going to have a separate task force to follow homeless people around, give them a hard time. 30 days in jail can be 30 days too many. I can tell you, you know, these are not places you want to be. And a criminalize people for suffering this kind of sickness. I mean, we have had everything from the worst terrorist attack in history to horrible economic crashes, pandemics, drug problems. I mean, it is very hard for people. And we are suffering this because of gentrification. We are not homeless because we gave up our work. We're homeless because we've been virtually driven

out. And people should have at least entitled hardesty. But everybody wants to make money because we are the ones that are really, really suffering for it. And I really wish they would take all of this into account as some of us get some understanding, have a plan, at least before you lay this hammer down on us. Thank you very much. Next up, we have peter saltzman.

Speaker: Okay, how do I do this? Hold on. Yep, you're on.

Speaker: Okay. Um what's wrong with all of this is something that nobody's has mentioned yet.

Speaker: Um, when you criminalize a group of people. Oh, say. Well steal.

Speaker: Not all steal all drink too much.

Speaker: Not all drink too much. Not all homeless people steal. Not all homeless people take drugs. Those that take drugs. Not all of them take drugs publicly. Not all of them throw garbage around. There are a lot of people who voluntarily sleep out of the flow of traffic boec and do only sleep at night and get up in the daytime and do things like everyone else. They would be embarrassed to be lying on the sidewalk to noon when other people are walking about, going about their business. When you penalize a group of people, when you criminalize people for looking a certain way or asleep in a certain place, you wind up criminal izing people who haven't done anything. They haven't done anything wrong. And when you do that, it who you criminalize becomes arbitrary. No. Well thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have joseph smith's. Joseph smith's be right here to the hospital.

Speaker: Am I on? Okay

Speaker: I know we got a little time frame, which is understandable.

Speaker: Get everybody in.

Speaker: Uh, mr. Vendor.

Speaker: Now, for two years, I've been a blessing. Also, work with groundskeeper goes around cleaning up the city.

Speaker: I'm not on the payroll, but keep showing up daily to daily.

Speaker: I worked all my life.

Speaker: I was in the military. I did search and rescue missions. I've been through a lot of stuff. Affects the military as well as coming out and then experiencing homelessness as well as people. When elderly people have their home and they lose their home on some thing, you know, when it's their home, it's supposed to be their home. You know, whether whatever happens with that, I don't agree with what you're trying to do. Mr. Wheeler. Mayor Wheeler. I don't agree with mr. Gonzales and some other people. Well, if you have never experienced homelessness, sir, in your life, you don't know what it's like. I don't mind if we put you out there for 30 days. I got to suggestions we put you out there or any of the people for 30 days with nothing, and you sit there and you survive. A great thing about Oregon. Yeah, we do have a lot of food, food, places to go. But some people with bad health, they can't access things they can't get around. Some people are homeless or not. They work. Some of my friends and family of street roots ground score people I meet every day. I've worked for regular jobs. I've worked three labor jobs. That's how I taught myself. I was adopted. Long story short, I'm going to cut it really short. One was a time limit, but my music teacher father saved me. I got blessed by being adopted by a music teacher and his speech therapist. I went through traumatic stuff and I'm still going through it. Every day you walk out of your home, your camp, wherever you go, you got to get ready for survival. Your survival thing. There's bad people out there. They're good people out there. Bottom line, Oregon is a beautiful state. I've been coming here since I was five years old to my

aunt and uncles. Hill hillsboro farm. And they still got today because they sweat, tears and everything. They work their butts off to get where they're at. So i, uh. I don't agree with it. I know you guys are going to vote on it. I do agree with keeping the standards and the constitution, and you're totally breaking the law on that. If anyone should make. Dichocrocis to freedom of speech, we all have rights. I agree that. Yeah. Okay city places, schools. Yeah we don't know where these people are coming out of jail. You know what? I just got involved with somebody that tried to kick in my girl's door the other day and she told me and as soon as I sit there and found out the guy who it was, he was right there in our perimeter. And guess what? We protect our family. We protect our own. I live by the military code. I live by the government code. You know what happens when the cops don't show up? We as a community have to come together. It's all about community.

Speaker: It don't matter about race, religion.

Speaker: I don't give a flying hoot. You know? But bottom line, hey, I'm also one more little note. I'm running for mayor, so I hope you. Got the job done.

Speaker: You got to go out and do it.

Speaker: Nobody gives you nothing. I know what it's like to be poor. I had family or whatever. I was taken away. My grandma was wonderful. It wasn't for my grandma and even my adopted grandma, you know, you know nothing gets you. Mister Wheeler, I know you got a lot of stuff on your hands. No, I will speak. And then you. You can speak, sir. You know I respect you. I respect people. Because my higher power said I have to respect authority. Even if I don't agree with the authority. But I have a right to fight. I can be a voice for people. I can help people, whether I don't care where they come from. And we definitely need mental health positions in place. Behavioral, mental health is big. Anybody that seems normal or whatever, we all go through stuff. Sir. Yeah we all go. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Speaker: And be careful, because I might vote for you.

Speaker: I'm running down here. Am I getting short on time? Can I get my last little seconds in there on there? You seem to like not to sit there and answer the question. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Your two minutes over. Thank you.

Speaker: No ten year plan. No ten year plan. Now, like I think we're here.

Speaker: Step down now. Now's the time to vote, sisters. A row. How about the people that care about that you.

Speaker: No good.

Speaker: Everybody is. Step down. You gotta say, next up, we have joshua magnanimously.

Speaker: He's still talking. Nakaya

Speaker: Was joshua going to testify from your account? Why don't we step away from street roots for one speaker and get back to kyle?

Speaker: Okay, great.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Uh oh, wait, wait. He's.

Speaker: He's moving. He's moving.

Speaker: Joshua magnanimously. There we go.

Speaker: It's muted. Joshua can you unmute?

Speaker: There we go. Yep. Yep. We hear you. I absolutely am opposed to this proposition. It's the horse in front of the cart. Um, there. There's no system in place. It really needs to be a phalanx going from mental health all the way to a housing temporary position. Uh, but that takes a lot more time than two minutes. I wrote a few little, little excerpts. Um, undoubtedly dubbed the fastest shrinking city in the country is Portland, Oregon. Msnbc the erratic behavior of being recluse pay as you

go with no results. Uninformed of the opportunity of happiness in the pursuit of what gives us self care. Left houseless more staggering than the life expectancy is, the quality of life in it of itself. Armageddon pose is a class war of fascism more than being confined as the federalist taxation debtors and adequate represents nation failure in all systems being more than the inflation on our homes, groceries and basic cost of living. What life expectations the facts as neurotic moral bankruptcies now posed as mental illness two faced as co deficiency of selfish witless and subordinates to covid-19 and monkeypox receding more than the economy blame shifting us a hypochondriac act of today the erroneous facts are the roaring 20s collapse of catastrophes. Absolutely not so fabulous. The tutelage of those who don't even have the entrepreneurial spirit draining every person in the circumstance without calling life moral qualities, accepting those of self service, defiance and feeling unappreciated. However unawarded doing the respect of commitment to our citizens and unfortunately, the constitutional member of our society no longer is it to be okay to be complacent in our community, and I have more, but I would hate to waste any more time. Next up, we have dwayne reynoldson, dwayne reynolds.

Speaker: Oh yeah.

Speaker: Hi guys. I really don't like any of you.

Speaker: You guys don't like me?

Speaker: I'm homeless.

Speaker: I hit the streets in 1975 with 205 wasn't built.

Speaker: Who are you guys?

Speaker: Where do you come from? Are you a Portlander? Were you born here? Were you poor? Have you ever suffered? Have you ever had a natural disaster?

Speaker: Has your wife died?

Speaker: Has your children died? Did you get depressed? Oh, your family didn't love you, so you hit the streets at 13.

Speaker: It's okay. You testify.

Speaker: I testify the way I want. Don't tell me that I have to sit down. I have a right to stand just as much as I have the right to talk.

Speaker: Check it out. I'm not scared of you guys. I'm not scared of you. You should be scared of us as the people. Right? Right get down, you officers, you dirty mayor. Ted Wheeler.

Speaker: Your house is, in the view of me seeing the hills of the trees.

Speaker: So, George. So is yours.

Speaker: So is yours. So is yours. So is yours. So are yours. And everybody is on this panel wants to play a game with the money that's been given to us to solve a problem. Yes. \$3.2 billion. You did not buy one house.

Speaker: 17,000 ghost houses in this city. Thank you. And you didn't buy one homeless person a house.

Speaker: But you all own a house. And I scared I got the right to swear I'm an American.

Speaker: Not a United States citizen.

Speaker: I wasn't born on federal land. I'm sovereign. You hear me?

Speaker: Now I'm sovereign. And so is everybody here? Yeah the way you spell my name on my ID is wrong.

Speaker: My name is spelled capital V, lower case u lowercase, a lowercase n lowercase e capital s lowercase c lowercase o lowercase t lowercase.

Speaker: R capital t capital r lowercase e lowercase. One lower case. N

Speaker: Lowercase o.

Speaker: Lowercase. L lowercase. D lowercase.

Speaker: S. I am an individual, not a corporation. You have no right to sentence me in any way.

Speaker: Our new york corporate laws.

Speaker: I'm sovereign. Sorry we're Americans and I'm a soldier. I am a disabled veteran who did you serve? My country. Are you serving our country by being dirty people?

Speaker: Greedy, filthy.

Speaker: Extremely greedy, dirty people, all your families.

Speaker: He will. Well, I started as a sovereign American.

Speaker: You see how scary I am? It's because you guys started us.

Speaker: Yeah. You get me, then you ain't\$ a month to eat with. And how much do you eat at breakfast, lunch or dinner for just your debt?

Speaker: Now says I'm not playing. I'm not scared.

Speaker: You better look at me. I've been here and then pass since my and france was the largest building in downtown Portland. Homeless I've watched you build.

Speaker: I've watched you be dirty.

Speaker: You selling our city to california to giving our money away to california.

Speaker: Where are y'all from? Have you guys ever. Well, are you all, I never heard of you before. Five years. Are you or are you. Or are you. Or are you. You're all dirty. You're out of power. You're going to have to wrap it up. You're two minutes over our city.

Speaker: Two bankers. You're going to have to wrap. No. Good. Thank you.

Speaker: I'll do it. I'm not doing it. Thank you, johnson. I'm sorry. It's all right. All right, everybody, let's.

Speaker: Let's keep the temperature down. Everybody let's. Let's keep the temperature down. Good. Thank you. Appreciate it. Hector thank you. Next individual, please. Cully. Tony all right.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for your testimony. Next, let's let's let's give somebody else the mic.

Speaker: We heard you. Thank you. We appreciate you. Thank you. The next person, please.

Speaker: Next up, we have johnson. He's ready. I was here 14 years ago.

Speaker: Okay. Next up, we have cass johnson.

Speaker: Cass johnson. Let's try chris I online on.

Speaker: Okay. Um my name is chris ledoux.

Speaker: My pronouns are they them? Um I do not support this ban.

Speaker: I am.

Speaker: I understand that this will pass and what I'm going to share is what I was able to put together. Uh okay. Um what I'm going to share may sound like I'm talking about holding on to things, but I'm really talking about holding on to people, about holding on to community and ask the question, why do some people are allowed to hold on to material possessions, especially ones connected to survival when what they when they matter to everyone and we all need them? Um, this has long been a criticism of sweeps. Why must only some people be allowed to accumulate items that are meaningful, memorable, sentimental? Um, I'm not going to talk about what my experiences are, though. I have spent some time on anyway. Um, I'm going to imagine a magic wand because doesn't this band assume one that makes tents and all belongings disappear into the air only to reappear 12 hours later? I understand that, that the effort is going to be placed onto onto the day

shelters. And I really that's important. But we really need to focus on housing. I think we also need to stop agreeing to believe in the false claims that individuals and not the system are to blame for a lack of housing that the deterioration of our mental health for the use of substances that some days may be the only thing that addresses for a day or for a few hours. Hopelessness and despair. How is this ban expected to work without hurting so many people? It certainly does not increase safety for those impacted by it, especially women. And gender non-conforming queer and trans people, as people have said, who may sleep during the day to mitigate risk, uh, creating communities recognized as essential human need. I think to say that paternalism has turned into predatory. Um, we need to stop pretending that everyone has the same power. Um, and instead look at, in the words of naomi nichols, our, our power is constantly being weakened, undermined and stolen by violence. And societal injustices in our lives. Please vote no on this ban, please. Fine. Please find housing. Thank you. Thanks, chris.

Speaker: Next up, we have michelle hornbeck. Welcome

Speaker: My name is michelle hornbeck. I'm a part of welcome home coalition housing committee, hardesty advocacy committee. I'm also a person with lived experience. I'm here today to talk about the camping ban and how it criminalizes homelessness. Here's some of the reasons it's a dangerous and unsafe policy to accept. Expect somebody to carry around all personal belongings for 12 hours. Is unreasonable. We have disabled old people and we have veterans out there that are not able to do that. To expect people to put their stuff in your storage all day is also unreasonable for some people. Do work and if they're not often time to get their stuff out of your storage units, then they just don't have anything for the night. Safety is an issue too. We have women in. We have children that are houseless that to ask them to go to sleep at night is totally unrealistic. Like we don't

sleep at night. That's when the mother in us comes out. That's when the survivor in us comes out. So no, we don't sleep at night. So to ask us to pack up and just stay awake so that we can at least stay alive is unrealistic. It's important for people to be able to sleep during the day. Some people have insomnia. They can't just go to sleep on a schedule. When you talk about we have a housing crisis, we have a health crisis, there's no access to mental health treatment. There's no access to rehabilitation services. So if you want the people to do better, then it, you do better. And you must have forgot that we gave you a job. We the people gave you a job, and we can take that job from you.

Speaker: So if you want us to do better, get off your and do better yourself.

Speaker: Trimet.

Speaker: Next up, we have an archie, an archie. How about mia winters coming. Mia I'm right here.

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: I am going to just get right to the point because I've heard a lot of really good from everybody out here and I used to live in the queer affinity village.

Speaker: I moved in right at the beginning of covid and this is my compliment. Before I constructively criticize what you're doing. So so it worked until you let allgood northwest take over and they're like, awful. Lots of bad things to say about them. But like, literally, you're just this is ridiculous. You're like the I heard the word nebulous, nebulous used earlier. That is what this is. Who are you trying like this doesn't just affect like, I'm housed now. I live in an apartment and I find myself walking between two worlds and trying to like, bridge the gap between the houseless community and the people that are housed. The only difference is that we have a we have a roof over our head, and they don't. And I don't know, I just I was homeless for five years and I just I saw homeless people taking care of each

other way better than you. What you're doing with these encampments is forcing a bunch of people from all walks of life into, like, you're basically putting them in a giant death trap. I don't want to call them concentration camps, but, like, it's borderline. Um, I'm really nervous and I didn't. I thought y'all had skipped me. I really have a lot to add, but what you're doing is not going to work. And it's literally just like a you to taxpayers and we are the taxpayers and carmen Rubio, you're okay. The rest of you sorry.

Speaker: Oh, commissioner Mapps.

Speaker: Sure. Mr. Mayor. Colleagues I'm scheduled to testify before a panel of our federal partners now, so I need to step out for a few moments.

Speaker: I'll be back. Thank you. Thank you. Race traitor. Yes

Speaker: Uh, next up, we have megan brown. Megan brown, and just a heads up, we will be taking a break at 530. Uh, nick chia kiah chacon.

Speaker: When are we reconvening? After the break. Nick chai and josh cohen reconvening after the break.

Speaker: Stop interrupting, please, nation.

Speaker: Next up, we have i'll let you know when we get to the break, which will be at 530, 530.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have josephine welch.

Speaker: Uh, josephine welch. Next, joanne reese. Joanne you're muted. There we go.

Speaker: Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yep. Loud and clear.

Speaker: Joanne lundstrum housing team making lents a home for all our neighbors. Speaking for myself, restricting recreational and survival camping in

certain areas and respecting ada accessible ability could be considered reasonable. However, before sentencing houseless neighbors to 12 hours of wandering City Council needs to personally test walk this plan and impractical knee jerk response that will further traumatize these unhoused and housed neighbors. Where do people go without being hassled for loitering or expected to be a paying customer on a 12 hour wild goose chase? Guided by 211? What seasonal and weather emergency considerations are being made? Setting up camp in the dark and wet. How are people particularly houseless seniors and people with disabilities expected to carry all day to day survival needs in a backpack for 12 hours at a time? Are how and where will this camping ban be enforced? Selective enforcement is discriminatory. Will whiter, more affluent Portland neighborhoods essentially become gated communities while diverse, poor, working, poor and working class unhoused and housed neighbors, many of whom are transit dependent, get siloed into internment camps and blighted neighborhoods without resources. The better to contain and control them. What is the intention behind this plan? Even before enacting an ordinance that will negatively impact entire communities and further traumatize the most vulnerable unhoused and housed neighbors, each member of City Council needs to take this plan on a test walk to assess its feasibility, assume informed responses. Leadership, leadership cannot be performed remotely. Arbitrary decision making is fascist, but in this case, City Council needs to literally and figuratively walk the talk. Housing first. Thank you. Thank you. Next up, we have ben stern, ben stern.

