### Written Testimony - Agenda Item 360/339/320

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	320	Kara Shane Colley	Support with changes	I support this ordinance, but I encourage you to INCLUDE the place restrictions from the previous camping ban ordinance.	No	04/12/24 2:29 PM
1				I believe that camping should NEVER be allowed within 1000 feet of a park/school/day care/library. I would add that camping should NEVER be allowed within 100 feet of a personal residence or business. Make a map of Portland with those prohibitions added and the space that is left is where camping should be allowed.		
				I have compassion for the houseless. We should continue to prioritize building shelter/housing for the houseless. At the same time, we need to firmly declare where camping is and is not allowed.		
2	320	Charitie Johnson	Oppose	This doesn't help solve the houseless problem. House keys not handcuffs! Put the money and resources this will cost into something that will help not hinder our houseless friends!	No	04/13/24 10:36 AM

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			There are accusations of sexual assault against women in the Safe Rest Villages. I have seen problematic behavior allowed in the Reedway Safe Rest Village, including open prostitution. I am very concerned that women are being forced into a sexual assault situation in a Safe Rest Village, especially those run by Urban Alchemy. Urban Alchemy has had well documented problems with their workers taking advantage of residents sexually. The city should do the following to make sure they are not forcing women into unsafe sexual assault situations:		
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3			Everyone deserves safety, and that includes homeless women.		
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## **Council Written Testimony**

Row 443

### Agenda Item 320

#### **Position**

### Oppose

#### **Comments**

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When a vulnerable individual is sexually assaulted by a city worker or within city programs the damage is both profound and long lasting. It cannot be undone once it is done. Likewise, victim blaming and otherwise treating a survivor like feces when they come forward causes harm and cannot be undone. I hope the city of Portland will plan ahead to protect women and others in situations of sexual assault by Urban Alchemy workers.

Thank you,

Michelle Stevenson

Name or Organization	Michelle Stevenson
Email	Not provided
Submitted	04/13/24 5:07 PM
Attachment	No
Final Meeting Date	05/08/24

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4	320	Quillan Caskey- Koldewyn	Oppose	It's gross how little y'all seem to care about human lives. Camping bans are inhumane and a childish way to hide from our city's inability to support its people. We should not have to work ourselves to death to afford shelter and food. Stop acting like y'all are better than the people you claim to serve.	No	04/14/24 2:30 PM
5	320	aurora ashley	Oppose		No	04/14/24 8:12 PM
6	320	Hayley Woodbridge	Oppose		No	04/14/24 9:26 PM
7	320	Anonymous	Oppose	Why don't you give them a home instead of taking them away	No	04/14/24 10:17 PM
8	320	Anonymous	Support	I support this but have little confidence the city will do anything to enforce it. Even under the current ordinance my kids can't walk to school or the PPS bus stop alone because we are surrounded by house-less camps with open drug use and people carrying swords and weapons openly. There is never a consistently safe route. There has been a camp in the alley behind our house blocking the right of way for months with people screaming till all hours of the night. So my kids can't even play in the back yard. The city has done nothing and I'm sick of having to keep my kids prisoner in our house. This code is all well and good but is pointless unless the city enforces it. Which it has not been doing.	No	04/14/24 10:45 PM
9	320	Anonymous	Oppose		No	04/15/24 6:00 AM
10	320	Jessi Presley-Grusin	Oppose	I am urging you to oppose this amendment and any other amendment or bill that would ban day-time camping. This bill, even with the proposed changes is inhumane and unethical. We cannot ban day time camping when there is NOT shelter available. We don't have the capacity to shelter everyone living in tents safely and when it is offered to a group it is first come first serve. This means even if someone accepts the offer of shelter, it may not be available by the time they reach the shelter. This is not to mention all of the requirements they must meet in order to be sheltered, such as being sober which is often a requirement. There is no way to ethically ban camping without shelter available. PLEASE oppose this amendment. My support for the mayor and anyone else on city council hinges on your actions here.	No	04/15/24 12:31 PM
11	320	mar brightdoom	Oppose	Criminalizing survival in city filled with empty buildings because corporations have decided money matters more than human lives is heinous and against the values this city allegedly stands for. Banning camping is just a way to criminalize disability, poverty, and mental illness; labeling folks as service resistant when they aren't even offered dignity or respect by the organizations that frequently provide it.	No	04/15/24 1:38 PM

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12	320	Robin Burgess	Oppose	I am a lifelong resident of Portland, and I am writing to urge City Council to reject the proposed camping ban and express my continued disgust with how the City has steamrolled through every conversation they have had with housing advocates and with its unhoused population (when such conversations have been permitted to take place). Whenever the city rolls out new proposals to effectively criminalize homelessness, I feel like a broken record: there is no social problem caused by homelessness that will be solved by violent displacement. There is currently no reliable way to judge the city's number of open shelter beds at any given time, and even if there were, this ordinance punishes people for the myriad reasons that one might "refuse service" (service animals not allowed in shelter, shelter is wheelchair inaccessible, prospective resident needs to isolate to avoid catching or spreading illness, shelter requires prospective resident to surrender valuable belongings, shelter is too far away from prospective resident's family/support system/place of work) or for being in the wrong place, time or mental state for the City to fit them into its bureaucratic system of sheltering people (remember that many shelters require sobriety as a prerequisite to shelter). This is a shameless attempt by the City to bypass the Multnomah County Court's injunction on the previous attempt at a camping ban, and to ignore calls for substantial permanent affordable housing regulations in favor of pleasing land developers and big-name "small" business owners. Advocates have brought up these talking points every time the City has moved to place restrictions on how unhoused people are allowed to exist in public spaces, and now that Portland is more unaffordable than ever, there really isn't any talking around the fact that this ban is essentially designed to push people who don't fit the City's definition of a "reasonable", compliant service user out into the margins until they inevitably die of exposure running from the constant thre	No	04/15/24 1:50 PM
13	320	Anonymous	Oppose		No	04/15/24 2:05 PM
14	320	Portlanders for Public Safety	Support with changes	I don't like the watered down state of this proposed ordinance we need to stop having our elected officials be bullied by nonprofits and a small yet vocal group of activists. Other cities take a more serious approach to homelessness. It's really simple stop fires, stop drug use, stop camps chopping stolen bikes and vehicles, stop precious metal theft from ODOT lights, stop power theft. Our homelessness crisis has gotten out of control due to inaction. We should be doing warrant sweeps on every camp on a regular basis.	No	04/15/24 2:42 PM

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15	320	Kat Mahoney, Sisters of the Road	Oppose	Portland's proposed camping ban represents a troubling step backward. It not only fails to address the root causes of homelessness but also perpetuates a cycle of displacement that has plagued our city for far too long. Our city's resources should be directed towards providing support services, increasing access to mental health care, and creating long-term housing solutions, not towards measures that further marginalize this population. Women and children make up a significant portion of the homeless population. A ban ordinance hurts everyone, but the impact on these vulnerable groups is particularly devastating. No matter how light the punishment, any penalty is disproportionate for a status that can be acquired innocently.	Yes	04/15/24 4:39 PM
16	320	Anonymous	Oppose	Setting up a system that criminalizes homelessness will never solve the problem of homelessness. It is bad governing to submit proposals that don't go to the root of the problem, but instead cause more harm to people who are already suffering. People need supportive housing NOW. They need quick action from our leaders, like we managed to do at the beginning of the pandemic. Hiring cops, defense attorneys and jail employees is expensive. Use that money to take care of people instead. Stop catering to the people who just want to hide the problem (behind bars). It makes us ALL uncomfortable to see homeless encampments, open drug use and suffering. But sweeping people or sending them to jail won't get rid of homelessness. it will just hide it from sight. Vote down amendment 320.	No	04/15/24 5:02 PM
17	320	Nicole Mercier	Oppose	Effective leadership doesn't solve the homelessness crisis in the city by criminalizing the existence or presence of poor people. "Sweep" is a neoliberal buzzword for the violence the State (in this case, Portland City Government and PPB) commits against people living in poverty. if I were on the council, I would be embarrassed to be defunding Portland Street Response while criminalizing poverty. Shame on you. Reset your moral compasses. Portland has the resources to improve conditions, it's a matter of will and a matter of where resources are funneled. Demonstrate to us that you can use our money to safely and effectively create change in the city without making poverty crime. An obvious culprit of the epidemic of homelessness is the overpriced housing; maybe start there instead of cracking down on the victims of bad housing policy.	No	04/15/24 6:19 PM
18	320	Anonymous	Oppose	Punishing houseless people does nothing to help them or to help the city look better. Houseless people are people. And making their lives more difficult and marginalizing more helps no one. Not even politicians or busineiss interests. If you truly want to help Portland's image start by ending oppressive policies and start by actually helping houseless people get on their feet by supporting them first with housing, health services etc	No	04/15/24 6:56 PM
19	320	Raven Miotke	Oppose	Camping bans kill people and don't solve homelessness.	No	04/15/24 7:08 PM

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Agenda Item 320: <u>Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies</u>

I am Kat Mahoney, Executive Director of Sisters of the Road. Sisters of the Road is a social justice organization founded in 1979. We are most known for our non-profit cafe but we have always been more than a cafe. Since its inception, Sisters has advocated alongside our houseless neighbors and provided a space for them to connect, organize, and empower themselves. Genny Nelson, one of our co-founders, stated when Sisters opened, it was a time when people were questioning a capitalist system that kept people struggling in poverty.

As a gathering space, Sisters was where the conversation shifted from enduring to overcoming – to view homelessness and poverty not as moral inferiority but as economic realities with social responsibilities. Sisters was integral in the annual Hobo Parade, a response to the round-ups and displacement of homeless people in advance of the Rose Festival. Sisters also campaigned for the use of food stamps in nonprofit dining facilities for people experiencing homelessness. In 1987, Congress passed the law clearing the way for it to happen, and Sisters became the first in the nation to put it into practice. In 2020, when she passed, Mayor Wheeler posted this tweet:



We mourn the loss of Genny Nelson. She was an advocate for our community's most vulnerable, a friend, and a mentor to many people in our community. She will be dearly missed.



Genny Nelson, Sisters Of The Road Cafe co-founder, passed away Aug. 19. The cafe embodied her work to improve the lives of people on the streets. Look for reflections on her life in our Aug. 26 edition, and read here to learn more about enduring legacy.

streetroots.org/news/2019/12/0...

2:26 PM · Aug 21, 2020

Genny said, "It's not your politicians who are going to wake up one morning and say, 'Oh, we need to end homelessness. It's the people who are going to do it." And she was right. Last year many of our colleagues submitted testimony as to why the first version of this ordinance was inhumane and we are here again today to repeat that message.

Portland's proposed camping ban raises serious concerns. This punitive measure disregards our city's troubling history of displacing vulnerable populations and offers a superficial solution to a deeply rooted issue. Furthermore, the criminalization of homelessness, with the consequence of a \$100 fine or jail time, directly clashes with the values and mission of organizations like Sisters of the Road, who dedicate themselves to supporting houseless individuals.

Portland's proposed camping ban represents a troubling step backward. It not only fails to address the root causes of homelessness but also perpetuates a cycle of displacement that has plagued our city for far too long. Portland was shaped by discriminatory policies: Donation Land Claim Act, Chinese Exclusion Act, restrictive covenants, and urban renewal efforts, which continue a pattern of segregation and displacement under the guise of "economic growth."

The punitive approach fails to address the underlying issues that lead to homelessness, such as lack of affordable housing, mental health struggles, and limited access to addiction treatment. Instead of fostering solutions, the ban destroys opportunities to invest in programs and infrastructure that could truly make a difference and then places the burden on the District Attorney to either lessen the harm or follow along with this policy. This amounts to making it someone else's problem. Take responsibility and accountability rather than shirking it.

In 1972, vagrancy laws such as this were struck down by the Supreme Court finding that vagrancy laws are unconstitutional status crimes under the Fourteenth and Eighth amendments. Vagrancy laws served as the criminal enforcement mechanism behind early "poor laws." Poor people, not affluent, were be convicted as vagrants for failing to work, or even failing to work "hard enough." Since then, numerous court cases no longer allows states to reserve special penalties for people because they are experiencing poverty. And let's not forget, vagrancy laws are also a mechanism for upholding white supremacy. Black Americans make up about 13 percent of the overall population, but account for more than 37 percent of the total homeless population and 50 percent of all families experiencing homelessness. A manner ban such as this upholds oppressive, racist, practices that this country was founded on and run counter to the progressive image Portland seeks to project.

This revised ban also runs counter to Sisters' philosophy. Our city's resources should be directed towards providing support services, increasing access to mental health care, and creating long-term housing solutions, not towards measures that further marginalize this population. Women and children make up a significant portion of the homeless population. A ban ordinance hurts everyone, but the impact on these vulnerable groups is particularly devastating. No matter how light the punishment, any penalty is

disproportionate for a status that can be acquired innocently. The revised ban is still unconstitutional on its face.

Instead, Portland should prioritize investments in:

- More rapid housing: This is the cornerstone of a lasting solution. Subsidized housing programs, rent control measures, and increased funding for low-income housing. Review the current programs, see what is not working, see what is working. We strongly advise analyzing before signing contracts with outside entities that promise miracles.
- Increasing access to mental health and addiction treatment programs: Many people experiencing homelessness struggle with mental health issues or substance abuse disorders. Providing accessible treatment is essential for long-term stability. Add to this, being homeless can create trauma. Treat the people, do not punish the people.
- **Invest in harm reduction solutions:** Portland Street Response, not Portland Police should receive increased funding.

By focusing on solutions, we can create a community that is safe and supportive for everyone, not just those with the most lobbying power.

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20	320	Skyland Wonders	Oppose	Houselessness is the result of failed systems. Further punishing and ostracizing the unhoused community does not help. When making decisions that impact a community, members of that community need to be at the table. Unhoused folks need to be an integral part of every step of this process. This amendment does not ensure the dignity of the unhoused population. It also does not get at the root of the problem including expensive rent, racism, and a lack of social services to help people when they are in need. Also, shelters do not work for everyone so it should not be used against them if they turn down the shelter.	No	04/15/24 8:35 PM
21	320	Jynx Houston	Oppose	STOP YOUR COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY CRUELTY & PERMIT HOUSELESS PORTLANDERS TO CAMP ON PUBLIC SPACES. ENOUGH OF YOUR DEMONIZING THE HOUSELESS COMMUNITY.	No	04/15/24 8:41 PM
22	320	Emily	Oppose	I am a community member and local Youth Librarian and I am writing to say that I oppose this revised camping ban - and I will oppose every camping ban in Portland. We need house keys not handcuffs for our unhoused neighbors. Poverty and homelessness is not a crime. Instead of trying to enact camping bans our city government should be working towards eradicating homelessness by creating actual adequate funding for the development and maintenance of housing units - and creating and funding actual public health interventions including harm reduction, sanitation and more for our unhoused neighbors. Stop trying to use our tax dollars to enact camping bans and violent sweeps. We need housing for all.	No	04/16/24 3:20 PM
23	320	Anonymous	Support	The traffic on 122nd is dangerous and needs a PLAN. Especially by Parkrose High school. Let's show respect for ALL students not just inner city	No	04/16/24 7:37 PM
24	320	Michael	Oppose	I'm extremely confused. Usually time, place and manner comes with areas, not shelter sites, where individuals can camp. I don't see any regulation or proposal around this. Not all individuals are suited for congregate shelters, which is a major component in the system. With stable housing still lagging behind the need, we must allow individuals areas to camp that are safe. I understand the need to preserve pedestrian walkways for citizens and businesses. I also support the camping rules prohibiting gas, hazardous materials and camping on sensitive lands. However, we still need a place for individuals to camp. To me, this sounds like an outright ban with no alternatives for those needing a safe place to camp.	No	04/17/24 9:06 AM

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25	320	Anonymous	Oppose	I am writing to oppose any amendment to the city code that creates criminal penalties for public camping. A public camping ban, if instituted, would effectively criminalize homelessness within city limits. While I believe there is a dire need for public policies that address the housing crisis that is devastating our community, I do not believe that we can criminalize our way out of the problem. As someone who regularly works with unhoused Portlanders in my work, I cannot emphasize enough how harmful and counterproductive these types of policies are. Moreover, I would question the constitutionality of such a policy for two reasons. First, I would argue that a public camping ban (even in the somewhat limited scope as contemplated by the proposed amendments) violates the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment established in the 8th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Section 16 of the Oregon Constitution. See Respondents' Brief in Grants Pass v. Johnson, pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, for a summary of this argument. Second, public camping bans run afoul of the general constitutional due process requirement that any act or omission that is criminalized by a legislative body must be a "voluntary" one. A statute that creates a criminal offense in which the targeted conduct is involuntary (i.e., living outside) is violative of fundamental due process protections and is thus unconstitutional. Given that public camping bans are bad public policy and arguably unconstitutional in any form, I oppose the proposed amendments to the Portland City Code.	No	04/17/24 9:36 AM

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26	320	Anonymous	Oppose	As a born-and-raised Portland resident, I strongly oppose the current proposed amendments to the city code that restrict and criminalize public camping. As someone who regularly works with unhoused Portlanders in my work, I cannot emphasize enough how harmful and counterproductive this proposed approach is. Not to mention, as an attorney, I believe these amendments are arguably unconstitutional.  Given that there are inadequate warming shelters in the city for the number of unhoused residents, and the fact that unhoused Portland residents die of hypothermia every single year, 14A.50.160 "Restrictions on Camping on Public Property and Public Rights-of-Way (C) and (D)," which ban fires and gas heaters in or around campsites, could violate the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment established in the 8th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Section 16 of the Oregon Constitution. Not providing adequate warming shelters or supplies to the unhoused community and then criminalizing the necessary practices to sustain their life by their only remaining means is therefore not only cruel but arguably unconstitutional.  Next, many existing shelters require sobriety, ban pets, prohibit couples from staying together, and have strict curfews. Not to mention the fact that unhoused folks cannot store all their belongings in the shelters and therefore often have their worldly possessions swept or stolen when they do choose to stay in a shelter. Therefore, 14A.50.150 "Camping Prohibited When Reasonable Alternate Shelter Is Available" could violate the constitutional due process requirement that any act or omission that is criminalized by a legislative body be a "voluntary" one. In other words, this amendment creates a criminal offense in which the targeted conduct is involuntary (i.e., refusing shelter due to being functionally unable to immediately comply with the conditions and consequences of doing so) and is therefore also arguably unconstitutional.  The Joint Office of Homeless Services only budgeted for 3,220 sh	No	04/17/24 10:46 AM
27	320	Anonymous	Oppose	This should be rewritten and basically if the Supreme Court overturns current homeless camping case law the city ordinance should be drafted so camping is made immediately illegal and there are tools like fines and arrest for those who continue to camp. Voters were clear when they elected René Gonzalez that we wanted a different direction on homelessness and public safety. Listen to the voters and businesses who have had enough and stop listening to homeless activists who have never been able to make any measurable change to our crises and who continue to profit off the crises.	No	04/17/24 12:15 PM

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	320	PDX Saints Love, Kristle Delihanty / Executive Director	Oppose	While we are hopeful about the new ordinance put out by the City of Portland, it's clearer definitions around camping and the idea of encouraging diversion if someone is seeking services - We remain concerned around any criminalization around poverty.	No	04/17/24 1:51 PM
				The ordinance states that: "It is unlawful for any person to camp knowingly in or upon any public property or public right- of-way if the person has access to reasonable alternate shelter, has means to acquire reasonable alternate shelter, or has otherwise been offered and rejected reasonable alternate shelter."		
				While that looks great in theory, direct service providers are very aware of the lack of adequate and "reasonable" shelter in this city. Even the city's very own contracted outreach workers face challenges finding open shelter beds for individuals or families.		
28				Enforcement includes; "punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed 7 days, or both. The District Attorney is encouraged to divert for assessment, emergency shelter or housing, or other services, in lieu of conviction"		
20				We all want to see Portland rise and we want to do that together with our city and county. We remain encouraged that we can all put as much energy into creating safe and supportive shelter and and housing opportunities as we are in creating ordinances and consequences around being unsheltered.		
				People want to be sheltered and housed, when that option includes safety and agency of themselves and their belongings. Poverty doesn't eliminate our right to dignity.		
				Testifying in opposition to Agenda Item 320 does not state that we want to see the crisis continue in our streets, its says that we are unwilling to compromise on criminalization over efforts to adequately shelter and house human beings.		
				We would ask for an amendment that excludes any verbiage around jail time or fines, and that the word "reasonable" be changed to adequate. What is reasonable is very subjective, based on the person experiencing the trauma of homelessness. Adequate says, we are responsible for making sure the shelter is adequate to the specific needs of the individual.		
				Thanks for your time,		