Speaker: How about nils silver? Lyle silver, jen greb. Jenny greb and Keelan.

Speaker: Before you go on, just for people who are still in the overflow, I think the Portland building is closed at this point. So we have some folks in the lovejoy room.

You're welcome to stay there. But if you'd like to come into council, there are seats here available in the council chamber. Great

Speaker: Thank you, elise christensen. Elise christensen. Evan cortez. Evan cortez. Ava proctor. Ava proctor. Molly hogan. Welcome

Speaker: Thanks for being here. Thanks for having me.

Speaker: Okay, glasses is okay.

Speaker: Hello.

Speaker: My name is molly hogan and I'm the director of the welcome home coalition. I'm here today to ask the council to not enforce an 8 a.m. To 8 p.m. Camping ban, but rather focus on supplying restrooms and trash pickup, drinking water and other hygiene supplies to making campments more safe for everyone until sufficient housing access is a reality. There are many reasons these amendments are troubling wrong, but one obvious one is that we know many people experiencing homelessness will not be able to comply due to the physical hardships such a requirement demands. Many living outside are elderly or experiencing disabilities. City and the expectation to dismantle a tent and carry belongings all day is unreasonable. I asked Portland to learn from another hip city as a cautionary tale. Austin, texas began an having police enforce a camping ban on people experiencing homelessness in 2021. There was just a report released a few days ago describing the state of homelessness in austin today, and it shows that there's actually been an increase in unsheltered homelessness and people are camping more on the city's edges and in more remote, less visible green spaces. This makes it much harder for outreach workers to connect people with services and housing. Let's learn from austin's experience. And instead of making the same mistake like the city of Portland, can invest in ensuring people living outside have easy and continual access to hygienic resources while waiting on a pathway to

housing. Let's also focus on investing in a thriving community. Social services workforce. The very human experience of suffering from mental health and drug addiction challenges we see in our streets can only be addressed by being met with the human experience of connection in connections that are being built by the compassionate, hard working peer support specialists and case managers showing up every day in our city. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Isabel hernandez. Isabel hernandez. Armaan singh. Armaan singh gray. Kennard grace kennard. Lee shetzline. Lee shetzline. Draven ford. Draven. Ford theo spain. Theo spain. Bree higgins. Bree higgins. Adrian watts. Ethan adrian watson. Keeley higgins. You know, I'm here.

Speaker: Yeah. Welcome.

Speaker: First they come for the tents and tarts. Am I right? Renee thank you for the time. I'm. I'm not thanking this council. I'm definitely not thanking ted Wheeler. I'm thinking every person who's behind me right now, every person who showed up today, who's outside right now because they were barred from coming in. Those who are watching from home and to the folks who couldn't make it to this meeting because of the inaccessibility of this scheduling, we are all here to stand up to you, ted, to you, carmen and dan and renee and mingus and say no to this inhumane and violent ban. We will not let you eradicate an entire community. We're sitting here in your sitting here and hate and greed, and we are showing up with radical love for our neighbors, our community members, our friends, our family. We come week after week to fight this step by step process that you are all creating toward a total state of fascism. And make no mistake, this will be all y'all's legacies, all of you. Whatever modicum and I use this term. So loosely with you. All good you've done for this city will be forgotten. And your efforts to dehumanize and eradicate a group of people all while getting a yearly salary salary upwards of 125 k 150 k for tevis will

be all that you are remembered for. Do not pass this ban. Work with your constituents. Work with the people that are here.

Speaker: Work with your city.

Speaker: Do not work with the Portland business association though they definitely pay you much more than we can work with the people who this ban would harm. If you've noticed, I've been using the word people a lot. Just a reminder you are playing with a population of human beings who have every right to be here in this world and in this city. As you, I would argue that they deserve to be in your houses and plural mansions for ted Wheeler over here. All of us here were two feet on the ground. And we're running at you with more tenacity, more grace, more empathy, and more hope than all of your small minds combined could imagine. Do your best as public officials and be on the correct side of history. Let go of your ego, your sense of entitlement work to deconstruct your external and internal ized white supremacy. Stop the sweeps, give people money, give people permanent housing. And if you can muster up just one ounce of compassion today, then you say no to this ban. Protect and support the people of this city. Don't tell us we don't matter. Don't tell us to shut up. Don't tell us to go away. Don't discount us. Your position is voted in and it is voted out. You will fade and we will continue to be here. If you burn this community to the ground, we'll just make a new one on your ashes. Thank you. And you know me.

Speaker: Ted Wheeler. You biko. All right. This is a good time to take a break.

Speaker: We'll take a 15 minute recess. Congratulations. Sorry. We'll resume public testimony.

Speaker: Next up, we have tina prettyman silver.

Speaker: Welcome back. Hi so my name is tina, and I was homeless for seven years.

Speaker: We say covid is a scary thing, but I'm telling you, with all the bags, there was some good and that good was that some people that were high risk did become housed. I would not be housed right now if covid hadn't happened. Still being homeless is scary. You look over your shoulder every day. Every day is a new challenge. Couch every day is pushing through the day to get through. It's hard. No one wants to be out there. I don't care to see circumstance puts people there. Not everyone is on drugs. Not everyone's. Bad and not everyone has criminal records. Sorry. Sorry people are people. We're not invisible. We will never be invisible. We all deserve to have a home, a place to feel safe no matter what. That at home looks like. Right now, people have tents. They have blankets on the street, they have lean tos. They have trailers. Whatever the case is, a home is where you are. Your home is where you live. That is where you are. It's not it's not always bricks and mortar. It's not always wood. It can be anywhere you're at. That's your home and you deserve to be safe to feel loved, to feel cared about, to be respected as a person. Because we're all people. We deserve that right? To be to feel comfortable where we're at. And we need housed. That's all I have to say. Thank you. We deserve housing. Everyone deserves housing. Appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker: Our next two testifiers are going to join virtually. It's nicholas peterson and derek avery.

Speaker: I told you, I doesn't look like they've joined us on zoom yet. We have katie reinhart.

Speaker: We're going to join in person.

Speaker: Mr. Pena. Mr. Pena, sam, sam, andy. They were going to join virtually.

Speaker: Megan has something. Oh it looks like derek's up.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Hi, derek. Hello

Speaker: Hello. Can you hear me? Yep.

Speaker: Loud and clear. Great. Thank you so, as stated, my name is derek avery.

Speaker: I am a resident of taxpaying community member and a homeowner in the city of Portland and heard a lot of testimony sharing facts, opinions and personal experiences regarding homelessness in the city, along with potential solutions, many were shared much more eloquently than I ever could.

Speaker: I mainly wanted to bring representation at this council as a community member who is both a homeowner and who believes that we should not further criminalize homelessness and that we should instead embrace creativity and empathy in helping with the marginalized and house folks within our community. I it strikes me that even proposed legislation like this, where cops will undoubtedly harm more community members with continued lack of accountability, that those of you who approve this path are not in community with those who will be harshly and unfairly impact the most. Right. And note that I didn't say have seen or spoken a word to some of these unhoused. The presentation at the beginning of the session noted that the city is supposed to comply with the referenced house bill, but also stated that the city can in read that they didn't have to introduce stricter, read harsher enforce policy to support it and the continued inhumane approach to addressing this issue of homelessness is a egregious and it seems that it's mainly due to the fact that it doesn't impact any of you who are creating these policies. So please listen to those who are are getting impacted by this. The most and who are getting harmed. Please consider that to propose those these solutions of further stricter laws and enforcing these laws harshly without providing housing first. Real solutions there that you're just harming more people and perpetuating this issue that we're trying to address. Thank you.

Speaker: The next two testifiers are chas penny and david potts.

Speaker: Hello. This is sharp.

Speaker: Penny was out earlier this morning when we were doing the ada.

Speaker: I'm in support of item 451.

Speaker: City code needs to be updated to restrict street and sidewalk camping throughout the city of Portland.

Speaker: Between the hours of 8 a.m. And 8 p.m. In order to reclaim Portland and make it a safe and livable city again.

Speaker: We need to start taking serious steps to clean up permanent structures.

Speaker: Accumulated garbage and hazardous waste on our sidewalks and the city streets. After spending three hours cleaning a small area of the sidewalk and streets around lents downtown, it is quite clear that the homeless situation is out of control and we can no longer support an endorse this type of living condition on our streets. So starting here is hopefully a step forward. Thank you. Thank you, couch street.

Speaker: And next is david potts. Hi david.

Speaker: Looks like you're muted. There you go.

Speaker: Thank you. I'm david potts, a Portland resident.

Speaker: For over 40 years, I raised my four children in a Portland that sadly no longer exists. But I'm glad they moved elsewhere to raise their families and more family friendly and safer cities. I'm a long time proponent of livability for the last neighbor, lents, like much of east Portland, has ever diminishing livability and is already seeing gentrification as a result of eviction. Eviction restrictions that make Portland untenable for mom and pop landlords, homeowners that can afford to, and moving to safer places. Council agreed earlier today to the settlement in the suit to require the city to comply with the provisions of the Americans with disabilities act. Now the city will be required to keep public sidewalks clear of

homeless encampment. This is a good first step. The city now needs to keep public sidewalks and public spaces accessible to all of those who live and work in Portland. Our sidewalks are scarcely a better place than the mud pits in east Portland that are home to many on Portland streets. It is not compassion unit. It is not humane. We need to find better places for our unhoused to live. Now that said, it's time to keep the public sidewalks clear in the daytime. You owe it to all Portlanders. A lot of money is being spent to build very expensive housing and is doing little to reduce unsanctioned camping. No matter how much housing is built without mental health and addiction services and a willingness to change behaviors, many will not stay in that housing. It may feel unkind, but the truth is that it will take tough love to get many to choose affordable housing. Thank you for hearing me. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have avery temple. Welcome.

Speaker: My name is avery temple and I'm here to testify against the proposed ban today.

Speaker: I'll keep it short.

Speaker: To ban camping is to legalize the persecution and death of people who are unhoused. I would know I was unhoused for much of my adolescence. Folks who are houseless are the very people you failed to protect, act and provide resources for and who will be filling your jails, who will be assaulted or murdered by the police? Who will die in the cold during winter or suffocate in the smoke of the inevitable fire season? Most of these people are black, indigenous people of color, youth, trans girls, queer, disabled. But y'all already know this. This ban shows just how out of touch, deeply troubled and cold hearted y'all truly are. If I'm being honest, I have little to no faith that those of you with power will do the right thing. But knowing that my message is for those who are here today opposing this ban to care and who feel like something must be done to prevent this unrest, sensory

cruelty, this is not the reality we want or need to live in the city and the state do not care for us and never will. As long as there's profit to be made from killing us. Let's stop wasting our time appealing to those who March us towards an ugly, unlivable future, regardless of their situation or background. What we have or haven't done. Everyone deserves safe housing. We know this. And so we must take care of each other. We must be creative, rebellious and brave in our strategies. Now is not the time to play by their rules, their laws, or what they deem acceptable. All, now is the time to come together, to act, to build the world we want to live in and to fight for it. If they won't do it, won't do what's right. Then we will. We must house the unhoused together by any means necessary. Oh, thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have becca kruger, and they were planning to join virtually.

Speaker: Okay, let's move on to tamara chaiken.

Speaker: Doesn't look like they've joined us. Dylan silvis.

Speaker: Silvis.

Speaker: They were planning to join virtually edt.

Speaker: Let's move on to george sanchez.

Speaker: Bautista. Sean hardy.

Speaker: They'll be in zoom. I have. Sean, are you unable to are you able to unmute?

Speaker: Hello, I'm here. Thank you.

Speaker: Um, good afternoon. Um I would like to say that I was homeless for three years as a youth.

Speaker: Um, and the only reason why I'm now not homeless is because I had kind people with privilege that they held to help me find a space where I can be myself and educate myself freely.

Speaker: But I know that I'm always a paycheck away from homelessness and I rely on welfare to get myself through each month for food and health care. This bill will impact people like me who are low income, but fear houselessness every day. That is a very possibility for every one of us, especially us working class folks and marginalized folks. I had to sleep in public before many of my peers had to do the same. Sleep on the streets because they were unwelcome with their own homes that they grew up in. Many shelters will kick us out anyway if we break a rule. And many of those rules are to nitpick those who are going to be discriminated more, such as black indigenous people of color and lgbt and trans folks. People say, just go to a shelter when many shelters here in Portland are constantly full and dangerous for some of us. To some people, the times that this bill will restrict camping will only hurt them as some of them need to rest in a day time to avoid risk of sexual assault. And this can happen from perpetrators who are not houseless. All my peers who were or still are homeless right now are working while living in the streets and there's a stereotype that houseless folks choose to be houseless when many people just like me were kicked out from our own homes because of discriminate and because of the anti lgbtq ideals. Um, if you care about bipoc folks, lgbtq folks and children, as I was once a child myself in this situation, you will not go through with this bill. It hurts everyone not just the folks who are sleeping in the streets right now. But the possibility of homelessness is something that does not discriminate. Thank you. Thank you. Oh let's go back to ed.

Speaker: I just want to ask welcome.

Speaker: Thank you. I'm eddie. I'm a student. I'm sorry. I have some notes. I want to reiterate something that ed said, which was that many of the people that came here to testify don't necessarily believe that our words are going to have an outcome.

Speaker: Um, on the effect of the vote and that we're just here to be here.

Speaker: And many folks that would be here to present weren't able to make it as a result of various disabilities, physical and then mental health problems that are being severe merely exacerbated by our our collective failure as a house population to engage with the homeless community and to protect, like the most vulnerable members of our city. And I'm testifying here because I can and I have the time and I can drive myself here. I think that the majority of the people here in person are here because we really believe firmly in the power of community and of love and civic and compassion and people are really scared for their lives and the lives of their friends and their family and we're here like essentially begging you not to follow through with the proposal because we are scared. And it's the people. It's the people with hate in their hearts that are pushing a violent and perverse rhetoric about the homeless community in the city. And we can't embolden them with policy that's going to just further modern forms of class segregation. It needs to be condemned. We can't talk about people and synonymize them with needles and trash. I think it's inappropriate and I just I think that all of us are going to feel the brunt of it. But it will be the unhoused folks that are going to die. I yeah. Thank you.

Speaker: But yeah, thank you for listening.

Speaker: I'm sorry. Went over time on the next five individuals are planning to join virtually so I'll just make sure they're not in person.

Speaker: We have pardosa and ojeda todd littlefield. Sam cohen, alexis mccain. Alex matthews and isaac tillotson.

Speaker: We'll move on to rebel black. And frank blackston. Oh hey there.

Speaker: Sorry, I just popped back on and you called my name frank.

Speaker: Hi, everybody. I don't have anything stupendous to say. I just want to voice my support for this, for this agenda item. I know it's controversial, but

everything feels out of balance right now, so I think it's a step in restoring balance. And I will say, I hear a lot of people screaming at you about shelters. I got to remind everybody, the county is in charge. Shelters anyway, that's it. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Oh, wait, I heard that.

Speaker: Yes. Let's rephrase the joint offices. So talk to them.

Speaker: All right. Thanks, frank.

Speaker: Next, we have piper cronin. Doesn't look like they've joined us.

Speaker: Courtney cox. Hazel jordan.

Speaker: We have songa mcbain. Isabella gornick. Hold up.

Speaker: Yeah. How are you? Just don't do that.

Speaker: You saw me walking up here.

Speaker: My colonial name is demetria hester, which you all should already know because I made jeremy christian the night before he went on his rant.

Speaker: Right. You remember me, don't you, Wheeler?

Speaker: Huh? The same person that you came so smugly and said you get to make the decision, right?

Speaker: But we're the community who pays your salary, who pays your salary? Rubio who pays my salary ? Ryan who pays your salary? Gonzales who pays your salary? We do. But you sit here so smug and so self antifa titled because you're white men, because you have money, you've lined your pockets with the money you're supposed to give to the communities party in your pockets are you homeless?

Speaker: No.

Speaker: You will never be homeless because you're white. You're white, man. And you feel entitled, don't you? Don't you? Because you pay your way everywhere you go, don't you? Yes. No oh, you don't have nothing to say now. But yet you want to

shut us down. When we was talking, letting you know that this is a capitalist system that you created now is houseless. People at first it was black people. Police commissioner, which is going to make money over hand over hand building more prisons to house houseless people. Aren't you going to become rich? Rubio saying that, oh, you're against it, but look who you are with, with how can you be against it? But look, who are you with? This is just a lie. It's all. You know it. Y'all have already made the decision. Like you say, mayor Wheeler, you're not our mayor. Were you appointed yourself mayor by paying for it July 1st when this comes in effect, be ready for what you had to deal with in 2020. With us in the streets.

Speaker: Be ready. Be ready.

Speaker: Be because we're coming for your jobs, your house houses, your cars. What are you going to do then decide because we're coming for you. Ted Wheeler. You. All right, we've got into the personal threat phase of the council session.