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339	Sydney	Oppose	As a resident of the City of Portland, I see the devastating impact that the houselessness crisis has had on our city and its most vulnerable residents. However, I do not support any sort of measure that criminalizes individuals experiencing houselessness, poverty, and/or mental illness while we do not have adequate operations and social services in place.	No	04/18/24 2:41 PM
			As stated in the ordinance: "It is unlawful for any person to camp knowingly in or upon any public property or public right- of-way if the person has access to reasonable alternate shelter, has means to acquire reasonable alternate shelter, or has otherwise been offered and rejected reasonable alternate shelter."		
9			In a situation as critical as this, the use of the word "reasonable" is far too arbitrary, especially without detailed, explicit parameters that are developed through a trauma-informed lens. As as is the case with housed individuals, unhoused individuals often have a variety of nuanced, and sometimes complicated needs. This means that a form of shelter may be "reasonable" for one individual, and could be traumatic and wildly counter-productive for another, potentially exacerbating mental illness in some.		
			Without adequate resources available to assess, accommodate, and respond to these needs, I also hold strong opposition to the punitive measures listed in this ordinance, namely the penalty of up to \$100 fine and up to 7 days in jail. History has proven time and time again that punitive measures are a band-aid fix and do not actually correct any kind of social issue. Rather, issues such as this are solved through deep investment in social services, and plans that are formulated with long-term goals in mind that benefit all members of our communities.		
<b>339</b>	Emmanuel "Onry" Henreid		I support more severe and increased restrictions around outdoor camping in Portland. We need to prohibit homeless people from using propane heaters, digging, starting fires or obstructing access to private property so we can once again have a safe city that is liveable.	No	04/18/24 3:07 PM

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31	339	Leslie P	Oppose	I am a homeowner writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed amendments to the Portland City Code regarding public camping, specifically the repeal and replacement of sections to update existing public camping restriction policies. While I understand the desire to regulate public spaces, I am deeply concerned that these changes will disproportionately harm our most vulnerable citizens without providing meaningful solutions to the problem of homelessness.  Firstly, the amendments propose stricter definitions and increased enforcement against camping when reasonable alternate shelter is allegedly available. However, this approach fails to address the root causes of homelessness and does not adequately account for the often insurmountable barriers that prevent vulnerable individuals from accessing such shelters. The reliance on enforcement and potential criminalization for non-compliance will likely lead to increased arrests, exacerbating the challenges faced by the homeless population rather than alleviating them.  Moreover, the focus on enforcement will require significant resources that could be better spent on services that address the underlying issues of homelessness, such as affordable housing, mental health care, and job training programs. The financial cost of implementing these regulations, including the costs associated with increased policing, court proceedings, and potential incarcerations, will burden our city's budget and divert funds from essential social services.  The amendments also raise serious concerns about the increased role of law enforcement in managing homelessness. Excessive policing could lead to negative interactions between police officers and homeless individuals, potentially leading to situations where individuals who need help are instead met with punitive measures.  Therefore, I urge you to reconsider the proposed amendments. Instead of criminalizing homelessness, encourage the City Council to focus on and fund compassionate, constructive solutions like Portland Stree	No	04/18/24 5:26 PM
32	339	Friends of Christopher Olson	Oppose		Yes	04/19/24 9:26 AM

Dear Members of the Portland City Council,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the recent proposal to enforce stricter regulations on camping on public property, including measures that seem particularly punitive toward our city's most vulnerable populations.

While I understand the need to maintain public safety and access, the proposed ban which includes fines up to \$100 or sentencing of up to seven days in jail for violations such as using a propane heater, selling bicycles or car parts, or merely obstructing access to a business, seems to disproportionately impact those already facing extreme hardships. Many of our community members who find themselves without a home rely on these activities for survival. This proposal not only criminalizes these survival efforts but also risks worsening the conditions of those already struggling.

The addition of such severe penalties without robust support systems in place to offer real solutions—like housing first initiatives, mental health support, and employment programs—signals a move towards criminalization rather than compassionate support and rehabilitation. It is imperative that our approaches are not punitive but are rooted in understanding, support, and the provision of real pathways out of homelessness.

We must consider policies that emphasize compassion and support, not punishment. I urge you to reconsider the proposed penalties and focus instead on solutions that address the root causes of homelessness with empathy and effectiveness.

Thank you for considering this perspective. I look forward to seeing policies that reflect the inclusivity, compassion, and progressive spirit of Portland.

Sincerely,

Chris Olson,
Candidate for Portland City Council, District 2

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## **Council Written Testimony**

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**Position** 

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Submitted	04/19/24 12:14 PM
Attachment	Yes
Final Meeting Date	05/08/24

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### 320 Updated Public Camping Restrictions

320 Update Public Camping Restriction Policies, TBH April 24th 4:00 PM (https://www.portland.gov/council/documents/ordinance/320-updated-manner-regulations)

The full text will be added, with Our Proposed Amendments will be added Bold, soon. For the reasons stated above, we find the ordinance to be inadequate and objectively unreasonable and unlikely to survive a legal challenge, which we may bring if the council legislates it.

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34	339	Sisters of the Road - Kat Mahoney	Oppose	Portland's proposed camping ban raises serious concerns. This punitive measure disregards our city's troubling history of displacing vulnerable populations and offers a superficial solution to a deeply rooted issue. Furthermore, the criminalization of homelessness, with the consequence of a \$100 fine or jail time, directly clashes with the values and mission of organizations like Sisters of the Road, who dedicate themselves to supporting houseless individuals. Portland's proposed camping ban represents a troubling step backward. It not only fails to address the root causes of homelessness but also perpetuates a cycle of displacement that has plagued our city for far too long. Portland was shaped by discriminatory policies: Donation Land Claim Act, Chinese Exclusion Act, restrictive covenants, and urban renewal efforts, which continue a pattern of segregation and displacement under the guise of "economic growth."	Yes	04/19/24 6:40 PM
35	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	Rubio and Wheeler don't want to reduce the impact of homelessness on Portland. How many more businesses need to leave downtown Portland before you wake up? Gonzalez as usual is the only serious adult on this city council and even his proposal to further. We need to make it uncomfortable for service resistant homeless people who keep coming here from across the country due to our lax enforcement of any laws. It's becoming a shit show and we need to turn things around. Landlords can't even charge as much rent anymore because livability and crime is making people leave Portland so demand is not as high.	No	04/19/24 10:39 PM
36	339	Tiana Tozer	Support	It's about time! Also get rid of the anTIFA and take our city back. My atty will sue if this continues!!! The world biggest cesspool.	No	04/20/24 6:39 PM
37	339	Linda Atwill	Support	I strongly support the City's proposal to improve and enforce the ban on camping and fully agree that the status quo is not working. Camping in public spaces has continued pretty much unabated in and around our neighborhoods at least on the east side and the campers routinely turn down offers of services and shelter (an inconvenient truth that no one seems to want to talk about). There are multiple camps in and around my neighborhood of Argay-Parkrose, and without exception they are hazards to our collective health and safety: The immense piles of garbage; trash and drug debris littering large areas around the camps; RVs, cars, tents and belongings stretching over sidewalks and bike paths, and creating traffic blind spots and other hazards such as unsafe pedestrian behavior in regards to traffic. In our neighborhood they have taken down No Parking/No RV Parking signs. Campers routinely venture into the neighborhood, trespassing into yards, breaking into homes, stealing from yards and garages. Some run drugs or prostitution from their RVs (example: The RVs that frequent NE 141st right next to Argay Park, where the No Parking signs have been cut down). Camps with their attendant garbage and sewage are ruining our natural areas by the Columbia Slough and Johnson Creek. The City and County have plenty of funding from the taxpayers to address this, and there are shelter beds going unused (another inconvenient truth). Please enforce the social contract, where we all collectively abide by the rules of society. Please enforce the camping ban so we can reclaim our public spaces for ALL of us to use and enjoy safely. And for which we pay taxes!	No	04/20/24 7:03 PM



Agenda Item 320: <u>Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies</u>

I am Kat Mahoney, Executive Director of Sisters of the Road. Sisters of the Road is a social justice organization founded in 1979. We are most known for our non-profit cafe but we have always been more than a cafe. Since its inception, Sisters has advocated alongside our houseless neighbors and provided a space for them to connect, organize, and empower themselves. Genny Nelson, one of our co-founders, stated when Sisters opened, it was a time when people were questioning a capitalist system that kept people struggling in poverty.

As a gathering space, Sisters was where the conversation shifted from enduring to overcoming – to view homelessness and poverty not as moral inferiority but as economic realities with social responsibilities. Sisters was integral in the annual Hobo Parade, a response to the round-ups and displacement of homeless people in advance of the Rose Festival. Sisters also campaigned for the use of food stamps in nonprofit dining facilities for people experiencing homelessness. In 1987, Congress passed the law clearing the way for it to happen, and Sisters became the first in the nation to put it into practice. In 2020, when she passed, Mayor Wheeler posted this tweet:



We mourn the loss of Genny Nelson. She was an advocate for our community's most vulnerable, a friend, and a mentor to many people in our community. She will be dearly missed.



Genny Nelson, Sisters Of The Road Cafe co-founder, passed away Aug. 19. The cafe embodied her work to improve the lives of people on the streets. Look for reflections on her life in our Aug. 26 edition, and read here to learn more about enduring legacy.

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Genny said, "It's not your politicians who are going to wake up one morning and say, 'Oh, we need to end homelessness. It's the people who are going to do it." And she was right. Last year many of our colleagues submitted testimony as to why the first version of this ordinance was inhumane and we are here again today to repeat that message.

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The punitive approach fails to address the underlying issues that lead to homelessness, such as lack of affordable housing, mental health struggles, and limited access to addiction treatment. Instead of fostering solutions, the ban destroys opportunities to invest in programs and infrastructure that could truly make a difference and then places the burden on the District Attorney to either lessen the harm or follow along with this policy. This amounts to making it someone else's problem. Take responsibility and accountability rather than shirking it.

In 1972, vagrancy laws such as this were struck down by the Supreme Court finding that vagrancy laws are unconstitutional status crimes under the Fourteenth and Eighth amendments. Vagrancy laws served as the criminal enforcement mechanism behind early "poor laws." Poor people, not affluent, were be convicted as vagrants for failing to work, or even failing to work "hard enough." Since then, numerous court cases no longer allows states to reserve special penalties for people because they are experiencing poverty. And let's not forget, vagrancy laws are also a mechanism for upholding white supremacy. Black Americans make up about 13 percent of the overall population, but account for more than 37 percent of the total homeless population and 50 percent of all families experiencing homelessness. A manner ban such as this upholds oppressive, racist, practices that this country was founded on and run counter to the progressive image Portland seeks to project.

This revised ban also runs counter to Sisters' philosophy. Our city's resources should be directed towards providing support services, increasing access to mental health care, and creating long-term housing solutions, not towards measures that further marginalize this population. Women and children make up a significant portion of the homeless population. A ban ordinance hurts everyone, but the impact on these vulnerable groups is particularly devastating. No matter how light the punishment, any penalty is

disproportionate for a status that can be acquired innocently. The revised ban is still unconstitutional on its face.

Instead, Portland should prioritize investments in:

- More rapid housing: This is the cornerstone of a lasting solution. Subsidized housing programs, rent control measures, and increased funding for low-income housing. Review the current programs, see what is not working, see what is working. We strongly advise analyzing before signing contracts with outside entities that promise miracles.
- Increasing access to mental health and addiction treatment programs: Many people experiencing homelessness struggle with mental health issues or substance abuse disorders. Providing accessible treatment is essential for long-term stability. Add to this, being homeless can create trauma. Treat the people, do not punish the people.
- **Invest in harm reduction solutions:** Portland Street Response, not Portland Police should receive increased funding.

By focusing on solutions, we can create a community that is safe and supportive for everyone, not just those with the most lobbying power.

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38	339	Angela Todd, PDX Real	Support	I support this camping ban for the City of Portland. I also support the city pulling out of the joint office of homeless services (JOHS). Ir is long overdue! The city is doing more meaningful work for shelter than the Multnomah county!		04/21/24 11:38 PM
39	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	yet again Carmen Rubio showing how she doesn't listen to the public which is tired of crime and livability issues caused by the unhoused. She has no chance of being mayor.	No	04/22/24 3:21 AM
40	339	Jenna Goldin	Oppose	If the goal of this "camping ban" in its various forms is to "reduce houselessness" then it has been proven time and time again that criminalization is not the answer. Unfortunately, what we, as Portlanders have learned is that the goal of this Council has been to reduce the "visibility" of the unhoused. At the end of the day, people will still continue to be unhoused, whether we see them or not. So, instead of wasting precious time and resources, why not instead put these resources towards housing folks? What would it look like to put our collective energy and care into creating a centralized intake system for the City? What would it look like to have outreach workers who are trained in harm reduction and community care to build trust with folks and visit them where they are at in order to offer them the services and support that they need and more importantly, services they want, based on their intake? Interestingly enough, there are dozens of community members (myself included) who have been picking up supplies from JOHS and building relationships with unhoused Portlanders for years now. The only thing that is missing is the ability to *refer folks to programs that work for them (this is not even to mention self-referral so folks can make their own decisions without having to rely on any kind of service provider). I know several people that would love to have access to a private shelter space, yet nothing is available. In the past 4 years of picking up supplies from JOHS and delivering them to community members, I have seen sweep after sweep. I constantly wonder how much money would have been saved by offering people options that work for them instead of giving them supplies, taking those supplies and moving them, then starting the cycle over again. The amount of trauma that folks have to endure in this process, the lack of trust that's created for the service providers and the inhumanity of keeping people outside is what's actually criminal.		04/22/24 7:08 AM
41	339	Kara Shane Colley	Support with changes	I support this ordinance with changes. Time, place, and manner restrictions of public camping are allowed under state law, provided that they are objectively reasonable. I think it is objectively reasonable to prohibit camping within 1000 feet of a school, within 250 feet of a city park, and within 100 feet of a private residence or business. Please add back those place restrictions.  And to be clear, I have a lot of sympathy for the unhoused. I want the federal, state, county, and city governments to prioritize the building of shelter/housing.	No	04/22/24 11:08 AM
				That said, the city has competing interests to balance and it is reasonable for the city to state where it is and is not allowed to camp.		

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42	339	Jessi Presley-Grusin	Oppose	HB 3115 requires that any city law that regulates the acts of sitting, lying, sleeping, or keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property that is open to the public must be objectively reasonable as to time, place, and manner. No law that seeks to 'regulate' these acts (ie being unhoused in public) when our city simply doesn't have the shelter space or other resources necessary to transition folks out of being unhoused can possibly be "objectively reasonable." I am urging the mayor and city council to oppose this ordinance and any amendments to it. If you want to see fewer tents on our streets then you need to house people. Divertment will not be effective without adequate shelter beds, and as such will do nothing to reduce the criminalization of houselessness. Offers of shelter beds are not guaranteed so why would a person accept one, knowing that that bed may not be available when they arrive at the shelter? This is a bad system and will not improve the current situation, but accessible housing and better tenant protections can.	No	04/22/24 11:57 AM

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339	Kristle Delihanty	Oppose	Write in testimony for Agenda Item 339/ regarding the newly formed ordinance around homelessness that Mayor Wheeler has set produced.	No	04/22/24 1:29 PM
			The ordinance states that: "It is unlawful for any person to camp knowingly in or upon any public property or public right- of-way if the person has access to reasonable alternate shelter, has means to acquire reasonable alternate shelter, or has otherwise been offered and rejected reasonable alternate shelter."		
			While that looks great in theory, direct service providers are very aware of the lack of adequate and reasonable shelter in this city.		
			Enforcement includes; "punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed 7 days, or both. The District Attorney is encouraged to divert for assessment, emergency shelter or housing, or other services, in lieu of conviction"		
			We all want to see Portland rise and we want to do that together with our city and county. We remain encouraged that we can all put as much energy into creating safe and supported shelter and and housing opportunities as we are in creating ordinances and consequences around being unsheltered.		
43			People want to be sheltered and housed, when that option includes safety and agency of themselves and their belongings. Poverty doesn't eliminate our right to dignity.		
			Testifying against Agenda Item 339 does not state that we want to see our homeless crisis continue on our streets, its says that we are unwilling to compromise on criminalization over efforts to adequately shelter and house human beings.		
			We ask that you would consider changing the word "reasonable" shelter, which is objective to individuals, the "adequate" shelter which holds us responsible as a city and service providers to produce shelter that is acceptable to long term better outcomes for individuals.		
			We also ask that you eliminate any criminalization of poverty and homelessness by imposing fines or jail time to individuals. Homelessness ends with transitional shelter to deeply affordable housing, neither of which does this city have an adequate amount of.		
			We can not punish individuals for gross systemic failures of the County, City, and State levels.		
			Thank you for your time,		

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44	339	Anonymous	Support	I am writing to urge that you publicly embrace and vote to support the latest proposal by Mayor Wheeler to ban public camping in public places. Portland and Multnomah County cannot continue to normalize tent cities and the tragic human and community consequences they create.  Even a weak campaign ban is better than no ban at all. Importantly, accepting shelter and services when offered can no longer be an optional choice for those	No	04/22/24 2:00 PM
				living on the streets.		
				Despite spending billions, homelessness is up 57% the past five years in Multnomah County. I urge you to challenge the status quo and rethink the homeless policies that are failing our community. It starts with approving a legally enforceable ban on public camping.		
45	339	Peggy McDaniel- HAND neighbor	Support with changes	I support this ordinance. Time, place, and manner restrictions of public camping are allowed under state law, provided that they are objectively reasonable. I think it is objectively reasonable to prohibit camping within 1000 feet of a school, within 250 feet of a city park, and within 100 feet of a private residence or business. Please add back those place restrictions or even expand them. We need the federal, state, county, and city governments to prioritize the building of shelter/housing. I am an active member of the Clinton Triange Oversight Committee and feel that the TASS model has been quite successful. We need more large TASS sites, sooner than later! We also need more and easier access to supported group living situations for folks that are working on being clean. Many folks that get into housing are alone, this is not conducive to maintaining sobriety and social networking. We could do SO MUCH BETTER!!  Please prioritize data collection related to the unhoused population and shelter availability across the city/county and all providers. It feels like the right hand doesn't know what the left foot is doing currently  Also, we need to identify the folks that are refusing shelter over and over and draw a hard line for them while proactively finding and providing shelter for folks not only on the streets but at risk of losing shelter. Thank you!	No	04/22/24 2:22 PM
46	339	Anonymous	Support		No	04/22/24 3:12 PM
47	339	Ana Hannigan	Oppose	No more public camping! Enough of this nonsense!	No	04/22/24 3:19 PM
48	339	Gary Piercy	Support	Please use common sense and ban camping on public property.	No	04/22/24 3:24 PM
49	339	Anonymous	Support		No	04/22/24 3:43 PM
50	339	Christopher G Gilmore	Support	e"I support the Gonzalez Amendment".	No	04/22/24 3:49 PM
51	339	Anonymous	Support	I support the Gonzalez amendment. Encampments must end. The permissiveness must end. The criminality, uncontrolled drug use, litter and nuisance must end. Please pay attention to ALL of your constituents and not just the far-left voices who happen to be the loudest. Stop talking and TAKE ACTION. Bring our city back.	No	04/22/24 3:51 PM