Speaker: Who's next?

Speaker: Who's next? Threat? So unnecessary. Make me god.

Speaker: I can't believe. Are you running?

Speaker: Hello, my name is isabella. I'm speaking here today on behalf of free lunch collective, a mutual aid group here in town providing meals and supplies to our unhoused neighbors on a weekly basis.

Speaker: We've seen time and time again how people have been terribly impacted by the city's policies, which essentially criminalize poverty. Proposing to ban camping for 12 hours of the day and punishing those who have nowhere else to go with jail time or fines is not the solution to this crisis. People aren't living intense because it's fun.

Speaker: They're doing it because it's their only option.

Speaker: I've worked at shelters in town and I've seen how difficult and confusing it is for people to access limited shelter beds. Why are we not addressing the root cause of the issue? Portland's rent is way too expensive as raised by 30% in the last decade alone. As of January of 2023, landlords in Oregon can now increase rents by up to 14.6% per year. Last year, the cap was 9.9. Every month there are between 400 and 1100 evictions filed in Multnomah, clackamas and Washington county. That's between 13 and 36 households every single day, the majority of those being for nonpayment of rent. The average one bedroom in Portland is \$1,500 per month. And somebody working full time at a minimum wage job is only going to make \$2,360 per month. And that's before taxes is that's barely enough to cover rent, utilities, transportation and food. There are already four vacant homes and apartments for every single person who is homeless in Portland. And homes sit vacant while people die needlessly on the street. What we desperately need is rent control. Now, the problem here is greedy landlords and the politicians that enable and benefit off of that greed. I strongly urge all of you to vote no on the campaign ban, although I'm sure you'll just listen to all of us and then go right ahead and do whatever you are planning on doing anyways. So that's all I have to say. Thank you. Next, we have kelby self, jamie young. Emma cooper. Cassidy shoberg. Kim doty.

Speaker: Some kim's here.

Speaker: Kim, are you able to unmute?

Speaker: Yeah. Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yep, we can hear you.

Speaker: Well, okay. Hi, my name is kim doty.

Speaker: I am.

Speaker: I'm a Portland homeowner for the last 18 years.

Speaker: I'm also an icu nurse for the last 25 years.

Speaker: So I've seen quite a bit of pain and suffering in my career. Um, I've had two children go through Portland public schools completely through the school system. I've been living in south east Portland the whole time I've been here.

Speaker: I volunteer here as a health care worker at the everleigh project, which is a harm reduction program here in southeast Portland.

Speaker: And I am surprised that my icu nursing job didn't really prepare me for what I have seen over the last few months of volunteer ing there.

Speaker: Um, this law is cruel, it's inhumane. It causes harm to human beings. I think we are all educated people. We know that we all need to have our basic needs met to be able to succeed and move forward in life. And what I'm seeing from our houseless neighbors is hunger. Um obviously, no shelter fema, no water and no heat in the winter for no way to get out of the cold. And, um, and no way to get out of the, the heat and the elements. This every day is a crisis.

Speaker: I'm taking care of people who are disabled. They have veterans who have ptsd, pregnant women, lgbt. Q and trans folks who are targeted and afraid to sleep during the nighttime. So they sleep during the daytime, which I know that you've heard over and over these people are in medical need. They're really hungry and thirsty. And, you know, every like I said, every day really is just a crisis.

Speaker: And I feel like this this law would really turn over their health care and their needs to police force and turn our jails into shelters\$ and I think that's a really, really bad way to go.

Speaker: Thank you very much. Thank you, kim.

Speaker: Next is leJune thorson. Yes mayor, commissioners, good evening.

Speaker: My name is leJune thorson. I live downtown and i'll be brief. We all need our sidewalks back. I empathize with our neighbors housed and unhoused who have physical or vision disabilities as they attempt to navigate our sidewalks. Yes,

we depend on businesses such as restaurants and retailers to keep Portland viable. Our businesses need to be revived, ized by more foot traffic. We all deserve to feel safe whether we are housed or unhoused. No one should live in squalor, as some of our homeless neighbors do. Everyone should have hope. I wish there were no drug epidemic. I wish the mentally ill would get help before they risk homelessness. I wish wealth disparity wasn't widening, but until society can solve these problems, we must deal with the reality we have and we must change what we can change. Save our villages, the queer affinity village near where I live, the shelter is offered by nonprofit groups and the large temporary shelters currently in development are a good start. This measure is another step in the right direction in and I hope you will pass this. Thank you for listening and thank you for listening to everyone who is here today.

Speaker: Thank you. Next is annie d'amato.

Speaker: Hi, annie. Hi.

Speaker: Can you hear me?

Speaker: Yep, loud and clear. We see you as well. Okay uh, my name is annie d'amato, and I'm a social worker who's been working with Portland's unhoused community for nearly a decade.

Speaker: Uh, I co-founded an organization called the everleigh project that provide services to over 200 unhoused people every week. Our people are hungry. They're sick. They're desperate for survival and basic needs.

Speaker: What we see every day are living conditions that would shock many of the more privileged people in this room.

Speaker: And that's but that's what this is about, right? What I've heard here today is massive inequity and injustice disguised as a pragmatic plan to end homelessness. I'm not buying it. All right. It is about the haves versus the have nots.

It is profit over people and you will not end homelessness with this plan. But I think you already know that, in fact, you will make it so much worse. Let me be clear. You are killing people with these sanctions. You're making it harder. You're making it harder for those of us who are trying to tend to our neighbors with care and compassion. Over the past few months, my job has consisted of sitting with people who have experienced relentless encampment sweeps, helping them process the extreme trauma and loss of stability that this is causing. I've held people as they sob. I've tended to hopelessness, suicidality and fear. It has been a hard year working on the front lines. If this new ban is passed, we are going to see it get so much worse. You will create more health disparities and you will be killing people. If you want a real plan to end homelessness in a caring and compassionate way. Look up into the gallery or go out onto the streets as the experts are here. We show up every day and we already know the solutions. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next is angela ice. Angela we have charlie liljequist. Vicki payne.

Speaker: I see. Vicki hi, vicki.

Speaker: Hi. Uh my name is vicki payne, and I'm here to.

Speaker: I'm a resident of the canyon neighborhood in north Portland.

Speaker: I'm here to support and thank mayor Wheeler for proposing this update to the city's code to set camping time and place restrictions, which are, as you explained earlier, legal to do so, and seemingly being enforced this way in every other jurisdiction under the martin v boise decision, except Portland and Multnomah County.

Speaker: The wikipedia page on the topic mentions that fact.

Speaker: Sleep is not illegal.

Speaker: Setting sleep hours isn't cruel. We have options available and the county has plenty of money to create more daytime options for people who are illegally

camping. Have to pack up and move during the day will eliminate a lot of the health and safety hazards and crime that come with the garbage pileups at certain larger campsites and eliminate the need for the millions of dollars we are spending on cleaning up these bio hazard zones. Of course, we aren't criminalizing or solving homelessness with extremely difficult until both the city and county set up more legal sanction places for people to go. But enough is enough. We have to stop allowing people to refuse help because they feel like staying outside on the street. Why do you participation in too many are taking advantage of our lax laws and empathetic demeanors and breaking the societal contract? We all have to be good neighbors, housed and unhoused at the 2022 point in time count shows that 65% of those surveyed arrived in Multnomah County without shelter from another state. We have to turn off the spigot if we want to residing on the streets of Portland and making it uncomfortable to stay permanently in one spot outside day after day is one way to deter people from relocating here. We also having the effect of bothering existing campers so they will finally accept the offers of assistance they've been given, especially having campers and only sanctioned areas will help us truly help them. This proposal is a step in the right direction towards that goal of ending the need to sleep outside on the streets. And I hope everyone here today shows up to the county board meeting tomorrow morning at 930 and expresses these wishes that you are putting on the city because this is the county's solving, not the city's. And they are really aware on this vote. Yes it's called the joint office with the city only gives them money. They don't have any say in. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you. Next is Laura Taki. Angela Garcia. Daniela del Mar. Hi. That's me. Hello. My name is Daniela del Mar.

Speaker: I've lived and worked as an educator and an artist in Multnomah County for over 14 years.

Speaker: According to the airbnb property investment Portland website, orbitz.com.

Speaker: I'm an average host in Portland can earn up to \$33,348 during peak seasons. There are over 3342 airbnb listings in Portland, according to Multnomah County's 2022 point in time count an estimated 5228 people are experiencing houselessness. I'd wager many people are not recorded in this number with only approximately 2000 shelter beds available. People are living in tents and tarps on sidewalks and in vehicles across the city. That same study found that 38.5% of houseless people recorded suffer from mental illness, 26% from physical disability and 37.5% from substance abuse disorders published by the salem reporter. Quote decades of institutionalizing mental illness locally and nationally have made it impossible to meet the increasing demand for mental health care. Oregon has less than one tenth the number of state hospital beds for mentally ill patients than it had in 1950. Neil rotman, interim deputy director of Multnomah County's mental health and addiction services division, the tourism industry and home ownership opportunities.

Speaker: Exclusive to upper and middle classes combined with decrease mental health and support services over the long term for the houseless population are unequivocal compounding factors in the current housing crisis among many others, the Multnomah County transient lodging tax projected at 29,000,000 in annual revenue in the 23 budget review, should already provide sufficient funding resources for expanding mental health, addiction support and other social services exclusive to the houseless population, as well as permanent housing solutions.

Speaker: Any proposal to ban camping without first providing housing and mental health services only seeks to whitewash the writing that's already on the wall. Thank you for your time. Thank you.

Speaker: Next is andy miller. Good evening, mayor Wheeler.

Speaker: Members of the council.

Speaker: My name is andy miller. I'm here on behalf of our just future, an organization formerly known to you as human solutions. We provide a continuum of response to our crisis, including shelter, housing and jobs programs and affordable and supportive housing. I want to start by just noting there's a lot of agreement in the room tonight, despite some of our deep disagreements. That's we all want to end our homeless crisis. We all support a humane approach to that work. We all want to see more housing and shelter options across our city and county. And we all agree that what we are already doing is not enough, that we must act with more urgency to right the ship. But here's where we disagree that these restrictions are a reasonable, humane way to achieve our shared objectives. I submit the restriction is in this in these provisions are unreasonable criminalizing daytime camping is in no way reasonably related to the objective of ending homelessness or better connecting people to services or housing. A daytime camping ban is not a humane response. I share with you the notion that leaving people outside without a decent home is inhumane, but it's twisted logic to assert that asking people to pack up and trudge around with their belongings for 12 hours at a time under threat of penal consequences, somehow increases the humanity of their situation. The timing here makes no sense, as we have yet to build sufficient housing or even safe places for people to lawfully rest. It is simply cruel and premature and likely unlawful to ban camping at this time. In this way, let's build the remedy before we invoke the penalty. Mayor Wheeler, you mentioned the sacred nature of democracy, and I appreciate that. But let's remember the countless examples in our own American history of how a democratic majority quickly and easily and brutally have discounted the basic humanity of their fellow

human beings of more humble means, often to a chorus of cheers and praising editorial comments. Let this not be one more example of the tyranny of a loud majority of means stomping on the humanity of those most vulnerable actionscript. Next is crystal delahanty.

Speaker: Hi, my name is crystal delahanty. I'm the founder of pdx love and also a community health worker. We are a direct outreach organization. We make about 340 unduplicated contacts a week. So we literally live and breathe the stories of the people. I've grown up in east Portland.

Speaker: I will admit that my heart is broken over the state of our community and there is evidence of a severe emergency.

Speaker: It's hard to look at and I recognize the impact on poor neighborhoods, especially the one I grew up in.

Speaker: Families in neighborhoods who are struggling are having to experience the worst of this crisis. But this proposed ban is coming from a reactionary place based on the trauma that we are all experiencing.

Speaker: We must stop and regulate those emotions towards thoughtful solutions that are sustainable and support every human.

Speaker: Those solutions must be holistic and collaborative. Oregon ranks 50th in the us for providing access to addiction treatment.

Speaker: It ranks 49th in providing access to mental care, mental health care. Oregon ranks the worst in the nation for access to youth, for mental health and behavioral care. Multnomah County joint office underspent their supportive housing service budget by more than half last year. We must be willing to recognize that there are severe systemic issues that need to be addressed to make any kind of lasting impact in the crisis that we're facing. While community health workers are down here just trying to hold the seams together, you are wasting our time

proposing we erased humans from sight during the day. We as a city have failed the people. And now, rather than take the time to create addiction treatment services and pay livable wages to peer support and housing specialists, to social workers, rather than bolster up our mental health care system, invest in programs and rapid rehousing for our youth, and find out why the hell joint office spent under spent \$43 million last year. Rather than take responsibility for the ways our systems have continually failed people. Your proposing to further traumatize poor people with the threat of criminal action, I ask that you reconsider implementing any ban on public camping while we take a hard look at why and how we allowed ourselves to get here in the first place. Thank you. Next is jeffrey liddicoat.

Speaker: So I almost decided not to say anything here today because people have said an awful lot of things that if you guys would just listen and you wouldn't do this, if you do this anyway.

Speaker: Okay, I'm sorry, but you're idiots. I have been active in local politics for a long time.

Speaker: I'm not homeless. I'm not houseless.

Speaker: But I choose to live outside and to the guy that said, oh, I don't know anybody who is living their dream that's outside. Ever since I can remember thinking I wanted to live outside and I'm living my dream right next door to people who are living a nightmare. Some of them by their own doing, some of them as a result of circumstances, most of them as a result of public policy, the reagan cutbacks in the housing programs, the criminalization of drugs, the ongoing racism, what we did to natives in this country, most of it is our fault. Yes this bit where you guys are saying, oh, acting like, oh, I'm a humanitarian because there's a big humanitarian crisis out there and so I'm not getting the public to swallow the hook, line and sinker the that this program is somehow a humanitarian program is mind

boggling to me. If you have the least little bit of humanitarianism in your hearts, you wouldn't have rapid response out there telling people who don't have legs to move, they'd be helping them. A little bit of discernment in these programs and your policies to get people off the sidewalk, help them get off of the sidewalk. Boec not doing that is when people say this policy is killing people. It's killing people for the able bodied people. It's nothing new under the sun ever since the beginning of time to haves have victimized the have nots and whoever has the least is victimized by whoever is just a little bit above them. So this is just more of the same old same old, same old and all you're going to get from that is the same old stuff. Thank you. Next is calistoga.

Speaker: They were planning to join virtually kelly lanza. Also virtual mateo gutierrez. That's me. Welcome.

Speaker: Hello. I'm 17 and I live downtown and I oppose this camping ban.

Speaker: I'm not afraid when I go to my max stop to go to school.

Speaker: And I'm not afraid of the conversations I have with the people that this ban would criminalize.

Speaker: Yes. S I've been harassed by unhoused people, but I've also been harassed by housed people. Anyone has the capacity to be harassed by someone or for people to harass others. But people who are in a crisis are more used to reasoning with violence. The best way to end this violence and harassment is to get them out of their crisis as simple solution to homelessness is housing such as the housing first model, which gives people housing so they can effectively address the issues affecting them, such as mental illness, addiction or escaping poverty. The model shows that around 73% of people who went through this model have stayed housed after a year of the program. I know that housing people sure and long term is cheaper than camp sweeping because camp sweeping only deals with the

symptoms of homelessness. It doesn't solve it. So instead of criminalizing poverty from being in the public eye, we can be more of a friend in helping our fellow person. In one of the main problems is, rather than hiding it to keep a good looking city rather than a just city. Thank you.

Speaker: Next is dan orny. There in zoom. Dan, are you able to unmute. We'll come back to dan via jada hernandez. Daniel curtis. Maggie powers. Let's go back to dan dan, are you able to unmute. Marina haven. Welcome.

Speaker: Hi, I'm speaking on behalf of my wife, marina haven.

Speaker: That's fine.

Speaker: My wife marina is teaching as a teacher of seventh grade right now.

Speaker: They wanted to share a statement they wrote for themselves. And on behalf of faye shannon, laronda and missy, all women they met at Portland rescue mission, all of whom shared the struggles of trying to navigate a broken system. This is what they have to say. I went through the shelter system and it's dehumanized thing. I got a lot of help from the city, so there are good things that come from getting those services like central city concern. They basically saved my life and helped me tolerate getting through being homeless. How ever living in a shelter was the worst part of being homeless? People working in the shelter act like you're less than the fact that freedoms are taken away makes it worse. Based cully you can't sleep in. You can't take a nap. You have no privacy. You have to leave by 8 a.m. Every day and be back by 8 p.m. No matter the weather, you have to give up your stuff. You're only allowed to bring two small bags and forfeit the rest if you don't have someone to store it for you. They made us prioritize weekly house meetings over employment opportunities and would sometimes deny work opportunities after curfew. I think I was able to get out of being homeless because of my higher education in I have a master's of education and a law degree. I

definitely know that the people who were in the shelter with me couldn't generate the same opportunities that I was able to even I found that navigating the system to be overwhelming. I personally saw the stiff rules and lack of compassion caused a lot of people to fall through the cracks. I still wonder about some of those women, whether or not they're still alive today. Lawanda I'm pretty sure she's passed away because I haven't been able to track her down in a while. So she had a heart condition, I believe she went back to the streets. Jean's place is a little better. However, there's a very long waiting list to get into that shelter, and you can only stay for a short time. You don't have the infrastructure to support the homeless population at this point in time. And these proposed changes will put humans in the prison system, which is even more dehumanizing when all they're really trying to do is pick up the pieces of their lives. All I ever saw these women doing was looking for housing, jobs and friendship. And now you want to imprison us all. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: And I'm I'm next.