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	339	Derrick Bradley		There should be absolutely no camping on any public spot. Ever. If we build large sanctioned encampments, people will have a places to go. I think we need at least 2 types - one with restrictions that prohibit any drugs or weapons at all, and one that satisfies those who insist on "low barrier" options.	No	04/22/24 3:51 PM
52				This way, we can ensure that those who truly just need safe shelter can have a safe alternative and not have to deal with the drug use and rampant crime that surrounds these encampments on the street. Those who are electing to live this lifestyle as a choice can live in the other sites.		
				As we build up the sites, we can easily connect people to housing and addiction services in a centralized place. We can also provide food, sanitation, job connection, and even limited storage options.		
				We need this ASAP. We do NOT need to have every service available day 1. We will never satisfy everyone's requirements, and we need to stop waiting for the perfect before doing good.		
	339	Mark Zauner	Support	We need to operate under 2 principles:  - No one should have to live unsheltered on our streets - No one should be allowed to live unsheltered on our streets	No	04/22/24 3:54 PM
				Acquire several large lots for sanctioned camping. Allow people to camp here, and absolutely nowhere else. We don't need to spend \$20,000 to build a shed for each person to live inthat is a ridiculous waste of our money. They live in tents now, they can live in tents at these temporary sites as wellat least in the short-term.		
				At these sites, provide basic food, sanitation, security and a limited amount of storage. Also warming and cooling capabilities.		
53				These services cover the basic needs of people, and this is much more than most of the people are getting now. Without a massive investment, you have made the lives of the unhoused and housed drastically better.		
				As time goes on, add services. Job assistance, training, family reconnection services, there are so many other services to be offered AFTER people are in limited locations and their basic needs are met. We cannot be expected to go everywhere that people are to provide services (because they are literally allowed to be EVERYWHERE). Centralize the people, and bring the services to them.		
				I would also recommend lower and higher barrier sites. For those who want increased safety, set up a camp where people can stay ONLY if they are willing to undergo a search when coming in. No drugs, no weapons. We do the same thing when we go to concerts or sporting events. We are all subjected to a search, and we ALL get the benefit of peace of mind knowing that everyone else was subjected to the same search.		

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	339	Anonymous	Oppose	Stop criminalizing homelessness. Stop wasting our time, with your greed and callous.	No	04/22/24 3:55 PM
54				Rest is a human right, whether that's in a home, a tent, or any other place.		
				We must act like we are on stolen land that is not ours to govern, own, or control. Step down city commissioners, Step down mayor, give the power back to the people.		
55	339	Anonymous	Support	Totally agree with Rene Gonzalez that we need to be WAY more firm with eliminating camping all over the place and directing where the homeless are allowed to stay. They are taking advantage of us all and trashing our residential neighborhoods!	No	04/22/24 3:55 PM
56	339	Andrew Bergman	Support	The TASS approach is the best I have heard of to date. I do not understand why it takes so long to setup. When Katrina struck Louisiana, they setup shelter for thousands of people in days. I get that this is very different, but it takes us years and years to even build sites for dozens of people.	No	04/22/24 3:56 PM
				Another great thing about the TASS concept is service delivery. We can't expect that people are going to "find their way" to the services they need when the people are in every corner, nook and cranny of the city. If everyone in need is centralized, service delivery becomes exponentially easier.		
57	339	Ryan Cox	Support		No	04/22/24 3:57 PM
58	339	Rick Breckler	Support	The only way out of this mess is to end all public camping ASAP. The most reasonable approach seems to be setting up large areas for people to "camp" that are not in public. Doing this one thing will improve livability for the housed drastically. When this is in place, start providing services to those at the camps. Service providers can be integrated right into the camps, and not have to be so mobile like they are today. When someone is sick and in need of a suite of care, we get them to the hospitalwe don't bring an entire hospital's suite of care to every single sick person. It's not practical, and neither is our current approach.	No	04/22/24 3:58 PM
59	339	Ryan W	Support	I was born in Multnomah County and still reside within the Montavilla neighborhood. Livability in this area, as well as in the city as a whole, has declined to a point where we are searching for houses outside of Multnomah county despite having plans to remain for many years. The encampments have become aggressive, bold and fearless. There have been many instances where camp members have been seen with guns, knives and other weapons threatening members of the public - several altercations have been caught on doorbell cameras and reported to police/pdxreporter. My wife and I have both been threatened with our lives from various homeless people. The thought have having kids grow up anywhere near this chaos is unthinkable. These encampments are not compatible with a thriving and livable community that operates on a different set of rules. I support the Gonzalez Amendment.	No	04/22/24 3:59 PM
60	339	Anonymous	Support	The amount of camping and tents in PDX metro is insupportable. I was attacked by a pit bull that was off leash near a campsite in Woodstock. Regular citizens cannot lose access to the city's resources, parks, sidewalks etc as we have been forced to do for 2 years. Do something to fix it.	No	04/22/24 4:00 PM

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61	339	Anonymous	Support	The status quo isn't working and current policy provides no incentive for "homeless" individuals to utilize the necessary resources to get off the streets and improve their position in life.	No	04/22/24 4:01 PM
62	339	Anonymous	Support	Make panhandling on street corners illegal. A large percentage of homeless people are criminals. You need to pick up all the homeless and sort them out: criminals go to jail, down-on-their-luck people go to shelters, unemployed people go to job training, drug addics go to rehabilitation.	No	04/22/24 4:10 PM
63	339	Susan Kaller		I teach for Portland Public Schools at the high school level. The homeless have made our streets and mass transit unsafe for our high school students. I have heard numerous stories from my students, especially from young female students, about being accosted sexually by homeless males on their way to/from school. They are subjected to harassment both verbal, and physical on transit and while walking to school. All students are routinely offered drugs, and some have been robbed at the point of weapons by homeless persons living on our streets. Portland uses Tri-Met for transit to and from school for high school students. This is absolutely unacceptable, and an impossible situation for students and families. My students witness homeless openly using drugs, and some have even seen them overdose on Tri-Met. Students should not see corpses on their school transportation on the way to/from school.		04/22/24 4:14 PM
64	339	Jlm Lindsay	Support	I have been unable to locate a copy of the "Gonzalez Amendment", so I am unable to give complete support to whatever it says. However I am in support of a change in how the city handles encampments and I approve of giving the elected mayor decision-making authority on enforcement of camping bans on public property.	No	04/22/24 4:14 PM

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65	339	Kathryn Juergens	Support	I am writing in support of enacting a public camping ban. My home in the SW neighborhood of Hillsdale has been negatively impacted by a growing campsite along Barbur Blvd. The camp has been there for more than a year and over time it has drastically changed the nature of the neighborhood in the blocks surrounding the camp. The camp itself is littered with trash, drug paraphanelia, constant drus use, open fires all day long, several tents and makeshift shelters built with trash, and several more RVs that seem to broken to move. It is an environmental and health hazard. It is symbolic of a city that has seemed to give up on the rule of law. In the surrounding blocks we have seen an increase in litter, graffiti, begging, stealing, and harrassment. I have reported this campsite to PDX Reporter at least 20 times over the span of the last year. I have also emailed each of you, 311, and our county commissioner. Still nothing has changed.  When I moved to Hillsdale in 2016 there was none of this. Our neighborhood was safe, quiet, clean, and I trusted that my daughter could walk and rider her bike in the area. I no longer feel that way within the several block vicinity of this camp. And I am starting to hopeless that anything will change. It feels like the drug-abusing homeless residents of the camp have more rights than I do, a hardworking contributing member of Portland. We have recently began looking at houses in Washington County. While only a few miles west of where we currently live, it feels like another—safer—world.  I do have compassion for people who are unhoused, and I think it is our responsibility as a city to take care of those who can't help themselves. But I don't believe that allowing the campers to continue to ruin our city with their complete disregard for laws and manners is a reasonable choice. I have compassion fatigue, and I imagine many of Portland's residents do.  I have two requests. One, please address the campsite across from the Fred Meyer on 7555 SW Barbur Blvd. It has been allowed to be th	No	04/22/24 4:15 PM
66	339	Anonymous	Support	I support the Gonzalez Amendment. The city is suffering from campers, their theiring, burning illegal fires, drug use and littering (to name a few) is exhausting residents who care for the well being of others.	No	04/22/24 4:16 PM

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	339	Anonymous	Support	I am not sure how anyone could support encampments being allowed any longer. They must end ASAP. Acquire large lots where people can camp. At least it's a lateral move for them. But in erality, it's an improvement, because we can provide centralized services to people, including security at a level that cannot be provided on the streets.	No	04/22/24 4:16 PM
67				You can have separate sites for families and those who are truly in need vs. those who just want to live out on the steets by choice.		
				Housing is the #1 cost that every one of us faces. As a society, we cannot be expected to just hand out free housing to every single person who claims to need it. Completely unrealistic. Instead, provide a only a place to "camp". Anyone found in violation (camping elsewhere) should be run through the legal system. I can see giving a 1-time warning, but after that, there is no reason to allow it when they can camp in a sanctioned space.		
68	339	Anonymous	Support	I support a ban on public camping. Allowing this to continue is helping no one. The largest problems come from those who are choosing this lifestyle, but even the majority of them are not really capable of making good decisions (due to addiction or mental illness). The only people benfitting are criminals who choose this lifestyle over societally productive lives they are also capable of living.	No	04/22/24 4:19 PM
69	339	A citizen who will soon be leaving if basic public safety and sanitation is not restored asap	Support	Please do the sane thing and put some time and place rules around camping and actually enforce them. Camping should happen (if it must) in a few designated areas with services and security and banned everywhere else. The camps throughout Portland are destroying the livability of our neighborhoods and driving citizens/businesses out. In addition, any "campers" openly breaking the law (obvious stolen vehicles, multiple bikes, drug dealing, fire starting, etc.) need to be dealt with swiftly. It's quite ridiculous that we even need to write testimony asking for basic things like this. Anyone opposing common sense measures like this at this point is profiting in some way off there being an ongoing problem - please stop entertaining their fake outrage.	No	04/22/24 4:19 PM
70	339	Suzanne Puttman	Support	Yes, I support the camping ban. It is illegal to camp, the government made this law and needs to enforce it. It is very frustrating to see homeless & drug addicts live above the law. All of the trash thrown around is so disrespectful and not environmentally friendly. Our city has become unlivable and scary with campers using drugs out in the open, trash piled up all over the streets and sidewalks. So much broken camping equipment everywhere, garbage all around the tents, campers blocking walk ways, poop and pee scattered in the city park grass. It is so sad to see, so dirty and disgusting. It is unsanitary, unsafe, and it is illegal. Enforce the laws that the city government created, for a reason- for us all to share and enjoy the city in a safe and respectful way.	No	04/22/24 4:25 PM
71	339	Cody Johnecheck	Support	I support this. Encampments by multiple job sites and apartment buildings we manage have directly been raided repeatedly by nearby encampments. Individuals from encampments are caught on camera and stolen items from job sites and apartments are directly found in encampments. Police do not respond to these repeat raids, and do not document them in their crime counts. The city must not PRETEND all encampments are the sameThe City MUST have the tools to deal with dangerous encampments.	No	04/22/24 4:26 PM
72	339	LK	Support	I STRONGLY support the Gonzalez amendment. Please help me not move out of Portland because of its complete unlivability.	No	04/22/24 4:27 PM

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73	339	Anonymous	Support	I support the citywide ban on street camping. I feel that Portland's experiment with unrestricted camping has been shown to be a failure of social policy. It neither helps taxpaying business owners and homeowners, or the homeless. We need a stricter approach where people accept shelter, or they can pay fines, or possibly even do jail time if necessary. Hopefully this isn't necessary, but if people will not cooperate, laws need to be enforced. Thank you. No more enabling!	No	04/22/24 4:32 PM
74	339	Anonymous	Support	I absolutely support a ban on camping. If we are required by law or by courts to provide a place for it, then the city should acquire a large unused lot and only allow this there. No drugs, no trash, no fighting allowed. Common sense things. Anyone found breaking the rules is not allowed in the camp. If they are found camping elsewhere, then it's off to jail. We can't just allow people to ruin our city.	No	04/22/24 4:41 PM
75	339	Stephen Kenneally	Support	I live in the Pearl District and we are regularly infiltrated with campers from Downtown, North Park Blocks, and Old Town. My wife and I have been accosted in Jamison Park and in our own front entry. My 80 yo neighbor was assaulted filling his prescription at CVS on NW 13th.		04/22/24 4:48 PM
76	339	Ron Sklar	Support	I support amending the city code regarding camping.	No	04/22/24 4:48 PM
77	339	London	Support	Public camping needs to end. It's not humane or safe for anyone.	No	04/22/24 4:52 PM
78	339	lan	Support	I oppose public camping. It's not safe and it's time to end it.	No	04/22/24 4:54 PM
79	339	Still Trying to Love This Once-Great City	Support	Livability has gone to almost 0 in this city. That is why people are leaving. I'm amazed daily to hear the apologists talking about needing "affordable" housing, when most people camping on the streets could not afford any level of housing. The addicted and mentally ill cannot reach this level of responsibility on their own. Affordable housing is a long-term approach to this. I for one (and apparently tens of thousands of others based on population decline) will not be here if building affordable housing is our primary approach.	No	04/22/24 4:56 PM
80	339	David Culpepper	Support	I strongly support Commissioner Gonzales's proposed amendment.	No	04/22/24 4:58 PM
81	339	Anonymous	Oppose	We must take our city back. Designate a place for them to camp. If they don't want to camp there, they move along no camping where ever they feel like. I am done, I am another citizen leaving because of the mishandling of this exact issue.	No	04/22/24 4:59 PM
82	339	Randy Smith	Support	I SUPPORT the Gonzalez Amendment. I fully support a blanket ban on encampments in the city of Portland. My experience with the many encampments in our once charming city has been extremely negative. The litter and human feces associated with these camps is unsightly and unhealthy. Many, if not all, of the campers have drug issues, mental health issues or both and it seems violence is simmering just below the surface. A number of the encampments have also been used as chop shops for stolen vehicles and the occasional illegal weapon. Please, it's time to put the livability of our city and the safety or normal citizens ahead of the people in these encampments. Thanks.	No	04/22/24 5:01 PM
83	339	William Mitchell	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. The city has failed its citizens on this issue for way too long.	No	04/22/24 5:01 PM
84	339	Lisa Pierce	Support	Our household supports this amendment to ban unsanctioned camping. We have avoided downtown for three years, and miss feeling safe in the City I was born and raised in. Please Clean up the City and pressure the County and JOHS to start acting on providing more housing and services for the unhoused.	No	04/22/24 5:03 PM

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85	339	Camping Ban Supporter	Support	The "Housing First" model, along with it's ill-fated cousin Measure 110 forget to account for one thingbad actors. M110 assumed that everyone who needs treatment will get it, and we'll all be on our merry way to a better society. Ooops, we forgot to account for the fact that treatment will need to be REQUIREDbecause addicts cannot make good choices for themselves.  Many supporting the Housing First approach seem to think we just need to magically build apartments and hand out keys and then these people will become productive members of our society. Ooops, you forgot to account for the fact that many/most are addicts or mentally ill, and further handouts are not going to do them any good.	No	04/22/24 5:03 PM
86	339	Laura Evelyn Lester	Support with changes	I think it makes sense to have a system consistent with contiguous municipalities, such as Gresham. I also think the system needs to be nimble, allowing city leaders and managers to adapt to changing circumstances and not get stuck in the ongoing cycle of sweeps, court cases and pop-up tent encampments. Cities around us are moving people off the streetslet's provide a range of shelters to meet the houseless where they are, and move them to better living situations. Let's make our sidewalks and public parks to places of beauty and enjoyment and safety for all.	No	04/22/24 5:03 PM
87	339	Keith Martin	Support	I am handicapped and have constant issues with the homeless tent cities and drug use. It is only better since Safeway bottle drop closed. Please keep it closed.	No	04/22/24 5:04 PM
88	339	Oleg Sidletskiy	Support		No	04/22/24 5:04 PM
89	339	Anonymous	Support	I fully support this. It is time that we come to terms with the fact that our homeless problem is largely a substance abuse problem. With Governor Kotek's recent bill expanding funding for substance abuse treatment and recriminalizing drugs on our streets, the massive funds raised by the homeless tax instituted in 2021, and the efforts of countless other charity organizations working in our community, we have more than enough resources to help people who are addicted and on the streets. If they choose not to avail themselves of these resources, then the legal system should be the next stop. It is well-known that hitting rock bottom is ultimately what is needed for an addict to turn things around, and law enforcement can often play a positive role to this end. We have been making excuses for people living on our streets since 2016 when we started enabling people by providing tents which caused an explosion of the problem and made us a magnet city for people wanting to do drugs and live on the streets. We need to try something new and start expecting more personal responsibility in solving this problem.	No	04/22/24 5:05 PM
90	339	Anonymous	Support	I am the owner of a professional business located in East Side Business district. I cannot invite clients to my office due to the fact that people are walking around outside, half-naked in homeless encampments that more resemble a junk yard than a city sidewalk. I have stopped requiring in-office attendance as employees do not feel safe. I would relocate the business entirely if I weren't locked into a lease. This is no longer a city that works. I support the Gonzalez amendment.	No	04/22/24 5:07 PM

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91	339	Aaron Moss	Support	For me personally, and I would guess for almost everyone, housing is our biggest personal budget expense. Yet I hear people saying we need to just give people housing. That is unbelievable. I think we should give people on the streets a safe place to campwith food and showers and warmth and safety patrols. Any camping outside of these areas should be a crime.  This is a productive and generous handoutto both the campers and the housed. Both groups can benefit dramatically if done right.	No	04/22/24 5:07 PM
92	339	Anonymous	Support	I support the Gonzalez amendment! I am a small business owner (wedding photographer who employs 15 Oregonians) and have cut back on the amount my team works in Portland because of the unsafe conditions. I mainly hire women and they simply don't feel safe shooting in Portland anymore. We now mainly go outside of City limits because our team has been harassed too many times.	No	04/22/24 5:08 PM
93	339	Anonymous	Support	Strongly in favor of this. My wife and I have battled for years with unruly, abusive and destructive camping across from our home. The faces change but the game stays the same. They are not simply people down on their luck, they are outlaws with zero respect for the neighborhood any anyone or anything in it. We need to get it together and offer people help if they need it, but get strict to maintain a livable city and business environment by banning camping citywide. Enough damage has been done already, and we've all fatigued of trying to look the other way and be patient. Really, enough already with the lawlessness and "anything goes" attitude toward this issue.	No	04/22/24 5:13 PM
94	339	Anonymous	Support	Public safety cannot exist with unsanctioned camping. Portland needs to make public safety a priority again.	No	04/22/24 5:14 PM
95	339	Grace Church, Portland	Support	After twenty years as a paramedic in Portland (most of it downtown), and now over 20 years serving as pastor of a downtown Portland church (Grace Church, SW 12th and Clay St), I am convinced of the need for immediate changes in our camping policy, and the compelled removal of campsites and transport to shelter facilitates created and run by the city. Our congregation has suffered the loss of membership, fear of older members and families with young children making the trip from a car to the front door of the church, numerous acts of vandalism, open fires next to our church building, and ongoing, costly sidewalk cleanup costs. Many of our members are formerly homeless, low-income, and living a very fragile existence in the subsidized apartments around our church. They do not go out at night, for fear of the state of our sidewalks, with homeless camps that also obviously empower drug use and sales. Our church has served downtown Portland for 150 years, insisting on remaining here through hard times, when other ministries sold their buildings and moved to the suburbs. But now, we fear the choice of staying is being taken out of our hands, as we have such dismal support from the city to address the frequent campers who settle alongside our building, sometimes blocking our doors. Please act, decisively and boldly to stop allowing people to live and sleep in such inhumane and dangerous conditions—and think of all citizens and organizations affected by our city's allowance (and facilitation) of illegal camping.	Yes	04/22/24 5:15 PM