Speaker: Emily havens. I'm now speaking for myself. Okay

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: I worked at the shelter that marina was speaking about, Portland rescue mission. I saw the dehumanizing nature of the shelters expectations. I saw them prioritizing the proselytization of their faith over providing compassion and services. In my opinion, in the way they ran the women's shelter was that the women were guilty until they proved their innocence. And that's mostly in reference to drug addiction and mental illness. More than half the beds were often empty. I ultimately left that job because I saw them doing more harm than good, and ultimately they would not allow me to stay in contact with some of the women I had built a connection with, specifically marina, who became my wife two years later.

One of the biggest needs I see not being met within this shelter system is human connection and if an organization or government refuses to prioritize the real need for connection as well, then you're missing the whole point. When marina and I see tents on the side of the road, we don't feel angry or fear those people. We know they're doing the best they can to survive a system that's trying to erase them. We acknowledge that tents can disrupt businesses. However, you're trying to ban tents from places that don't harm anyone. And we need solutions to help them deal with their garbage, store their personal belongings and deal with food scarcity and personal hygiene. You need to invest in solutions for these issues and create the infrastructure before trying to move forward with a tent ban. Whitewashing the streets won't make our city any safer for the most vulnerable or the rich people complaining about them. You can't make humans disappear, for this is a problem with the system and not these people. What you're proposing is the criminalization of poverty and calling this proposal compassionate is an outrage and a blatant lie. Ted Wheeler your privilege is showing and it's repugnant. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Speaker: The question program on whole put it on hold.

Speaker: I'm going to ask you.

Speaker: No, please. You got to testify. And we heard you. Thank you.

Speaker: Next is deb meyer, corey mccall. Jason bolt.

Speaker: Welcome, jason. Thank you. Mr. Gonzalez. Commissioner Ryan. All right. Good evening, everyone. My name is jason bolt. My wife laura, and our two year old daughter evie are proud residents of southeast Portland. We've also been local business owners for over a decade. We'll be moving our business from the central east side into the pearl this year. First, I want to express my gratitude to the City Council and mayor and the dedicated individuals at the everleigh project, Portland

street response. The blanché house, street roots and many others who are working tirelessly to address what mayor Wheeler correctly referred to as a humanitarian crisis or catastrophe. I see your commitment is truly inspiring. Today's discussion on the proposed ordinance goes beyond clearing our streets of tents and trash. It's about how we treat approximately 6000 fellow human beings who are suffering on our streets. Take a moment to let that sink in. In a free democracy, our governments most important role is to provide a safety net and protection for its citizens. As as gandhi once said, the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members and nothing that works against that objective is a waste of our tax dollars and time. So I urge you here to take a minute and look around at the people in this room. Make eye contact, don't look your computers, a smile. All right. There's a lot of people in this room that are going to sleep in fear on our streets tonight. About a lot of them women. 75% of the women on our street are out there because of domestic violence. They're escaping that in their homes. Some of them have kids. They won't have an alternative place to rest during the day. If you ban camping, how are they supposed to find solace in the most desperate, terrifying and helpless time of their lives by prioritizing and working urgently together on the mayor's call for having enough shelter, housing and treatment access available so that we can fully eliminate unsanctioned, unsheltered camping in Portland. We will achieve our collective goals of reducing crime, cleaning up our streets and creating stability for the entire community. If we do this in an incorrect order and prioritize criminalization of camping in one month, it is unsafe and unfair for everyone in the only way we are going to solve this humanitarian catastrophe trophy is by first prioritizing care for our most vulnerable and working together as a community to help them. There really is no other way. So I am asking you to take the right stance here and prioritize caring for these citizens.

For the 6000 people suffering on our streets. And it's not us. It's not you guys, it's not me. But we have an opportunity to inspire our young people today to show true leadership. And that's compassion and that's empathy. Thanks Jason Boec.

Speaker: Let's try Dan Orny again in Zoom.

Speaker: Dan, if you're able to try Star Six to unmute. Okay, let's go to Margaret Zebrowski. Welcome hi, I'm Peggy Zebrowski, resident of North Portland and a board member of Hazelnut Grove, the one of the self-declared and self-managed, houseless villages in North in this city.

Speaker: I'm here to object in the strongest possible terms to your cruel new camping restriction runs every day on the streets of Portland, we see people trying to survive outside. In your own desperation to a face, the reminder of how unbalanced life is becoming in our country. You propose setting up large commercial compounds to which the houseless will be driven once life on the streets has become completely untenable. But mostly those camps don't yet exist yet and are should be staffed out by a very new and very problematic agency. Urban Alchemy, who are being sued for their treatment of staff and residents wherever they have contracts. Did you research this outfit before you hired them? You guys, I can't understand this particularly cruel is the hours mandate. As many people have said here today, with so many in wheelchairs, so many elderly people, so many ill and injured people in the streets, pack up your wheelchair, buddy. It's 8 a.m. And when it's winter sunset at 4:30, but you keep rolling another 3.5 hours because maybe it'll keep you warm because when you do bed down, you may not have any heat. Right could it be worse? Okay and those shelters were building. They don't have wheelchair access. So looks like you're in a catch 22 wheelchair person with restrictions about how many where people may camp being extended to areas around parks, schools, day care centers, high crash corridors and many other

places. How is anyone to find a safe place to be? Are you going to publish maps that you that you update every day? Please let me finish. How chillingly these new laws echo those of our uncaring past from Chicago in the 1870s. No person who is diseased, maimed, muted, hated or in any way deformed so as to be in an unsafe nighty or disgusting object or improper person to be allowed in or on public ways or other public places in this city or shall therein or thereon expose himself to public view under a penalty of not less than \$1, nor more than \$50 for each offense, for maimed and mutilated, read poor we house folks don't want to see the price that other people pay for our privileges for this, you should stop sleeping well, if you have any conscience at all for this house, you should burn in hell. Yes. And I'm sorry it's so ugly what you're doing.

Speaker: I'm sorry. Next is Monica Corey.

Speaker: They were going to join in Zoom. Wanda McNeely. Kara Hellgren. Hello I'm. I'm on Zoom. Yep

Speaker: We hear you. Okay um, good evening.

Speaker: My name is Kara Hellgren. I'm a lifelong Oregonian and have resided in Portland for the last 20 years, plus, I'm testifying today as an average Portlander who is horrified by the consistent dehumanization by the City Council of our unhoused neighbors.

Speaker: This camping restriction update is an attempt to ban our unhoused neighbors from justice.

Speaker: Even existing a way to push out of sight and out of mind and a root cause of the housing crisis and crime, which is an ever growing pattern between the wealthy and the rest of us.

Speaker: This camping ban is incredibly unrealistic, demanding people pack up their homes from 8 to 8 and find a purgatorial somewhere to wait out the day as long as it's a couple hundred feet from absolute everywhere.

Speaker: With this ban, the council is reminding the rest of us of their commitment to the interests of the Portland business alliance and the Portland police unions because this camping ban isn't for me or any other regular Portlanders either. As a Mexican American who grew up migrant all over rural Oregon, I've had lived experience with hunger and housing, instability. I've also experienced firsthand the devaluation of my humanity by my wealthier and whiter neighbors. I've watched government, local and national, penalize people for the crime of existing most Portlanders are just a bad year of outrageous rent increases and unexpected medical bills away from being on the streets ourselves. Should I ever have the misfortune of a bad year and land on the streets, I fully expect to be just as dehumanized by a City Council of legacy wealth funds and lobbyist skills as those forced to live on a sidewalk. Now, from one average Portland to my neighbors, this ban, like this council isn't for our benefit. I urge all of us to remember that as of that, as this council continues to show us exactly who they are. Thank you. Next is jay amachi. Hello

Speaker: I am Jamie Chai and I am the reimagining community safety manager with Unite Oregon and also a member of the anti-displacement coalition. I strongly urge you to reject this ordinance responding to humanitarian crisis through criminalization and fines is not only morally reprehensible, but deeply damaging to our community. Portland's houseless population are not just numbers. They represent our neighbors, friends and fellow citizens who are experiencing unimaginable hardship. Instead of turning our backs on them, we should be working tirelessly to find humane solutions that address root causes of

houselessness and provide tangible support, not only is sweeping unsafe camps ineffective in solving the issue of houselessness, it actually exacerbates the challenges faced by individuals facing houselessness rather than providing meaningful solutions. This ordinance perpetuates a cycle of displacement, instability and vulnerability research and lived experience has consistently shown that banning unsanctioned camps does not address the underlying factors contributing to houselessness, such as the lack of affordable housing job opportunities and accessible social services. Instead, it pushes individuals further into the margins and compounds the difficulties they already face in rebuilding their lives. From a moral standpoint, it is essential to recognize the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being, regardless of their housing status.

Houselessness is not a moral failing. It is typically the result of systemic issues personal circumstances and a lack of support networks subjecting houseless people to punitive measures further marginalize and stigmatize already vulnerable individuals and communities. We have to adopt a compassionate and comprehensive approach that prioritize long term solutions. This includes affordable housing initiatives, expanding access to mental health care and substance abuse treatments and et-cetera. But we have to address the root causes and offer sustainable assistance, working towards empowering individuals to regain stability and lead fulfilling lives and furthermore, just think about it. Has there ever been an instance in our history where putting marginalized people in camps ever worked out? Can you name a single instance of mass encampment that was not a human rights violation? I bet you you can't. So one more thing I want to say is I just want to address some of the comments made by mayor Wheeler earlier, because we have to always prioritize justice over the superficial trappings of civility. Historically he calls for civility have been used to suppress marginalized voices and

maintain the status quo. Lest we forget, 75% of Americans disapproved of mlk in his day, and a gallup poll at the time showed that 57% of Americans thought that taxes such as sit ins and demonstrations hurt the civil rights movement rather than helped it. So progress has always been driven by acts deemed uncivil at the time, as mlk said, the greatest stumbling block in the stride towards freedom was not the klu klux klan, but the white moderate who was more devoted to order than to justice, who prefers a negative peace, which is the absence of tension to positive peace, which is the presence of justice, who says constantly, I agree with you and the goals you seek, but I can't agree with your methods of direct action requiring oppress individuals to express their grievances and restrain manner meant and manner diminishes the urgency of the situation. People will die because of this ordinance and their blood will be on your hands. The concept of civility is a tool of social control and perpetuates white supremacy by silencing dissent and maintaining a false sense of harmony, not to mention stopping your a minute and a half over. Please wrap it up is a useless exercise of power and a waste of all of our time, so stop doing it. Hold like stop holding the prototypical white moderate move on. Move. To let's go back to monica corey.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Am I there? Yep. Thank you.

Speaker: Hi, guys. This has been really powerful. I've been listening to all of this testimony and I think a couple of thoughts come to mind. One, I'm sorry to see this be so, um, so much antagonism and so much intolerance, but from the audience, when there's a division, an opinion, that's different. But I would like to say a couple things. I think maybe instead of focusing on time limit for campers, we really do need to focus on local action. And I stand by the fact that I do not agree that people should be allowed to camp anywhere they choose. It is not fair to the existing

members of the community. We, I do believe we need to designate camping areas and also provide suitable housing options, as I believe that people who are out and about and who are into camping areas need better basic services, including bathrooms and laundry and showers. They also have to have expectations of behavior. I think it was deplorable a few years ago when we went around putting all kinds of public bathrooms out on the street to help people and they were all vandalized and kicked over and spray painted like everything else that people try to provide. That aside, I applaud the City Council and mayor Wheeler for trying to find a solution for the common good when the reality is so much of the problems that we're facing are because of the inaction of Multnomah County under the direction of Jessica Vega Peterson, Multnomah County is in charge of health and human services, and that includes homelessness, mental health and addiction. All the things that are troubling us, all that we've been talking about. So the people with all this venom and anger pointed at you, Ted Wheeler, need to redirect it and it needs to go to the county. And by the way, they have an open meeting on Thursday mornings at 930, Southeast Hawthorne and Grand. They're in charge of the joint homeless task force. They have the unspent money to provide the services that will help the people who are suffering and also elevate our city. We can have it both ways, but the county needs to step up so thanks, folks. Thank you. Next is Stephanie Phillips Bridges. And my name is Stephanie Phillips Bridges.

Speaker: I am a senior policy analyst at the Urban League of Portland. I'm here to testify regarding agenda item 451.

Speaker: I also submitted written testimony.

Speaker: We have concerns about the proposed camping restrictions as homelessness is traumatic.

Speaker: The proposed amendments will cause more trauma.

Speaker: This is more acutely felt if you are black and homeless. As a 2015 study in new jersey found, black people are more black people are arrested for criminal trespass. S at twice the rates of whites. That's a charge. Police increasingly use against homeless people. In florida, blacks represent 17% of the population, but only 37 sorry blacks represent 17% of the population. But 37% of the charge of those were charged with criminal trespass. In the past 15 years, the proposed camping restrictions will undoubtedly lead to an increase in the criminalization of black people, whose only crime is poverty, especially if they are homeless. As studies show, homeless people are arrested at higher rates in Portland between 2016 and 2019. In about 51% of all homeless people booked in Multnomah County were charged with criminal trespass theft and disorderly conduct. It is inequitable to charge an arrest. People experiencing homelessness with criminal trespass or disorder only conduct when they have nowhere else to go or are experiencing a mental health crisis. We encourage the city to follow the lead of hud, who is pushing communities that are responding to homelessness with encampments, sweeps and laws criminalizing outdoor sleeping to invest in other solutions, other solutions, such as funding for housing, housing, choice vouchers and permanent supportive housing resources. The criminalization of homelessness will only prolong homelessness, not solve it. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Let's go back to todd littlefield.

Speaker: Todd, are you able to unmute. You can try pressing star. Six okay, let's move on to brian kim cool.

Speaker: Hey, can everybody hear me?

Speaker: Yep, loud and clear.

Speaker: Perfect. Cool. So my name is brian kim.

Speaker: I go by he him pronouns and I'm the financial director of the people's housing project. We're an entirely community funded group that gives emergency shelters to homeless folks and we combine that with support services like water drop offs, heating stations and trash and needle pickup. And we also yell at the government on the city, county and state level to invest in permanent shelter. That will include mental health and addiction treatment. And why I'm here to testify on behalf of the people's housing project against this bill.

Speaker: Um, commissioner Rubio, it's good to see you.

Speaker: I think you were doing the best that you can in a broken system, so thank you for that. Uh dan, congratulations on the rv. It is better late than never. Uh, mingus and renee, you guys are doing a fantastic job for the Portland business alliance. And the dark money pac that elected you. So I look forward to getting you out of office next November. Ted cully, I really feel for you because it's clear from the testimony that a lot of people think you're evil when it's very obvious that you're just incompetent and cowardly because we all know that the only way out of this is to invest in public housing that will pay for people whether they can afford it or not. That includes mental health and addiction treatment like I know you guys have the money because you waste on average \$2,800 per homeless person per sweep, and you could choose to invest that money in alternative shelters like our organization was replacing tent cities with emergency shelters.

Speaker: And the city chose to come and spend money sweeping them.

Speaker: So rather than collaborate with a local queer and run organization and leverage our work like a smart politician would, you chose to use and waste city money sweeping and traumatize the people that we've worked with and making it harder. To even though there is very clearly nowhere to go but the truth is, bro, like I don't expect you to listen to me when you wouldn't listen to the lawyer telling you

it's unconstitutional to the icu nurse telling you that who who does more in a night than you've ever done in your entire life? Like when you wouldn't listen next is jillian boudreau.

Speaker: Hi, everybody. Can you hear me okay? Yep. Okay

Speaker: So my name is jillian boudreau. I'm a clinical psychologist and a homeowner and a mom living in north Portland. And I'm coming out in strong opposition to this camping ban. I actually am pretty new to Portland. I think I'm the kind of person that this band might be trying to attract. And I actually brought my family here to start my small business, which in part tries to plug the hole in the, you know, in the dearth of mental health services for children because because of the clarity in the eyes and in the voices of all of the beautiful people who came out today in opposition of this ban. So I brought my family here. I brought my business here because of the possibility for radical compassion and love in this city. And I feel so excited that regardless of how this vote goes, there are so many of us here who are not going to stop fighting and who are going to remember that we're actually much closer to our unhoused friends than we are to any of the people who are going to vote on this. And we will continue to act accordingly. Thank you.

Speaker: Next, we have amy, would. Timothy farrell. David lynn.

Speaker: Hello? Can you hear me? Yes thank you.

Speaker: Thank you for having me. My name is david lynn. I am currently the president of the centennial community association.

Speaker: I'm also an elected member of the centennial school board. I am not here representing them tonight.

Speaker: Growing up here and raising a family over 40 years, I was also honored to be twice elected for the montavilla neighborhood association.

Speaker: So in the 20 years that I've been working on this issue, we have consistently and constantly been asking City Council for the whole menu of homeless services in our communities. We've asked for low barrier community based shelters. We haven't gotten them. We've asked for you to use aggressive eminent domain on zombie houses and vacant lots with absentee landlords. You haven't done it. We've asked for police reform and we've asked for an expansion of the Portland street response. And what we're seeing is almost an active sabotage of those efforts. What we have consistently asked for at those organizations, at those neighborhood associations in east Portland and of and with the entire Multnomah County democrats, we passed resolutions asking you to specifically not do two things. That was sweep our homeless neighbors and criminalize our homeless neighbors. And now it seems like you've done both. It's been a waste of time. It's been a waste of money. It's been a squandering of the community's goodwill. We are working in the community to raise these people, raise our neighbors up. And efforts like this ordinance change would is just bringing people back down bipoc people for the crime in our community is a cop out. It's not backed up and supported by evidence. You've actually just let police officers stop investigating assaults and robberies. In our community. Mayor Wheeler, you asked for balance between service and enforcement, but you never followed through on the services in the first place. In our community. So so this will be selectively enforced. It's punitive and it's counterproductive motive, and it's criminalizing and criminalizing the homeless will never help the homeless. So please expand Portland street response force and please give us the other things that we've been asking for decades. Let's let's go back to amy.

Speaker: Would good evening.

Speaker: My name is amy wood.

Speaker: Mayor Wheeler and commissioners.

Speaker: First, I'd like to say thank you for the incredible patience that you're showing in listening and caring about each and every testimony tonight, I'd like to echo what was just said a few moments ago by someone several testifiers back that much of the frustration that people have today in the room regarding what the city is not doing needs to be redirect to the county show up on Thursday mornings and give this same energy to the county in asking why millions of our tax dollars have not been properly deployed to help homeless people.

Speaker: Two. Tonight's issue to the mayor and commissioners.

Speaker: I commend you for considering this imperative step of limiting and creating some boundaries around camping hours by curtailing 24 over seven camping, we will have a much needed mechanism to encourage individuals to move into sanctioned campsites eventually where they can then access the services that are designed to help transition them out of homelessness.

Speaker: Establishing boundaries will change and save lives. The truth is, many of the homeless individuals on our streets were attracted to Portland because we've made permanent camping and open drug use far too easy and accommodating.

Speaker: Despite Portlanders paying tens of millions of dollars for homeless services, we still require zero response ability and zero accountability from homeless individuals. Nils this is not a sustainable social contract.

Speaker: Unfortunately, we also see homeless camps and drug addicted individuals so often now that we've become desensitized in a way to this human suffering and are forgetting that we have a role in helping end it.

Speaker: If we don't directly and proactively begin to intervene, we are instead actively contributing to the pain, addiction and death on our sidewalks.

Speaker: It's time now to have the courage and conviction to set some new boundaries.

Speaker: I encourage you to please amend the city code. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Next is mo phillips.

Speaker: Hi, can you hear me? Yes. You sound great. Hi. My name is mo and I'm an advocate at at rosehaven day shelter. I love my job where I get to help people access vital social services every day, including shelter, housing, mental health care and treatment programs.

Speaker: My esteemed executive director spoke here earlier today.

Speaker: I'm here to testify my passionate and heartfelt opposition to this proposal.

Speaker: I would like for each of you to try to survive one night outside and then tell me what you think about this proposal. All I would like for you to spend one week doing my job and then tell me what you think about this proposal.

Speaker: I'll.

Speaker: Have you ever sat across from a woman and given her practical advice on how to survive the night?

Speaker: Pull your tent, zipper inside, bind them with a padlock.

Speaker: If they come in, blind them with a flashlight. No of course you haven't doing this work is nothing compared to experiencing firsthand this trauma. I'm also curious about what mental health and treatment resources and addiction treatment resources you're talking about as if there's some kind of magic wand.

Speaker: Every single day I try to support houseless folks in accessing desperately needed housing and mental health care.

Speaker: And let me tell you, it does not exist like you think it does.

Speaker: There was one month where every single morning my coworker called treatment centers, one after the other to try to get a spot for one guest and time after time, day after day, she was turned down.

Speaker: I also want to bring up the fact that you are staffing these new sanctioned campsites by urban alchemy, urban alchemy already has several allegations against it.

Speaker: In California, serious allegations among them for staff sexually assaulting campers on site, selling and distributing drugs and abusing residents. I imagine you're outsourcing these camps to an organization out of state. No self-respecting social service agency in the area would agree to be complicit in this plan.

Speaker: The only heartens me is hearing the protests of my fellow Portlanders here.

Speaker: This plan is cruel woman. I feel so deeply disappointed and heartbroken that you are my elected representatives. Thank you for your time. Thank you.

Speaker: Next is Catherine. Kirsten. Members of the council.

Speaker: My name is Catherine. Kirsten

Speaker: I've lived in Portland, Oregon for over 20 years, working as a veterinarian and raising a family. I am blessed with the privilege of being a homeowner for while you did not create any quality or build an economy that favors profit and property over the care and welfare of its people, should these measures pass, you are guilty of perpetuating both death.

Speaker: Why do you want to blame and punish those who need our care the most?

Speaker: The good people of Portland love their pets.

Speaker: I see this every day in my career as a society. We are heartbroken and outraged by animal cruelty and by unsheltered animals. Where is the outrage for

our neighbors who are starving on the streets every week? Myself and a community of others cook and deliver nourishing meals and supplies directly to our unhoused neighbors. In that time, I have met some of the most kind and giving people of my life. But they are suffering from chronic trauma. I have gotten to hear many of their stories, whether it was a health crisis, loss of income, eviction due to soaring rents or escaping domestic violence. Not one ever thought that they would be living on the streets. They are doing all they can to survive each day, but it's taking a toll and it is well known that the failure of a society to provide the most basic necessities of permanent housing and health care, including support for mental illness and addiction, contribute to the national homeless crisis. Yet rather than investing in these resources, you'd rather spend our tax dollars invoking monetary fines and the risk of landing in jail, both of which will make the likelihood of securing work and permanent housing even harder in stead of investing in affordable housing and health care. That your citizens voted for, you are diverting \$50 million over the next five years to urban alchemy, a business rifled with lawsuits for labor violations, civil rights violation fines, sexual harassment and interdict training of its staff. I did not vote for this, nor will I be voting for a single one of you ever. Should these measures pass ? Show your voters that you can do better and vote no to these inhumane ordinances. Thank you.

Speaker: Next is michael hurst and zoom.

Speaker: Hello, everybody. Um, I was in the chamber earlier today with my son.

Speaker: He is he was really excited about learning how laws are made.

Speaker: He had some questions about that. So it was great for him to come in and see all the different perspectives.

Speaker: We had a good talk on the way home and he really doesn't like the snapping. He thinks we should be clapping when we agree with something.

Speaker: So it's kind of funny that he he he focused in on that thank you for the clap. Um anyways, a lot of good perspectives here and I've been really happy to hear from from everybody.

Speaker: We um, we want to offer my own perspective as well.

Speaker: So, um, I moved to Portland.

Speaker: I live in the richmond neighborhood and we moved into our house about ten years ago. We moved here.

Speaker: It's a family neighborhood and there were a lot of kids around at and, you know, it just, it seemed like a great neighborhood to live in. But two and a half years ago, we had a neighbor move in who had we didn't seem to have a very high opinion of women shall we say. He he would clearly had some issues. Um it turns out that he had left phenix to move here and he had a background of abuse.

Speaker: Um, he, you know, moved here.

Speaker: We thought, well, maybe things will get better. They didn't. But he still started yelling at women and eventually it escalated to the point where he hit somebody. He hit a woman, a woman in the back of the head with with with rock became known as a rock guy. We called the police over and over again to report this report. Harassment and menacing. Et cetera. But they wouldn't really do anything. Um, we had a couple of issues like this. The one thing about and it sounds ridiculous, but the one thing that that set him apart was that robert lived in a tent. And so it seemed like he like like because it was a homeless issue, no one would touch it. I think that we really looking at so many different problems as homeless problems that we're not really giving the individual all aspects of the problem. The right amount of attention. So, for example, I mean, there's so many different homeless people out there. There are some that choose, some that don't, some that are good people. There are some who are definitely bad apples.

Speaker: Next up, we have cat church, ms. Cat church here. Thomas stinson. John nathan, frog. Anna patterson. I'll just ask.

Speaker: Doesn't matter. We can ask the cully. So kelsey, greg's.

Speaker: Hello.

Speaker: I adamantly oppose this ordinance. It's an outrageous move that falsely claims to address the problems of houselessness when in reality it just does a terrible job at hiding it.

Speaker: I am appalled by the disgusting appeals made earlier by some feigning concern for unhoused individuals while advocating for sweeping them away. So fighting drug use and isolated incidents.

Speaker: Incidences of homicides hit and runs, fires as justification glisan is a disingenuous tactic like this camping bill ban will not solve these issues. This plan will kill people. Implementing this proposed ban not only tramples on the fundamental rights and dignity of our unhoused neighbors, but it blatantly defies the martin v boise decision and Oregon state law. This cowardly attempt to exploit a loophole to criminalize houselessness and poverty is disgusting. Moreover, it is utterly disingenuous to assert that state law mandates the creation of this reprehensible policy. Hb 3115 was enacted to rectify unconstitutional ordinance, but it certainly does not demand this specific update. The audacity to transition from an unconstitutional stance to a policy that blatantly contradict with state law is deeply alarming. Instead of resorting to punitive measures we must confront the underlying causes of houselessness scarcity of affordable housing and inadequate mental health, soaring costs of transportation, essential needs. Et cetera. Et cetera. You behind the dais hold an undeniable moral obligation to safeguard the rights and well-being of every member of our community. Instead of exacerbating the hardships faced by our unhoused neighbors. I implore the City Council to embrace

compassionate, evidence based solutions. It is high time to prioritize affordable housing, comprehensive social services, and robust support for unhoused populations. Let us not forget that this ordinance extends beyond camping restrictions. It directly criminalizes poverty. It perpetuates a cycle of injustice and systemic discrimination, which we must fiercely dismantle. Our shared vision for the city must be safe and affordable. And it's a fundamental right for every individual regarding of their socioeconomic status. I'm dubious on whether you'll take any of this testimony before you to heart, but I implore you to reconsider this item wholeheartedly and champion policies grounded in justice and compassion in. Suzanne bishop edith gillis.

Speaker: Edith sir. The cruel, illegal, unworkable and costly ordinances makes the most vulnerable crime victims with disabilities who are suffering the most with the least support and resources.

Speaker: Take eight or more hours each day to take apart their tents, tarps and camps. Pack it all up, drag it behind their wheelchairs and toddlers with frequent breaks to rest in pain, or nurse their babies to push in a train of shopping carts to bus and mac stops loaded all onto public transit, slowing rides for everyone for how many routes to and from nonexistent but needed lockers and large rooms where they can hang up and dry out their tents, tarps, sleeping bags, clothes each day, no matter the snow, heat or smoke, you will force more disabled people to crowd our sidewalks with our wheelchairs and strollers. Young children, service animals, diapers and stuffed toys and school books and prosthetic limbs, oxygen tanks. Et cetera. That they have to navigate from blocked sidewalk signs, tables and chairs, heaters, planters, trees, bags of business, garbage, motel, valet desks, newspaper dispensers, scooters. Et cetera. While they are exhausted, hungry, stressed children with disabilities and autism have meltdowns not allowed to access toilets and water

in the face of so much hatred and injustice, well, you'd have to pay at least two people at a time per tent to do the hours of campsite removal each morning and 2 or 3 setting up campsites each night per campsite with rainproof camp site covering during the process at least one person per tent to help campers during their hours of travel and transit and waste to get in and out of the campsite, storage, insurance and suitable waterproof theft proof easily movable storage of their belongings. The staff need to staff to move them twice a day. Multiple facilities for their equipment trauma informed culture, staff and guards, protections from the abusers that would come and haunt them as they come to the facilities. And there'd be more in sight for the fascist and the cops to brutalize them. And for the house neighbors to dump more garbage at their sites, you'd have to have more people there to take care of the housing and the environment that is destroyed by the repeated up and down, up and down of tent stakes. You need to provide the showers and staff and you'd have to have other people take care of those jobs while the parents can no longer do their jobs, go to housing or parent their kids, or attend their kids school appointments. To do this, you would have to hire so many more people and spend so much more money next up, we have justin skolnick. Welcome.

Speaker: My name is justin skolnick.

Speaker: I'm speaking in opposition and speaking for myself. If mayor Wheeler, I know conservatives can't actually prove that government doesn't work for us unless they sabotage it, waste our money and sit on their hands.

Speaker: But history keeps making you do things.

Speaker: And when at last you do, what you prove is that government is fine. The problem is your raw political need. For years, right wingers cross state lines to bully Portland's minorities and respected community leaders pleaded with you to do

something and you did nothing. And doing nothing. You emboldened these right wingers to escalate and escalate. They did so that in August of 2019, hundreds more rolled in to wave their guns along the waterfront. And your inaction so far from winning you our affection.

Speaker: Keep your testimony to the matter before us. Today we have a I'm getting there. I'm getting there. And you're in action. Thank you. Because you're way off base at the moment.

Speaker: I'm getting there so far from winning you are affection won you the taunts of slimy, slimy ted cruz. So at last you did something. You gave the proud boys a police escort across the hawthorne bridge. For analysts, that 2019 debacle set the stage for the January 6th attack on the us capitol.

Speaker: I got I'm getting there.

Speaker: You're done. Thank you. Next, please, everyone get two minutes. No, he's. He I asked him to keep it to the issue, and he did. He kept going in a different direction. An all right, then get to the point. Yes, thank you. Let me finish. It's been a long night and there's a lot of people who want to testify on this issue. Thank you for being here.

Speaker: I'm getting there. Time for analysts.

Speaker: That 2019 debacle set the stage for the January 6th attack on the us capitol. And in that 2019 debacle followed years of boldly ignoring the warnings of residents who knew what might follow you let a bad situation fester, and then you made it worse. The same pattern appears in your handling of the homeless crisis. Years of ignoring expert plans from advocates and developers. You worked so hard to do so little, and now it's so bad and history is back knocking at your door. Above your shoulder is an angel and the brilliant minds fighting for their lives against the billions of dollars spent to keep the poor in poverty. This angel will help you resolve

this crisis and rescue your political legacy above your other shoulder. A devil dangles campaign cash, not a soul in town. Ted believes city hall can contain your ambition, but your ambition is so much greater than your talent for lying. And I hope your pals at the business alliance are honest with you about that. I know your goal is to sit back, put your feet up and let the city fall apart like a house in a red line neighborhood investment opportunity. Right. But these last six years, history keeps bursting. And let that devil tempt you again. And he might buy you a term as the saddest scandal torn governor in state history. For once in your career, listen to the angel folks.

Speaker: There are a lot of people who'd still like to testify on this issue. So I'm just asking you politely, let's keep it to this issue. I spend a lot of ad hominem attacks today. Let's focus on the policy. We're hearing good discussion. And let's let's try and keep it to that. It wasn't relevant at all. It was with all due with all due respect, it was not. Next individual, please.

Speaker: Next up is lina roper online.

Speaker: Welcome, lina. Hello. Hi. Hi

Speaker: You'll be perhaps relieved to know that due to recent illness, I'm unable to raise my voice. So tough act to follow.

Speaker: Okay. My name is lina roper.

Speaker: I'm testifying to challenge some of the changes to city code that I believe are not objectionable, objectively reasonable. As required for compliance with house bill 3115. So we're going to address this from the framework that has been set by the agenda under item one, camping prohibited except between eight a and eight prohibited between 8 a.m. And 8 p.m. The effect of this restriction in combination with the other standard items prohibiting permanent or semi-permanent shelters is to force people experiencing homelessness to pack and

unpack their camp each day and carry their entire material possessions with them for a minimum 12 hours between 8 a.m. And 8 p.m.

Speaker: Please consider all the essentials you use every day just for basic functioning, including clothing, bedding, shelter, hygiene, medical equipment, cooking utensils and supplies for companions. These items are of considerable weight in bulk in total, it is absolutely not objectively reasonable to expect this level of physical exertion from people experiencing homelessness and the coincident sleep deprivation and damaging health conditions. According to Portland's own homeless statistics available online under the toolkit. People with disabilities are drastically overrepresented among the homeless population. An estimated 57% of homeless people have a disability, in contrast to about 14% in the general population. In the time restriction places an unreasonable burden on individuals who are experiencing both homelessness and physical disability. I would remind the council that under title two of the Americans disabilities act of the city of Portland is prohibit covid from imposing any policy that has the effect of discriminating against people with disability 80s as unfortunately we have had to settle for the failure to keep the sidewalks clear. I hope you'll keep that in mind. Thank you. Thank you. Next up, we have juanita smartwood.