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96	339	Anonymous		I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. I live in NE Portland (Eliot neighborhood) and have experienced firsthand the harm that unsanctioned camping has wrought on our community. Homeless encampments went unchecked for years, directly adjacent to a church, library, Matt Dishman Community Center, electric power substation, apartments and single family homes. It blocked sidewalk access for the disabled community home, school children, and neighborhood residents. We witnessed drug dealing, chop shops, fires, loose dogs, garbage and human waste, increased theft, and were harassed by homeless people living at the camp for attempting to walk through our neighborhood. It became a part-time job to document and report the issues to the County and City, hoping for recourse and resources, but nearly always resulting in an inability to coordinate and take action on the encampment.  It is not compassionate for the homeless people to be left to abuse drugs on the streets until they can't think or make coherent choices. They are endangering themselves and everyone around them.  It's time to stop being permissive and allowing folks to become entrenched and	No	04/22/24 5:15 PM
97	339	Cam White	Support	service-resistant in homeless camping.  The city will never return to being a safe and livable place while people are given the option to live on the streets and completely trash the place. No more options -ban camping to the fullest extent legally allowed.	No	04/22/24 5:16 PM
98	339	Anonymous	Support	I have lived in Portland for over 45 years. I raised two sons in NE Portland. Over those years I loved watching this town evolve into a national food mecca with commercial areas scattered in beautifully regenerated residential areas. But all of that live has died because of the absolute inability of our local leaders to take action about homelessness AND drug addicts on all our streets. You have been given the resources to take action but seem incapable of acting! Stop talking. Be leaders and DO SOMETHING. Our city is being destroyed!	No	04/22/24 5:16 PM
99	339	Ann Bakkensen	Support	I support the Gonzales amendment. I audit classes at POrtland State University and park in the area of 12th/13th street and Montgomery. I feel unsafe in this area because of the unsanctioned encampments here. There is often broken glass on the pavement due to car break-ins. On two occasions I have felt threatened by people exhibiting unpredictable behaviors. Portland must confront these encampments ASAP, while developing more humane alternatives and connecting these street people to services.	No	04/22/24 5:18 PM
100	339	Anonymous	Support	I'm a widow living alone in NW Portland. Lately there has been human feces in the middle of the sidewalk on several occasions. I see aluminum foil next to my building , along with a constant stream of garbage (including discarded clothing). I will not walk alone at night and am sometimes uncomfortable during the day. Sometimes the tents cover more than half of the sidewalk. Several times people have been attacked by a homeless person within 2 miles of me. A couple of weeks ago there was someone standing in the middle of the street and throwing things at cars about 6 blocks from my home. I don't think all homeless people are dangerous, but how do I know which ones are the bad guys? I'm so tired of being afraid.	No	04/22/24 5:18 PM

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101	339	Mark Fulk	Support with changes	Ban unsanctioned camping. There are building codes for a reason. Does the city of Portland allow structures to be build without adhering to code? No, of course not. There are codes for a reason, and it was to protect the public. It makes no sense to allow people to live in campsites in the city limits. In most cases it is completely inhumane. We pay an enormous amount of taxes specifically for the homeless. Build some housing with it!!! What are you waiting for? Stop making excuses, and employing people to study the problem and make a living off the homeless cause and start fixing it.	No	04/22/24 5:24 PM
102	339	Anonymous	Oppose	I strongly oppose any ordinance to ban public camping. Unhoused individuals deserve public services like housing vouchers, mental and physical healthcare, and access to food and bathing if desired. People without permanent shelter do not need further criminalization. I speak out on this today as a professional in the mental health field. Please do not further criminalize the unhoused neighbors of Portland.	No	04/22/24 5:24 PM
103	339	Dr. William Thierfelder	Support	I used to attend cultural events downtown regularly, and I used to walk through the Park Blocks and the waterfront parks for pleasant recreation. I no longer do so. As a 73-year-old "honored citizen," having to navigate around tents, seemingly untreated mentally ill people, and piles of garbagenot to mention open drug use-simply makes me feel unsafe. "I DEFINITELY support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment."	No	04/22/24 5:24 PM
104	339	M Howard Weinstein	Support	I support the Gonzalea amendment	No	04/22/24 5:25 PM
105	339	Joel Fowlks	Support with changes	Unsanctioned encampments have made made city streets unsightly and unsafe. While Portland's complicated homelessness problem requires many types of intervention, street camping cannot continue to be viewed an acceptable option for those facing housing insecurity. Unsanctioned camping has crippled our livability and public safety to degree that would have been unimaginable just a decade ago. Without serious policy clarity, this problem will soon become too engrained to fix. Our City Code is not a suicide pact.	No	04/22/24 5:26 PM
106	339	Anonymous	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.  I support banning of unsanctioned camping. Homeless need support and services.	No	04/22/24 5:29 PM
100	339	Dan Hayes, owner,	Support with			04/22/24 5:29 PM
107	ააყ	Hayes Enterprises	changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. Please vote yes on 339 and SAVE OUR CITY!!!	INU	04/22/24 5:29 PIVI
108	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	The city needs to not allow public camping anymore. The city has gotten disgusting and scary.	No	04/22/24 5:30 PM

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109	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	Our city has experienced an influx of transients who have taken advantage of our lax penalties and enforcement of public decency. Every homeless encampment in my neighborhood has experienced one or more of the following: overflowing trash, obvious drug abuse, trash fires and/or burned down encampments, leaking or discarded vehicle fluids on public rights of way, public defecation, compromised visibility on our streets for vulnerable road users and blocking of public pedestrian routes. As a home owner in this city, and someone who has procured building and zoning permits, I can attest to the double standard placed on law abiding citizens versus the worst actors who don't give a damn about the life of this city. Although I'm very disappointed in the courts not providing guidance on local regulations of this matter, I believe the council has the imperative to act in good faith to properly regulate what is an unbearable nuisance to Portland neighborhoods and citizens, and the relevancy of our city. It's a shame to let the past 50 years of progress on quality of life in this city be overshadowed by unregulated urban camping characterized mostly by a debilitating cycle of drug abuse, mental illness and violence. The amount of regulation this city provides on window amount, type, and placement, pedestrian entrances, green roofs, pavement, drive thrus, tree preservation and mitigation, river-based uses, etc. is exhaustive, yet the worst offenders have been completely off the hook and have rendered virtually all other regulations a joke. We've had enough!	No	04/22/24 5:36 PM
110	339	Merideth Driscoll	Support	Living on the side of a freeway is dangerous and unhealthy for the unhoused. It is also dangerous for the public. I was driving on the "overpass" from I5 N to I 84 East and encountered pedestrians in the road twice. The way that transition road is, the pedestrians were hidden from view until almost upon them. In one incident the person was biking against trafficand directly into cars who had to veer out of the way. This person was not just biking, they were carrying a bike as well. The goal of unhoused supporters is admirable, but forcing things to stay the same, allowing camping wherever in our City, is wrong. This "support" allows our unhoused neighbors to live in unhealthy and dangerous locations.	No	04/22/24 5:42 PM
111	339	Dr. Marc Rodriguez	Support	As a homeowner and Chicano resident of the City of Portland I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. We Latinos and Latinas are the backbone of the working class community of Portland and we want clean, safe, accessible sidewalks and public spaces for our families and businesses. It's time to clean up the drug encampments and criminal vagrant population by restoring common sense reform.	No	04/22/24 5:46 PM
112	339	Anonymous	Support	I want to support the move to amend city code regarding camping. Please end this inhumane practice that negatively impacts our neighborhoods and businesses. At Normandale Park there is a car parked on the lawn of the park with someone living in the car. There are people camping on private property in front of a business close to I-84. I have had a number of people camping across the street from my home on the south side of the Juvenile Detention Center for close to 2 years. The illegal behavior ( car thefts, catalytic converter theft, drug use and animal abuse) negatively impacted the neighborhood. The neighborhood is now transformed since the campers were removed. Neighbors out walking their dogs family barbecues are back, and weekly karaoke continues once again. Peace again.	Yes	04/22/24 5:49 PM

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113	339	J. Mills	Support	I am in favor of the Gonzalez Amendment. It is crucial to avoid using general terms like "neighbor", "houseless person", and "homeless person" when referring to individuals facing "hardships" who believe they are entitled to the entire city. Why? The MAJORITY are drug addicts who turn to crime to support their addiction to hard drugs. They lack respect for anyone or anything else.  They made a conscious decision. Labeling addiction as a disease should not absolve individuals of personal responsibility and the consequences of their poor choices. My community of hardworking individuals and families has been severely impacted by fentanyl and meth addicts who enjoy living in and defling our public spaces (and even private areas) to continue their criminal activities and drug useall made possible by the city and the non-profit industrial complex that has taken over our city government (give millions more to them so they can call it a "business" and spend 95% on office supplies and their own salaries, Ted). My young children have been exposed to fentanyl and meth fumes because these individuals openly smoke drugs outside, allowing the smoke to drift into our homes. They inject drugs in plain sight, even in front of my children. They urinate and defecate in public, without any regard for the children and other residents in the area (they act as if they own the city, thanks to Wheeler!). I have been threatened with violence for politely asking them to inject drugs elsewhere - as they were doing so right in front of my house where my children were playing. The list goes on. All of this is condoned and facilitated by the city and its TERRIBLE policies. Most of the individuals I have spoken to are not even from here! They have come here for easy access to cheap drugs and zero accountability for their poor life decisions. I am beyond frustrated with living in this distorted reality created by "Ted Wheeler and DA Schmidt". This is NOT the Portland I know. I have been a lifelong resident here, and I transitioned from shock t	No	04/22/24 5:52 PM
114	339	Anonymous	Support	Our City has been ruined by the multiple and unending Homeless Camps. It has brought filth, excessive debris, needles and bio waste to our neighborhoods, our Downtown and our Freeways. The Drug Use is constant and out in the open for children to see. It's time to stop this horrific invasion and take control of the City. We support Rene Gonzales in his effort to Amend the City Code 339.	No	04/22/24 5:54 PM
115	339	Anonymous	Support	It essential for the city's survival to regulate camping just as we regulate other forms of housing. Reasonable time, place, and manner limitations are necessary, and vesting this power in the mayor makes sense. Otherwise, nothing will get accomplished amid a morass of committees and needless bureaucracy.	No	04/22/24 6:00 PM