Speaker: I'm hoping that you can hear me.

Speaker: Yep.

Speaker: You sound good. All right.

Speaker: Thank you. I've been here since 2:00, so I know you're tired and I'm going to keep this short, but I am in total support of item 451 amending the code we are experiencing a lot of homelessness, and I guess I should back up and say I am a living in the lents area. I live on the border of the clackamas county and Multnomah County line and I've been a resident of southeast Portland for 49 years.

Speaker: The amount of homeless population in my area has been unspeakable.

Speaker: I mean, the suffering and the people that are on the streets, it's unbearable to watch. But I think that I'm praying that you have the courage to listen to all angles, but also to think about the residents, the citizens that have voted you in and I'm very excited that Portland is has a possibility to return to a safe, productive city.

Speaker: I mean, we just are praying that this bill goes forward and it's time that Portland moves toward a more productive united city. And one of the things I have been seeing is a lot of children and a lot of sex trafficking on the streets. And it's unfortunate. It is something that we need to address. I am soft hearted about the homeless on the streets, but I'm looking forward to you making the decision.

Speaker: And being brave and going ahead and amending this city code.

Speaker: And I appreciate your patience today and a lot of the people speaking and I pray that we can somehow unite together as a city and get a solution to this issue. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have katara horton. Jenny york. Colette lasry. Aliyah mumtaz aliyah is on line. Go ahead, aliyah, you're muted.

Speaker: Sorry. Hi. My name is aliyah. I live in old town chinatown.

Speaker: I'm a Portland native 46 years from foster care, and I was a teen mom. And I'm also disabled for over two years, residents in mccormick pier condos, the yards and live on housing have been brutalized daily due to the city's failure to remove its unsanctioned camp. That covers over a square block of our neighborhood around the city. Storage container for the homeless. The city's unsanctioned camp is centered around the city's homeless container with bathrooms. It sits in the heart of the waterfront park, just under the bridge. This unsanctioned camp and storage container for the homeless belongs to the city of

Portland. Currently there's over 24 plus unsanctioned tents and trash that cover this area, and it's growing daily. There's even drug. They've even dug caves under the union station train track that crosses the steel bridge open. Fentanyl use is rampant in this area of the waterfront park due to the city's large unsanctioned camp that Portland city leaders are allowing to grow larger. Residents are being tormented, abused and traumatized. Daily from the situation that they have to walk through if they want to use public transportation. On leaving the area between the Broadway bridge and the steel bridge, an elderly couple was severely beaten on our property by a man from this camp. Drug addicted men from the same camp are following women home and showing up on their doorsteps, threatening sexual assault. There have been fires set to our property. We have had vehicles vandalized. There's been multiple overdoses and a dead body was recently found on one of my neighbor's property. I watched a I watched a woman be sexually assaulted in this area at the same camp, me being a sexual assault survivor, this was hard for me to watch. Clustering five homeless services in our small area that attract unsanctioned campers, drug addicts and criminals without strict regulations. 24 hour security and oversight from the city is causing increased safety risk, trauma and cost to the currently housed residents like myself, who are vulnerable on fixed income, elderly and suffering from mental health issues such as thank you. Next up, we have Charlene, Penny.

Speaker: Let's go to Bruce Barnes. Alia Maze. Hayley Atherton. Keenan Smith. Anna Schenk, Root.

Speaker: Oh, okay. Sorry. There was a hand raised. I think they already spoke. Yeah I spoke.

Speaker: Anna, you're muted there. We go. Hello

Speaker: Hi, anna. My name is anna root and I'm a resident of northeast Portland commissioners and mayor Wheeler, I'm speaking to you today to urge you not to adopt this camping ban.

Speaker: The mayor's office has mischaracterized the intent of both martin v boise and house bill 3115.

Speaker: House bill 3115 requires that any city law regulating camping activities must be objectively reasonable.

Speaker: The standard originated from the ninth circuit court's ruling in martin v boise, which prohibits cities from arresting people for sleeping on public property unless there is enough shelter available to accommodate a city's homeless population. In the most recent point in count point in time, count of people experiencing homelessness found that 36,287 people in Multnomah County were homeless in late January of this year at that same point in time. 1794 shelter beds were available and 92% were occupied. Based on those numbers, there are enough shelter beds to house only 28.5% of all folks experiencing houselessness on a given night beyond the availability of shelter beds, there is an equal, if not greater, shortage of safe and accessible places for unhoused folks to stay during the day. Local agencies that provide day space have been vocal opponents of this code amendment saying that they were not consulted and that they do not have enough resources to accommodate the inevitable increase in demand that would result from this policy change. While I agree that the current city of Portland camping restrictions also violate house bill 3115 state law makers behind the bill disagree with the assessment that the implementation of the bill on July 1st necessitate boots these city code updates. The proposed code amendments threaten to unfairly subjugate our houseless neighbors to police violence, fines and jail time. I urge the council to consider alternatives to solving the crisis of homelessness in our

city that focus on the provision of affordable housing and the expansion of resources to combat addiction and mental illness. Please reconsider implementing the proposed changes and instruct staff to take the necessary time to craft code language that aligns with the intent of house bill 3115 and the mandate for just treatment of our unhoused neighbors, intended by martin v boise. Thank you.
Thank you.

Speaker: We lost our timer. Can I have just a second? Oh, yeah. Of course. Get it back. You bet. Keelan. I can time on my phone until we get it back into the meeting. Sure uh, next up, we have sidney poole. Hello

Speaker: My name is sidney poole.

Speaker: My pronouns are they them?

Speaker: And I'm testifying to oppose measure 451.

Speaker: This hasn't been the only time I've testified, but the more I do it, the more frustrated I get.

Speaker: No matter how many times we say that sweeping criminalize poverty, poverty, et cetera.

Speaker: Is traumatizing, violent and downright counterintuitive.

Speaker: No matter how many times we try to mention the constant hardships that unhoused people face, how little resources the city actually utilizes, even though they tend to say that they do utilize it.

Speaker: You all find a creative way to just do the same inhumane thing over and over again and expect different results.

Speaker: So I'm going to talk about my experience living in this city as a newish resident, as a way to hand you a mirror and reflect.

Speaker: Before my partner and I moved to Portland, we had lived in la for a year and a half, and while the city had its own unique problems like corruption, gaping

income inequality and much, much bigger houselessness problem by scale. And despite the embarrassing policies la has imposed on unhoused people recently like echo park and the camp bans, when you actually talk to everyday working class people, a good portion were sympathetic and understanding of houseless people's situations. I would more often than not find myself in conversation with lyft drivers who personally knew someone who was going through the same thing because price gouging and rent and evictions. There are obviously people who are ignorant, but a majority of the time when it came to negative outlooks, the ones I encountered were just indifferent to the homeless community because they were more focused with their own lives selves to notice that issues and bared no ill will. It wasn't until moving to Portland in 2020 that I had witnessed such active vitriol, such contempt, a different kind of apathy that bordered on disdain and not just from upper class people, but sometimes dishearteningly from other working class people as well. I have witnessed people calling the unhoused dehumanizing terms such as cockroach verbally and sometimes physically assaulting them, taking pictures of them without consent in their most vulnerable state. Even when feigning politeness. This is what Portland looks like to newcomers. And it was such a disgusting culture shock and almost disillusioned me entirely, entirely. The only reason I hope I still have hope for Portland is because of the many other everyday people. The houseless people, nonprofit organizations, as well as the people here today who continue to fight tooth and nail for the unhoused community, who are pushing, constantly pushing back against this needless hatred and scapegoating. City Council ted and those who support this horrible measure. When you push for policies like these and have the audacity to think you're the shining example of liberal and forward thinking, thinking you're not. The mask you wear has been off for a long time and everybody fully sees who you truly are. Do not at this time not.

Speaker: Thank you. And welcome.

Speaker: Welcome to Portland. But because the world is watching, history is watching and you're on the wrong side of it.

Speaker: Next up, we have jamison harper. Sorry there we go.

Speaker: Emmanuel frishberg. Kate kennedy.

Speaker: Oh, wait, I'm sorry. Hang on a second. I think we have jamison harper on line. Jamison, you're muted. Jamison can you unmute. Okay. They might have dropped off. Let's move to kate kennedy also on line. Okay you're muted. Kate, can you unmute. All right, let's move on to peacock kajaznuni of course. Welcome.

Speaker: Well, that old peacock kahananui. Hey. Oh, my ami luna maya.

Speaker: Hey. Oh, no.

Speaker: Maya huna now.

Speaker: Oh, normally.

Speaker: Hey, hey.

Speaker: Oh, my.

Speaker: Hey.

Speaker: Oh, my.

Speaker: Hey.

Speaker: Oh, my.

Speaker: Hey. Oh, my.

Speaker: Ami.

Speaker: Luna. Maya

Speaker: Oh, nami.

Speaker: Oh, no, no.

Speaker: Oh, normally a home.

Speaker: My. Hey oh, my.

Speaker: Hey.

Speaker: Oh, my.

Speaker: Hey. Oh my, my. Luna maya.

Speaker: Oh, na, my.

Speaker: Oh, no, no, no. Oh melee. Hey. Oh my. Hey oh, my. Hey hey. Oh, my. Hey

Speaker: Honorable people.

Speaker: I pray.

Speaker: I pray to and with and for our.

Speaker: Our ancestors and the future generations.

Speaker: Please guide all of us. And to humanity. Love of integrity and compassion.

Speaker: On please protect us in the streets.

Speaker: Please, please help us know our place. Position and role and responsibility in service to each other, our earth.

Speaker: And this time we share. Please these blanket are black native, queer, trans disabled leaders with good potent protected power.

Speaker: As we work and play together either toward total destruction Keelan of white body supremacy.

Speaker: And these people who enforce it.

Speaker: I pray we the people are able to live in a society that does not coerce us nor control a society that does not legalize and monetize our deaths as it will.

Speaker: My. Let's go back to kate kennedy.

Speaker: We'll try jamison harper. Okay emil philip yes. And beulah herblore katie brown, mary nichols is. Welcome thank you.

Speaker: My name is mary nichols.

Speaker: I am sick by the idea that you might be doing this on purpose or that at least you have a conflict of interest and some of it, if we could tease it apart, maybe if you take some time, postpone this and say, hey, we have a lot of people from the community who are telling us things that we don't know, and we see a lot of conflict of interest here and monetary interests that's pulling us in the wrong direction.

Speaker: It would be great if you just postpone this. You can't do a militarization and destabilization of human beings like this. But those those the conflict of interest. One of the reasons is we're subsidy rising inflated housing with services instead of bringing the cost of housing down. And those services are landowners and rent. So they're actually a vested interest in keeping rent too high. The opposite would be to turn downtown into something where you have a sliding scale rent and revitalize these these buildings. Because if we don't, it's going to rot from the inside out because people are losing their ability to work. Just more and more, we're losing the property. They're just going to be a ghost town. So if you revitalize the city by putting housing there, apartments and even in the in the businesses as above the shops to turn that office space into workable housing on a sliding scale. You will put people together, grandmas, you know, all the people together, whatever their income is on a sliding scale. And I would also suggest that since some people have not rented and there's a learning curve that you give people for hours of some help once a week to make that possible. Good luck. Thank you. Next up, we have bridge crane, charles simcoe johnson.

Speaker: Welcome. Well, it's not the state land board like 12 years ago, but it'll do so, although that's somewhat relevant considering the money's problems we're having.

Speaker: It's. I don't know what the little political finesse of you all rushing to pass this is because as you're probably committed to domestic terrorism, whether you

use this law or another law and. I think you're really I just you've got to build space for people to go and they can't just be one kind of urban alchemy camp.

Speaker: I don't you know, we gave \$3.1 million to a slumlord and so that we could have central city run a place across from pair.

Speaker: I don't know if that's succeeding wonderfully or not, but, you know, central city concern is a large program. Some people have helped been helped from addiction. There two people were victims of homicide there in central city. Concern property. So I don't know if that's a good path or not. But look at what you're doing. This insane idea of saying we're going to have a law saying that the 1% of the local population that doesn't have housing has to carry their stuff around for 12 hours and we have no idea where they're going to go. They're not going to come in city hall because we've got a security guard to protect us here. But, you know, they'll go somewhere. It's it is ridiculous. There's I mean, it's and it's tragic to think that at some kind of urban alchemy, magic is going to exist at the beginning or end of July. And we're going to be able to persecute 6000 people with a stick. We had a little prophetic piece recent prophet winston ross, more normally known as just a guardian publisher, as the world looks at us, adding some sticks. And apparently you all think that the solution here is to craft a new two special ordinance law. Even though you're not using any of the laws that exist to protect people already, you're only interested in an occasional anecdote about a business that's having a hard time. But that business owner, if they came in and testified, would say, you have laws you could use, but you're not using them. So we're just creating this as many people have said, this selective persecution, which is going to disproportionately impact people who are homeless, which we've been told and know is a population that disproportionately represents people of color or queer folk. Where the hell are the pride flags you had in storage? I want freedom for ukraine, but last pride

season because it's not the 1st of July or 1st of June yet you can't put the 12 pride flags back in the window. So sidebar. Sorry about that. The point is, is you're not really serving yourself or anybody by passing along some more smaller paper tiger laws when all you need to do is effectively work with the county that mismanage and millions of dollars of money and get people into camps and shelter and housing. We even with the governor saying, oh, this county plan isn't good enough. Okay, a week later, this county plan is good enough. We haven't seen honesty about numbers of the point in time count and how you're going to address this. The other thing is, like you, you particularly in the mayor's office, have been triaging homeless people with for years. So, you know where the problems are. And you're saying you don't have an effective stick to get people to work on improving their lives to end addiction. Now, that's partially not just a stain on the City Council. So we have the mayor and the gross failure of elected officials to handle the 110 crim where we thought we were going to have service. Charles, thanks for your time. Is up.

Speaker: Yes, thank you so don't persecute people, build solutions.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Appreciate you. Thank you. Next up, we have emily.

Speaker: Emily, joschka, emma fox, katrina malik koski, ren, ron. Oh, sorry.

Welcome. Thanks

Speaker: My name is ren. Ronen.

Speaker: I'm the director of services for Portland street medicine.

Speaker: I think this code is a dressed up version of other policies that have already failed.

Speaker: It doesn't really meet the minimum requirements of martin and boise decision and a lot of the data shows that cities who respond to these rulings with

sweeps and over reliance on large scale shelter units without immediate policy changes is really an expanding the long term housing options worsen the conditions in public spaces, the conditions in those who are utilizing the shelters.

Speaker: So stays are short and services are watered down. Pathways to housing are reduced. We have one of the highest rates of long term unsheltered housing in the country, which means that we have one of the highest rates of complex health needs in the country. People aren't saying no to services they are excluded or denied access to support. Punitive addressing these concerns and barriers to engagement simply or simply not enough beds, whether a peer model or an outreach group or a police officer still will only serve to harm the community and increase the severity of the human rights and public health crisis that we have in front of us. People entering shelter must meet required activities of daily living. If you don't meet these requirements, you're deemed beyond the shelter's level of care. And so then you're discharged out of the shelter without support. Adls include independently using the restroom, independently showering independently dressing and feeding oneself. If these requirements frequently lead to discharge from shelter of our most vulnerable clients, I've watched a lot of people pass away this year. Incontinence lack of adult briefs, spending too much time in their bed, too many 911 calls for medical concerns are all reasons people have been discharged from shelter. These issues are common in systemic. There are very few resources for individuals who fit within this demographic, but nearly 40% of the people that we serve would fit within that group. These policies will serve to criminalize those who hesitate to repeat traumatic experiences from being discharged from shelter for medical needs and serves to criminalize individuals with disabilities and put them at greater risk tactics to remove autonomy serve to decrease adequate services, congregate settings, have a significant physical and mental health risk for

individuals with chronic health conditions, and those folks need long term solutions, as this plan will only do an unexcusable amount of harm. And I hear that you all have an interest in serving all in the community, and criminalization is not the way to do that, but support and infrastructure could be. Thank you.

Speaker: Next up, we have Larry Mills.

Speaker: Good evening. Now

Speaker: Hi.

Speaker: My name is Larry Mills. I've been in North Portland resident for 75 years, had a couple of notes here on my shopping list, found out today about the meeting, thought it was important to come down.

Speaker: One of the things that I really do like about this whole idea is that we're really trying to one of the things that really bothers me more than anything at all is, is the total lack of accountable reality.

Speaker: And also so know kind of the consequences that happen to the neighborhoods regardless of whatever's going on with the homeless community.

Speaker: There are a vast majority of the population of Portland is impacted and impacted directly. And so I guess what I'm asking for as a as a citizen is, is that, you know, we have safety concerns, safety issues that never were part of my thought process are they're all time we have sanitation issues that are going on and one of the other things I said, you know, you know, really equal treatment under the law because it seems like it's everything is concentrated on the people. Well, obviously, they're the people that are most impacted. But it does have an impact on the communities, too. If there's a common thread I've seen here is that the you know, my history with the city is that it's pounded its drum really hard for housing this is not a housing issue. This is a this is a mental health drug treatment. And

alcohol all mixed together in your face face and we got to start doing something. So I'm really happy you're taking a step, at least one step in the right direction.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Larry.

Speaker: Next up, we have Caitlin M Good, good family.

Speaker: Novo, welcome. No. Hello no bow for like three generations. All right.

Speaker: So I'm just going to jump into it. So I actually want to focus on talking about hb 3001 15, which is the reason this is happening in the first place. So for those that are aware, hb 3001 15 was legislation introduced in 2021 by Tina Kotek, and this was on behalf of the Oregon League of Cities with negotiations with the Oregon Law Center. And today, specifically want to focus on the League of Cities, because the League of Cities is an organization, Glisan, who basically advocates on behalf of elected leaders in Oregon. So that includes mayors and city commissioners. I know all of you know that. So to emphasize, though, for those who don't know, they are basically a lobbying body for elected officials. And one of the board members is Ted Wheeler. So I can't say for certain, but I assume you had some involvement with the crafting of this legislation. Um, so to me, how it kind of comes across is that a bunch of mayors and elected officials came together and were like, hey, we keep getting sued for obvious human right violations, so how do we get those pesky homeless people and activists and lawyers to leave us alone and stop suing us and to me, that's where hb 3001 15 came into play, and that's why it was designed in the first place. Um so it was promoted as a means to decriminalize homelessness, and it got a lot of progressives on board. And I feel like people fell for that scheme and it worked. And for that, I'll give you credit for and at the time, maybe you remember we were running right to rest act, which would have actually decriminalized homelessness and its hearing was pulled and we were told it was because hb 3001 15 would address all of the issues that right to rest

was. But that's not what it was doing. And so I'm not surprised that this ordinance being introduced today is specifically to be in compliance with hb 3001 15, because in my view, that's what this law was designed to do.

Speaker: It allows cities to avoid lawsuits while continuing to criminalize homelessness.

Speaker: Ice and the cherry on top is that now you can say that you're decriminalizing it because you keep invoking martin versus city of boise, which also has a lot of issues.

Speaker: I know a lot about that case law, and it had a lot of good intentions, but we've seen how it's continued to be backfired.

Speaker: And so I want to emphasize that this is what happens when you introduce poor legislation without input from those who are directly affected and instead are crafted by the very people whose goal it is to remove homeless people from public space. And I don't know, I'm just I'm really tired because we are telling people this two years ago and now it's actually happening. And to me, this is just like one giant racket that. Uh, next up we have sarah sams. Ren simmons.

Speaker: Welcome.

Speaker: Oh, I don't feel welcome. First, I'd like to say that this is indigenous land that was not ceded. That was stolen. So firstly, anything here decided as null based on that alone.

Speaker: Secondly, I am an ecological artist and climate change researcher. I echo everything that's already been said and ask you to listen with intention and also, mr. Gonzales, I've been frustrated with your lack of full attention that you've given a lot of people.

Speaker: I feel that right now.

Speaker: I have seen, however, white cis men have gotten full attention and would like to continue to bring attention to our systemic privilege that we enable, which this label list criminalization policy is based upon. And secondly, it's a climate researcher.

Speaker: We should know that we have one of the hottest summers coming the summer, which also includes climate migration and drought issues that many unhoused people are currently having to face outside.

Speaker: That includes wildfire, that includes asthmatic breathing issues which by not giving them shade, not continuing to enforce shelter, not giving water as the conditions continue.

Speaker: You are basically saying that you agree with the way that we continue to look at climate change and those who are most impacted, which are indigenous people of color, those who experience disabilities. I experience a disability. Maybe it's a degenerative neuromuscular disease. I've also experienced mental illness from the time of age 11. I went to nca. I have over \$50,000 of debt invested in this community, going to school to learn about these policies and these issues and making work, because I believe in the power of collective healing. I don't care that from anything any of you have to offer. I hear violence. I would like you all for the last 15 seconds to sit in shame of the amount that you continue to bring to our community. Thank you. I'm asking you to listen for the last five seconds.

Speaker: Uh, next up, we have kiki carbon. Uh, prism zavalá.

Speaker: Hello. Hi you were put here by the people to serve the people, not just your friends and the privileged and alternative solutions have been presented to you by numerous organizers and individuals willing to help with this problem that you seem to have deemed unsolved.

Speaker: Able other than this ban. And you're sitting on your phones, the youth, my peers are here witnessing this today. Future and present voters. You will not be representing us again. We will remember this and we will rise against you. Will not stay in power. This is not the first or the last time. We will fight against this. And we will continue fighting. This ban will fail us and will crash and burn figuratively and metaphorically. We are sorry and anyways, um, approve this ban. But know this when the system collapses, we will remember your name and your face and we will eat the rich invite. I implore you to invite all of these houses. People that you seem filthy and disgusting and undeserving of basic human rights. Invite them to dinner, give them a hug, show them love. But none of you guys are able to look them in the face. You see houses, people as filth. If you even see them at all. I'm looking in the face of filth right now. You guys are disgusting and you make me want to throw up. Thank you.

Speaker: And jorge battista. Edward k. Mr. Wheeler Gonzalez, Ryan.

Speaker: Technically my boss, as I work for parks and rec, so good evening.

Speaker: My name is flores.

Speaker: The county as the councilor clark said, I'm a student leader at mcdaniel high school and a community leader and cully, which are both located in northeast Portland.

Speaker: Um, I just want to say basically, like I urge you all to vote against it, but now I understand that in reality this is almost like a fOregone conclusion. Glisan like it's going to happen either way. Um, but I'm here to speak in front of you all, just like everyone else here did. Um so you could hear our voices in our opinions.

Speaker: Is the policy that you propose would be like, chaotic, expensive, difficult, if not impossible to enforce and will create constant conflict within our community.

Speaker: Um, the, the resources that will be dedicated to this policy, whether they are money, time, attention or headlines, should be going towards the things that can have a real and meaningful impact on our community. I would like to ask you all something first. Should we be focusing our energy time and attention and resources on this problem rather than others ?

Speaker: What about the more simple and direct solutions that our city can provide that are not the result of nationwide system system failures that Portland really cannot address on its own ?

Speaker: Should we be? Should we not be focusing on solving things that we can make a direct and positive impact? For example, improvements in public transportation, infra structure, public housing, public safety? Are all things more deserving of the resources that will end up being consumed by this policy. There are there are ones that you as City Council actually have the power to do, like the ones I just mentioned. You can make our streets safer and more security to places that actually need it and build more affordable homes for people to live in. Um, this is, this is what every person here in Portland needs from you all during these difficult times. And with that, I yield.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: All right, let's circle back. Todd littlefield. Todd littlefield, you're muted. Let's try one more time. Dan orny online. You're muted. And finally, kate kennedy. Todd, I see your hand raised.

Speaker: Todd's raised his hand.

Speaker: Are you able to unmute. There? It looks like you're unmuted. He did. Can you hear us ?

Speaker: Yeah. Can you hear me? Yeah.

Speaker: Now we can. Oh, good.

Speaker: Thank you. Um I live in the neighborhood that is 90, maybe 95% nonwhite.

Speaker: Uh, uh, economically poor. Working class with the majority of section eight housing we live in fear, chaos and oppression.

Speaker: 24 hours a day. Well the drug dealers and criminals are 90% plus white.

Speaker: We have all been threatened, assaulted our property has been stolen, damaged. At one point, we were woken up or kept up every. Life for 20. So that us.

Speaker: Or is that him, todd, you're breaking up.

Speaker: Can you hear us. I think you might be having some audio issues. Are you there. I i don't.

Speaker: Oh, okay. It looks like todd.

Speaker: All right. Well we can we can still accept written testimony, correct.

Speaker: Since this is a first reading. Yeah yes. Yeah.

Speaker: Yes.

Speaker: Okay. So for those of you who are online, there's a couple of you who we could not hear. We can still accept your testimony written testimony. So that's still an option. And we would encourage it.

Speaker: Okay. And then just want to make sure edward k. Hi how's it going?

Speaker: Um, so Portland is losing people.

Speaker: According to the latest statistics, and I recently just moved to Portland.

Speaker: Less than less than half a year ago.

Speaker: Six months ago, somewhere around there. Um, and my testimony of this is that within three weeks of moving to Portland, my car was stolen.

Speaker: The first time that's ever happened to me in my life. The police found the car a few weeks later in an unsanctioned camping area. And then beyond that, I was going to the grocery store the other day trying to just get some groceries. I

passed someone who was smoking crack or fentanyl or something on the way and passing it and being like really?

Speaker: And then after that, to there was someone defecating in a pizza box on my way to the grocery store.

Speaker: And so you wonder why people aren't wanting to stay in Portland.

Speaker: Like I fell. I i visited Portland in 2018 and I fell in love with the place.

Speaker: And I loved it so much.

Speaker: I'm like, yeah, I want to move out here.

Speaker: And when the time came and I did, and now that I'm here, I'm really concerned. And it's, you know, I understand it's an issue everywhere. But the thing is, like, I'm, you know, trying to pay taxes and taking, you know, pay my part of the city as well. And if I call someone to try and help out and saying, hey, there's someone doing something outside of my home that makes me feel unsafe, the police don't do anything. They don't have power to do anything. So given this, given this here, hopefully gives some power to actually help out the situation. If I need to call someone and feel unsafe and, you know, there's a reason why people are leaving. There's a reason why people don't want to be here. Like, does that sound like a city want to leave in where you're going to the grocery store and you have to watch someone defecating into a pizza box and you can't call anyone about that. Like it's I agree. Like I would I would love to give more of my tax money to give them housing. I would love to do that. But I also want to have some kind of protection. So I can also feel safe as a citizen in the city.

Speaker: Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Cops don't protect people that complaints, testimony.

Speaker: All right. We did it.

Speaker: Success. Thank you, everybody, for your testimony. Colleagues, we could keep staff longer. We've been in session since 930. I would recommend. And we put a pin in it for tonight. Bring it back for a second reading, and have q and a then. Unless people want to do it now. But we've honestly, I feel like we've we've kept our staff here long enough for one night and it has to go to second reading anyway.

Speaker: Excuse me, mayor, there is an amendment pending still.

Speaker: Commissioner Rubio does the amendment have to be closed today? If it's not closed today, it would need to go on to a third reading.

Speaker: Oh, it would next week.

Speaker: Okay. So commissioner Rubio's amendments on the table, any further discussion on commissioner Rubio's amendment? Call the roll, mr. Mayor, could you mingus here?

Speaker: Hi. Hi how are you? Um could you remind us of what the amendment does again?

Speaker: I'll defer to the sponsor so it wouldn't enact the proposed amendment until all to sites of the tasks are completely set up and equip, which sites do safe rest villages count?

Speaker: Or are we talking about something different? Yeah

Speaker: The.

Speaker: The task sites.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll. Ryan

Speaker: Yes. After hours of heartfelt, passionate testimony, I'm reflecting and I've heard a lot of powerful testimony. Thank you. I did my very best to stay focused on each person who testified. I respect commissioner Rubio's perspective and your heart on this amendment. Thanks my life experience and professional experience

in the last two years developing a safe rest village program, which is having success moving chronically homeless people to stable housing allows me to understand clarity and structure as necessary. We, especially in the most complex situations, I'm very proud to be part of a council's commitment to services and hiring the right providers as we work towards temporary shelter, temporary shelter, solution that provide an on ramp to stability. We are committed to helping people. I believe that commitment will keep us in integrity as we move forward to support our community and those in need of services, shelter and safety. I vote no.

Speaker: Gonzales no maps. No Rubio again, I'm introducing this because, as we all agree, that we needed that we would not seek to criminalize a community member solely for being homeless back in November 22nd.

Speaker: And in the spirit of that conversation, I wanted to make sure that this aligned with our timelines as and this will also increase this this will match our match up, our timelines with the increase in available shelter sites and addition, give our officers time to be adequately trained and also the providers to need time to understand what this new ordinance will mean, as well as our other advocates as well to work with community. So that's the intention of this. I vote i.

Speaker: Wheeler yeah, I just want to first of all, thank the many, many, many people who testified from all perspectives on this. I appreciate it. I appreciate it. When people show up and take a direct interest in their local government. I also want to highlight where I heard some common ground just because it was divided testimony and a lot of it was was personal and heartfelt, emotional. I heard broad consensus that the core underlying issue here is housing. I could not agree with you more. That's a yes. I heard a lot of consensus around. We need to do better around behavioral health. And one person testified that we are for the ninth, I believe, in terms of need and 50th in terms of our ability in this state to deliver those services.

That is accurate and that's not an accident. That is willful neglect that happened over a period of four decades. It happened many, many years ago when we closed our state facilities and there were reasons for doing that or state hospital that was 600 beds that were closed out with the expectation that those beds would then be distributed across the state at the local level. But that never happened. The funding never followed. I also heard a lot of people talking about the scourge of addiction, which is demonstrably worse today than it was previously. We have synthetic opioid like p2p meth, by the way, Oregon is the number one state in the country in terms of meth use. And now fentanyl, which is insidious stuff. If we have the highest rates, well, our addiction rate for fentanyl went up 588% over the last two year period and we unfortunately have the highest death rate for youth aged 15 to 19 from fentanyl. That rate has gone up 988% over that same time period. And there are other issues. I was impressed with the people who mentioned just basic health care. That's accurate. Unfortunately we do have an obligation at the local level to do what we can do, and we have actually expanded our purview into those services when we passed the original enabling legislation for the task, the temporary alternative shelter site, it also included an effort to redouble our efforts around affordable housing to work with our state partners. It included efforts around supporting behavioral health services and continuing to advocate for that. And I sense the frustration and the anger of people who are here in this room today. And you might be surprise used to hear that. I share a lot of that frustration and anger. We went to the legislature here to advocate collectively for more services. The legislature isn't meeting right now and the clock is ticking down on the session and the governor warned us that that session may adjourn with these issues remaining on resolved. I'm not blaming the state. I'm just noting that federal dollars that come in through medicaid

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Speaker: This is the Thursday, June first, 2023. Afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Keelan. I felt like we're just here a few minutes ago. Please call the roll.

Speaker: Good afternoon, Ryan. Here. Gonzales maps here. Rubio here.

Speaker: Wheeler here. Now we'll hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Thank you, mayor.

Speaker: Welcome to the city.

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name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it for testify is joining virtually. Please unmute yourself once the council clerk calls your name, thank you.

Speaker: All right. Thanks a lot. First item is a non emergency ordinance four five to amend contract with squire patton boggs for federal representation for a one year extension and increase amount by \$198,000. Colleagues, this ordinance grants a one year extension for the office of government relations. Current contract for federal representation with squire patton boggs llp. This extension will better align ogres timeline for an rfp process with the implementation of the city's charter transition, thus better ensuring our federal relations program is ready to serve the mayor. The city administrator and the Portland City Council as it opens for business on January 1st, 2025. Office of government relations deputy director nils tillström is here to walk us through the or through the ordinance. Welcome, nils good to see you.

Speaker: Thank you. Good afternoon. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. My name is nils tillström. I use he him pronouns and I am the deputy director and regional liaison in the office of government relations. As the mayor mentioned, the item before you would extend the current contract, the city has for federal representation services with squire patton boggs by one year. The city's current contract for these services is set to expire on August 31st, 2023, and the funds for this contract are already included in the office's fy 2324 budget. The city's federal, legislative and regulatory agenda is implemented by the federal relations program and mde within the office of government relations, and the program manages this contract for federal represents urban services in Washington, d.c. In the next year, the city will remain highly engaged on key city or council priorities, as identified in the city's federal, legislative and regulatory agenda. In including on issues

addressing homelessness, housing, stability, public safety, behavioral health, climate and environmental justice and infrastructure investment. A one year extension of the current contract will provide continuity of service while we gain more clarity on how the implementation of charter reform will impact the operations of the office of government relations and allow for the city's new organizational structure to be more accurately conveyed within a request for proposal which will be run in spring 2024. The office of government relations will begin the procurement process for the federal representation contract in early 2024 and will have a new contract in place by August 31st, 2024. A contract beginning in, as the mayor stated, a contract beginning, then will allow for a federal relations program that is ready to serve the mayor, city administrator and the Portland City Council on January 1st, 2025. So that concludes my remarks. Perfect. Thank you, colleagues.

Speaker: Any questions. And Keelan commissioner Gonzalez is not participating. Is he online?

Speaker: He's absent.

Speaker: Okay. That's what I thought. Thank you. Great do we have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: Okay, well, i'll just say I'm very supportive. I've been very appreciative of the relationship. I think we've had excellent representation and I will support it when it comes back for a second. Reading this is a first reading of an emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you. Thank you. Next item is item four, five three, please. It's a emergency ordinance.

Speaker: Authorize borrowings of not more than \$38 million in anticipation of the fire and police disability and retirement fund levy for fy 2023.

Speaker: 24 colleagues. This ordinance authorize uses the annual issuance of short term notes for financing a portion of the fire and police disability and retirement fund benefits for the fiscal year 2024. The issuance of the short term notes is required to fund benefit requirements payable early next fiscal year as the funds property tax revenues are not received until late November. So in other words, this helps us carry forward the benefits payouts while we are awaiting for those revenues to come in the door. Matt giraud, the city's debt manager, is here to walk us through the item.

Speaker: Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and commissioners. For the record, I'm matt jirak, the city's debt manager. I'm also joined by stacy jones.

Speaker: Stacy jones, the deputy director of pdr. Thank you. Afternoon

Speaker: So as noted in the opening remarks, this ordinance authorized his short term borrowings for the fire and police disability and retirement fund, which is frequently referred to as fpd and our i'll emphasize again that this is a normal course of business item and the city has issued short term borrowings for this purpose for over 20 years as background fpd and our benefit payments are funded annually on a pay as you go basis through a dedicated property tax levy per the city charter. This levy is separate from the city's general fund levy for fpd ongoing resources. The city only levies enough property taxes that are needed to pay requirements of the fund in that respective fiscal year, and as a result, the fund does not maintain a sizable July 1st beginning fund balance each fiscal year. So since the property tax collections begin in November and the fund pays benefits monthly, this results in a negative fund balance during the July through November time frame. Absent an alternative funding source. So this leads to the reason for this ordinance to address the short term funding deficit each year, each fiscal year. The city issues short term debt obligations to provide temporary funding during

that deficit period. The short term debt obligations are typically referred to as tax anticipation, notes, and they are widely used by local governments around the country for this very same purpose, which is addressing timing, differences of property tax collections and related expenditures. As with your approval, the city's debt management division will issue a tax anticipation note in the public securities markets this August. The note will be secured by both the fpd and our property tax levy and the city's full faith and credit, which includes all legally available general fund resources as a short term borrowing. The note will need to be repaid in the same fiscal year once adequate property tax revenues are received, we anticipate the repayment to occur in early calendar year 2024 based on current market rates. As expected, the interest rate will be approximately 3.65, including costs and net interest costs. Net of reinvestment earnings is conservatively. Around \$650,000. So that concludes the formal remarks and I appreciate the opportunity to present this item and answer any questions.

Speaker: Very good. Thank you for your thoroughness. Colleagues. Commissioner Mapps sure.

Speaker: Obviously. Well, we're not voting today and obviously I will vote yes. And I remember this coming back to us before the we're going to did I hear you say we're going to pay \$650,000 in interest to borrow these dollars for about six months or something?

Speaker: Yeah, about six months. Yeah. That's under the assumption that we repay February first of 2024. Sure

Speaker: Well, I know the mechanisms here are complicated and there's a lot of history and I don't have it in my head. I don't know if this is a question to you or my colleagues or I guess in your professional opinion, is this the most efficient way to manage this? The I'm a little bit stuck on the 600.

Speaker: It's a relatively low cost way to manage this and to manage the city's financial risk on this. Without doing this, we'd need to fund the benefits through another way which ultimately would be the general fund. And it's not advisable to draw down on the general fund resources by \$38 million. That's really our most treasured financial resource that from a credit rating perspective is looked at very importantly.

Speaker: And matt, perhaps I could chime in on this just briefly, commissioner Mapps. We have talked about this with the board. The city attorney's office have some concerns about us building up enough fund balance to get us through this, which is what the general fund does because of the way the charter is written about pre-funding benefits. I also want to say that until this year we have always made money within irs arbitrage rebate limits. We have always earned more on the city investment pool than we have on the bond market. That did not happen this year. We don't expect it to happen this year. Whether or not this is the new normal is more in matt's area than mine. But in the past, this has always been financially advantageous for the city.

Speaker: Yeah. Can you explain to me what happens here? Because I remember thinking about this probably last year and asking the same questions to my staff and they said, don't worry about it, boss. We actually make money here. Why do we make money last year? But now it's costing us 600.

Speaker: Last year we did it via a bank loan and the rates, I think, were generally okay. So recently, over the last several months, the federal reserve has increased short term rates dramatically. Our investment fund takes a longer time to reach that because essentially we're a buy and hold investment fund. And when we book the investments, there essentially held to maturity and it takes longer for those those investments to mature and get reinvest at current market rates. So it's kind of

like it's a lag before we catch up essentially to where current rates are, which are at like 5. So the investment fund earnings right now, I think are around 2.1% and that will slowly trickle up as we continue to turn over the investment pool. Okay

Speaker: Didn't fully follow that, but by next year I am likely to or i'll aspire to fully follow it by next year. Thank you very much. I appreciate the dialog. Mr. Mayor. I have no no more questions.

Speaker: All right. Anybody else? Commissioner Ryan? Yeah, I'm just curious.

Speaker: I see it on my taxes every year.

Speaker: How often do I vote on that?

Speaker: You don't, because it is part of the city's permanent levies. So it's just like the general government. Levy of course, a vote to amend the city charter and get rid of it and fund the pension in another way could always be done by referral to the voters or citizen initiative. Okay, but it's not.

Speaker: I was curious and didn't obviously know the answer to my question, so I just thought I'd ask.

Speaker: However, it would be very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very challenging to transition it from a pay as you go to a pre fund.

Speaker: Yeah, yeah. In the billions. Certainly billions with a b cost. Yes.

Speaker: So not truly feasible. I mean there's pros and cons to a pay as you go but that's that's what our city fathers chose and that's what we're stuck with.

Speaker: And it is a closed plan. Yeah. And so it will die its own natural death over time. Yeah.

Speaker: Very poor choice of words. You're right.

Speaker: I work at a pension plan that has a very poor choice of words.

Speaker: Usually that's my job as like, any rate.

Speaker: Good. Do we have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: No one signed up.

Speaker: All right, terrific. Good thank you very much for the presentation. We appreciate it. Appreciate your good stewardship. This is the first reading of the nonemergency ordinance and it moves to second reading. Thank you. Thank you. And not last. Well, it is last but not least, 4 or 5. Four, please authorize Portland parks and recreation to establish and collect fees in lieu of mitigation activities to implement restoration projects in natural areas. Also a non emergency ordinance. Commissioner Ryan. Yeah.

Speaker: Thank you, mayor. I am going to quickly turn this over to you, kendra peterson morgan because I just don't have any remarks to really help you out here. But it's delightful to see you here online and you're unmuted. So take it away.

Speaker: Okay? Thank you so much. Good afternoon, mayor Wheeler and city commissioners. My name is kendra peterson morgan. I use she her pronouns. I am the natural area supervisor for city nature west within Portland parks and recreation, and I work with the team that is responsible for stewarding 6000 acres of natural area on the west side of the willamette river, which of course includes forest park and 35 other natural areas. I'm here to discuss the ordinance before you to authorize Portland parks and recreation to receive fee in lieu of mitigation funds to implement site restoration and natural areas, specifically forest park. Next slide. And how is my audio? Can you hear me clearly? Yeah.

Speaker: You sound great.

Speaker: Okay, good. All right. So forest park currently has eight different utility corridors running through it. This includes both above ground utilities, such as transmission lines and below ground utilities, such as natural gas pipelines and fiber optic cables. As you can imagine, these utilities require regular and routine maintenance, and at times more extensive replacement. A current example of a

project in forest park is the permitted work scheduled to begin next week to repair pipeline anomalies along the kinder morgan gas line. Under the current system, a third party such as kinder morgan proposes a project in forest park and under zoning code and necessary permits. Mitigation is required for negative resource impacts. That third party is then required to design and implement mitigation plans. And both Portland parks and recreation and the bureau of development services provide extensive of technical assistance and review to get those mitigation plans aligned with environmental requirements and our restoration goals for the site. Next slide, please. This burdens the city and applicants because considerable communication and coordination between the parties is required and there are many junctures for miscommunication and noncompliance. Applicants can only perform certain types of mitigation, which is largely limited to invasive species removal and revegetation. And applicants lack the time and technical expertise to carry out more nuanced plans that require multi-year on site preparation. Long term maintenance plans and other activities that might be necessary to meet site needs, including wildfire risk mitigation. Because these are utility companies whose expertise is in utility conveyance and maintenance, not in natural resource protection and restoration. In essence, we are consulting with the consultants that the utility companies hire to inform everything from what to plant, where to plant it, when to plant it, and how to maintain the plants for optimum survival. It is not the most efficient system that we currently have in place. Next next slide. The proposed ordinance would authorize Portland parks and rec to accept mitigation fees from applicants in lieu of applicants conducting the mitigation fee would be calculated based on existing fees for tree planting and removal under title 11, the established city's tree code Portland parks and recreation would use the fees to design and implement the mitigation and natural

areas instead of the applicant. This is advantageous because Portland parks and recreation has natural resource ecologists who are both designing and implementing the restoration strategies for our natural areas. They have in-depth site knowledge, advanced ecological training and a long term commitment to the restoration outcomes. Next slide. The proposed ordinance would help develop a more efficient approach. Portland parks and recreation would use applicant funds to design and implement mitigation, one which would reduce communication and coordination between all parties. It would reduce friction and result in more efficient use of city resources and importantly, we will have better ecological outcomes on the ground. Portland parks and recreation has the technical expert fees to implement appropriate mitigation, which will result in more efficient restoration projects and enhanced efforts to meet our overarching stewardship objectives. So this is really a win win win situation. Action in our outreach thus far, two utility companies, they've been very enthusiastic about this new system and would prefer the ease of paying a fee rather than conducting the mitigation activities directly. Our outreach to community partners has resulted in strong support for a streamlined system that yields improved ecological outcomes. I believe you have a written testimony before you from the forest park neighborhood association that confirms that statement. And Portland parks and recreation is eager to have a system in place that will allow for a more efficient, out and effective system. This will allow our technically knowledgeable park staff who are managing broader scale ecological management of forest park to be planning, implementing or maintaining the mitigation rather than a third party applicant. Next slide. I should also add that while Portland parks and recreation is bringing forward this proposal to you today, the crafting and development of this ordinance was done hand in hand with staff at our sister bureau of the bureau of

development services. They have been a great partner in the development of this concept and really a champion in our pursuit of this change. So I want to make sure to acknowledge them. I hope that the information I provided you with today will result in a vote in favor of creating a more efficient and effective city system that yields improved ecological benefits for forest park. And I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have. Thanks, Kendra Commissioner Mapps has a question.

Speaker: Sure. Um I support this.

Speaker: I'm going to ask some friendly questions because I like this idea and hope to learn more about this concept. So what happens with these\$ that come in? Do they go into the general fund? Who spends them and how do they get spent?

Speaker: That's a great question. So the system that we have set up with our finance team is for these funds to go into the forest park trust fund, which is earmarked specifically and only for use in forest park. We have also set up a system where we will be providing annual reporting on how those funds are spent and a commitment to spending those funds within five years of their receipt. Cool.

Speaker: Who decides on how\$ in the forest park trust fund get allocated?

Speaker: So this is going to be an approval process that goes through the bureau of development services. So when an applicant submits an application, often that requires mitigation, we parks will develop a mitigation plan and it will be submitted back to the bureau of development services and then it will actually be written into the permit. If this system is allowed. So bts will be reviewing our proposals.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: Compliance with environmental code.

Speaker: All right. That I think that was a little bit different from what I remember in the ordinance, but it doesn't matter that much.

Speaker: And, um, what do we see? So do we expect this to be a big change in the way we do business from your presentation today, I get the impression historically the utilities that come in here have been doing the mitigation work. Um, do we expect there to be kind of a 5050 split between folks who continue to do the mitigation work themselves or do we think all that sort of mitigation work and consulting staff is basically going to disappear?

Speaker: I, you know, based upon the experience we've had to date with utility companies doing this work, I think that, um, most will elect to participate in this process. There may be some instances where it's more efficient and effective to, to have them handle it themselves, but that will be a collaborative decision with input from the bureau of development services as well. Um, interesting.

Speaker: Cool. And I think my last question is, is this going to require a different staffing pattern over at parks? So now will historically this work has been done by outside parties. Now it's going to come back in-house. Are you going to need new bodies to go out and either pull up invasive species or plant new plants? Or is that something that works within our existing staffing pattern based upon the projects options for the projects that we have on the horizon, we're anticipating we should be able to handle this capacity of spending those funds within five years of receipt with our existing staff structure.

Speaker: Okay.

Speaker: And I know I said that would be my last question, but I have one more which is kind of rolling around my head. I don't can you give me an intuitive reason why bts is the partner agency here? Is it just a because they do permits in general or I'm not sure what their role here is in this?

Speaker: Sure. So currently the system is going through the land use review and mitigation portion is brokered through that process. And so parks is weighing in on

that, but is essentially the bureau that is the lead on review of those permits and issuing of those permits.

Speaker: Got it. Makes sense. Thank you very much. No more questions, mr. Mayor. And commissioner Ryan. Go ahead.

Speaker: Yeah, commissioner Ryan.

Speaker: Uh, hey, kendra, I know that we met on this. It feels like it was months ago and it wasn't. So I apologize if you already answered this question. I really liked. What I recall is when you said win, win, win, that's always a confident statement. And I recall it being about efficiency. And as commissioner Mapps and commissioner Rubio know, all of our work and the task force with permitting was always looking at ways that we could make the process more efficient. So I wasn't surprised on this matter that, you know, you're partnering with bts. What were some examples of stakeholders outside of the city that you partnered with as stakeholders to engage as we work this policy so we spoke with both the forest park neighborhood association, the linton neighborhood association, um, Portland audubon, and then also the forest park conservancy.

Speaker: We.

Speaker: You mentioned utilities earlier. Was there also dialog with utilities?

Speaker: Oh, yes, of course. I was thinking more of community partners of course.

Speaker: I think of our community to keep going.

Speaker: Yeah. So we did also engage with Portland, general electric, kinder morgan. Um, there is an ancillary project that's not a utility project, but has impacts to forest park, which is through the Oregon department of transport's mission for the work that they're doing along bridge avenue to address rockfall issues. So we also did some outreach to them as well. Okay

Speaker: And so they were brought along in the foundation level of this, correct? Our partners, both in community organization and in industry.

Speaker: That is correct. All right. Thank you so much.

Speaker: Of course. Great.

Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Do we have public testimony on this item?

Speaker: We have one person signed up. Lynn Hanlon is on line. Great

Speaker: Welcome. Lynn, can you unmute. There you are.

Speaker: Yeah, yeah, that took a little while. Sorry um, so I just found out about this particular thing last night and, you know, tried to do some reading and figure it out and some of this sounds good. I mean, you know, having mitigation happen faster and more smoothly is, is good. My real concern is. Is it in some ways it feels like an expansion of the pay to slay program. You know, pay money for your fees and you can cut down whatever trees you want, which I don't think that's the intention of this. But but but you can maybe see why it might be a little bit concerned about that when I see, oh, we're going to streamline and make it easier for, you know, people to do development through here and, you know, the northwest methane and, you know, Kinder Morgan and whatnot. Like, oh, do we really want to, you know, fast track more of that going through forest park. Um i, I have some real concerns about that. So I'm not sure, uh, yeah, i, I think I need to know more. And I and I wished I did know more about this particular program, but I'd like to know, like what? Like how are you making sure that that doesn't happen? That we aren't just, like, making it easier for, you know, especially Kinder Morgan and northwest methane to just like do more stuff in their for which we don't want more of that is the idea so anyway that that that's basically my testimony I'm you know all for doing habitat restoration and making all that smoother and better and

you know I love parks and trees and all that. So uh, does this make it better or not better? I have concerns. Uh, thanks. Great

Speaker: Thank you very much. Does that complete public testimony. Yes what, are you tired today? What we give you such an easy day yesterday. I think we gave you 20 minutes off after, you know, ten hours of council. This is a first. Oh, dan, did you have something else? Yeah.

Speaker: I just wanted to know, kendra, that that last. The testimony was very helpful to listen to. And I saw you reacting. Is there just a couple of things you'd like to say based on listening to that testimony?

Speaker: Yeah, i, I really would love to say a few things. So um, one of the things I appreciate the question too, because I think, um, sometimes we skip a step when we're talking about these things internally. So I'd like to talk a little bit more about the group that I work with and what our primary mandate is. So no city nature is a division that is focused fully. Our mission is to protect and enhance our natural resources, is within our natural areas. So we're a team of ecology, artists, technicians who are interested with protecting and enhancing the natural areas throughout the city. So this is our primary focus and goal. So um, lynn's questions were very relevant and fair. We have a shared goal of improving the natural areas throughout the city and protect the ecological resources of those spaces, including the trees, shrubs, wildlife habitat, etcetera. So the efficiency is in process. We're not trying to expedite the ability of outside utility companies to impact natural resources. Our goal is to protect those natural resources to reduce impacts, to avoid those impacts when they are deemed unavoidable or. Greater public works projects. That is where the mitigation comes into place. That is both, um park's goal and mission in in our city nature program. And it is also, um, the role of

environmental code to protect those natural resources as well. Thank you so much, Lynn.

Speaker: I appreciate that.

Speaker: Great. Anything else? All right. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading and we're adjourned. Thank you, everyone.