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339	Anonymous	Support	I do not support public camping. I do support this agenda item. Thank you, Rene Gonzalez. Thanks to everyone who is willing to fight for the health and safety of this city and its residents. Please stop the false narratives. Drug addicted people have come here from all over the country, people who refuse to live by any rules in society have come here from all over the country. They are destroying our city, plain and simple. People who are not mentally healthy enough to take the help that is offered should not be allowed to live in this way. In no way is this compassion. It is the opposite of compassion. And to those who get up every day and struggle to make a living, struggle to pay rent, to live by the rule of law, it is a dereliction of duty for a city government to allow this problem to persist. We are tired of the lack of accountability, the lawlessness, the filth, the crime, the degradation. You have and will continue to lose residents, taxpayers to this irresponsible failure and I fear for the future is this city if you refuse to act on behalf of the public good. Stop allowing the loudest and often most misguided voices to lead us. Please, end public camping and restore order to our city.		04/22/24 6:03 PM

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117	339	Jeffrey Silberman	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment  Over the last 5 years, I have filed over 100 reports regarding unsanctioned camping. All of these are due to the campers openly doing drugs in public, openly selling drugs in public, committing violent acts, physically or verbally threatening me or my family (2 children under 5 and my Wife), lighting fires, excessively littering, graffitiing on property, urinating and defecating in public and on residential property, and more.  I'd like to share the following story. A couple years back, I was walking on Woodstock Blvd. with my two year old daughter. We were walking home enjoying ice cream at Cloud City. It was the middle of the day on a weekend, so there were a lot of people walking around and cars on the road. A homeless man was sitting on the ground, leaning against a business, with a blanket over his head. I couldn't tell what he was doing, but as we (me and my two year old daughter) walked by, a cloud of foul smelling smoke came through his blanket and right into the face of my two year old daughter. Unfortunately, there was nothing that I could do about the situation. He did not care that he did that. If I talked to him, he wouldn't listen. If I called 911, they wouldn't come because its not a true "emergency." If I called the non emergent line, I would be on hold for hours. If I harmed him in any way, the city would prosecute me to the fullest extent of the law because I am a tax paying citizen (who Portland does not value the opinion of) and because of my lack of "compassion" for allowing drug addicts to blow crack smoke into my child's face. The city allows this type of behavior to occur and its time that it stopped.  I have pressed charges on one homeless person who physically assaulted me. I have attempted to press charges on two others that Portland Police could not locate, who assaulted me.  The resources for these people are in place and they are not taking them. If you live in a tent on the street, at this time, you are choosing not to take the resou	No	04/22/24 6:05 PM
				Please end unsanctioned camping. I know I'm not the only one who feels this way.		
118	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I am a City employee and I choose not to take my kids into the City because we never know what to expect from the homeless population. I've personally witnessed naked people screaming in the streets on multiple occasions. That's not something I want my kids to be exposed to.	No	04/22/24 6:08 PM
				I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.		

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119	339	Robin Purvis	Support	It seems to me there are some common sense laws the city can enforce today to reduce the growing lawlessness of encampments wherever they decide to pitch a tent. No behavior in public parks that impacts the enjoyment for all- pitching a tent, public peeing or defecation, using drugs, or throwing trash outside of trash cans- all affect others' use of the park and can result in fines or arrest in any city that cares about its citizens. No tents pitched on any sidewalk anywhere in the city, as we've already been sued over! The homeless cannot be prioritized over our disabled population who hold down a job and pay taxes for those sidewalks! Just enforcing those two items with no exceptions would greatly increase the liveability of this city. And, finally, if there are people who must pitch a tent to have shelter while they get back on their feet, having a designated "camping" area in each section of city would eliminate the argument that we are outlawing sleeping. We can outlaw tents in all parts of the city except in designated places, where there are portable toilets and dumpsters. The mayor talked a lot last year about designated camping spots and I hope you will set that up quickly and enforce the laws that the rest of us have to follow. I'm a housing provider that had to get all kinds of permits and follow all kinds of rules, pay exorbitant taxes just to build 4 apartments. Yet others pull their RVs up on any street, pitch tents, throw garbage in piles everywhere, yet without a single bill to pay. Stop allowing the trashing of our beautiful city!	No	04/22/24 6:09 PM
120	339	Aaron Woldrich	Support	I am a 53 year old married man and father of 2 daughters. I have lived in Portland all of my life and to say I am sickened and pissed off at what has unfolded in front of all of us is putting it mildly. There is absolutely zero excuse to justify this mess. I'm tired of the mess, the zombies wandering around urinating/defecating wherever the urge suits them. I'm tired of the eyesore graffiti, the ramshackle trailers, motorhomes, vans, etc. I'm tired of forking out thousands each year to metro to take care of this issue with zero end in sight. It's not a housing issue- these are drug addicted criminals who have been given a free pass by our ridiculously lax justice system to do whatever the hell they want. They could care less about what their behaviors spill out on our public streets for us to dodge and continuously be witnesses of. Enough is enough. If there is shelter space and they refuse, put them in jail! I would happily divert my universal preschool taxation and metro homeless taxes to more jail and services in jail to clean them up. You have to ask yourself what is it actually going to take to make the city finally say enough is enough? What will that event be? A meth head tweaker going into a school and doing the unspeakable? Come on Portland, hold these folks accountable and perhaps they will stop flocking here. It is not ok for my kids to grow up here and think it's normal to see people existing like this.		04/22/24 6:17 PM
121	339	Anonymous	Support	Being homeless is not a crime. Camping in public is. A state of being is not punishable but the behavior it may cause, when it breaks the law, is. Nobody is entitled to different applications of the law, whether they are a millionaire or destitute. No one is above the law or exempt. Being homeless is a sad state of being but that does not excuse an individual from the law or grant protected status. Don't just amend this law, enforce it.	No	04/22/24 6:17 PM
122	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	Suggest a total ban on any camping in the city of Portland. High income families are leaving Portland due to the ineptness of city leaders who do far have failed to provide a safe community directed pay & law abiding citizens. The result of failed leadership around issue has so far cost Portland over a billion dollars & fine citizens moving to greener pastures.	No	04/22/24 6:18 PM
123	339	Hoang Phan	Support	It is about time. Thank you Renee for standing firm.	No	04/22/24 6:19 PM

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124	339	Lisa Long, citizen who votes	Support	I absolutely support banning public camping. I have lived in Portland since 1996 and the last five years have been miserable. I have been harassed by unsanctioned campers who are openly using drugs, my teenage daughters have been threatened and humiliated, and my home has been violated. I have had campers defecate in front of my house numerous times, make sexually explicit comments to my daughters, and leave their garbage and hazardous waste behind for others to clean up. I use to love Portland. I loved walking through the parks and all over my SE neighborhood. Now I dread it. The sidewalks, the parks, the public spaces in Portland have been appropriated by unsanctioned campers. These campers have essentially privatized public space. Give our parks and sidewalks and covered space back to the general public, to the people who work here, raise their children here, and pay taxes here. Campers should be required to move into shelters. I can't drive my car into a public park and leave it there because I don't have a driveway to park it in. Nor should campers be permitted to seize public property. Put an end to it now!	Yes	04/22/24 6:22 PM
125	339	Kelly Seymour	Support	As a mother of five living is SE Portland, I strongly urge action regarding more limits to public camping. It is a danger to my children and makes me feel unsafe. It is the number one reason I consider moving out of Portland.	No	04/22/24 6:34 PM
126	339	Anonymous	Support	I've had firsthand experience with the challenges of dealing with encampments, including confrontations with homeless individuals, open fire pits, public drug use, and heaps of garbage. Given these experiences, you support the Gonzalez Amendment, which aims to address these issues and find solutions.	No	04/22/24 6:36 PM
127	339	Anonymous	Support	I have been threatened with bodily harm (threatened to be shot) by a homeless camper near my home. This is not acceptable. I fully support the Gonzalez amendment.	No	04/22/24 6:43 PM
128	339	Joan Holup	Support	I support the proposal by Rene Gonzalez to ban encampments in the city of Portland, similar to Gresham's laws, so that laws will be the largely the same in both cities. I also support providing the Mayor with the ability to adjust restrictions to comply with state and federal law.	No	04/22/24 6:45 PM
129	339	Kristin Butler	Support with changes	I have been harassed and threatened by campers using drugs in broad daylight across from the Grocery outlet store in the Hollywood neighborhood when walking my dog to buy groceries just a few blocks from my house. There was a stabbing this past Fall over a quarrel involving drugs within blocks of there and my home which occurred at a larger homeless encampment. It was starting to feel unsafe in my neighborhood and near the Hollywood Max station but the camping ban has been a godsend. I now walk regularly to the grocery store without fear of being threatened.  I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/22/24 6:59 PM
130	339	Anonymous	Support		No	04/22/24 7:01 PM
131	339	Marlon Warren	Support	Until Portland can keep it's public spaces clean, safe and free of Drugs and Tents, we will continue to struggle to keep our Tax paying households that contribute to City Budgets and one day the city will not have enough funds for basic City Services!	Yes	04/22/24 7:04 PM







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132	339	Judi Kloper	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. My son is quadriplegic and it became impossible for him to go outside his apartment safely since the sidewalks around his accessible apartment complex near Emanuel Hospital were covered with tents, feces, wood, bikes, garbage, and junk. Finally he had to move out of Portland. As for me, there are so many parts of Portland I and my guests avoid now since the sidewalks are difficult to navigate due to tents, human poop (and yes, there is dog poop, too, but this is human poop), broken down bikes, and so much garbage. It's also embarrassing that this is what's become of Portland. And, what we've been putting up with due to the location of the Harbor of Hope Navigation Center nearby has also contributed to this, with camping around the center itself. (So much for Good Neighbor Agreements.) Commissioner Gonzalez is on the right path. Thank you.	No	04/22/24 7:04 PM
133	339	Benjamin Thad Fisco	Support	Allowing Camping on our streets was a bad idea to begin with and it's only gotten worse. People in need of services tend not to accept help until they have no alternative. Moving to a campaign ban will measurably improve the dangerous and unsanitary conditions Portland is experiencing.	No	04/22/24 7:06 PM
134	339	Benjamin Thad Fisco	Support	Allowing Camping on our streets was a bad idea to begin with and it's only gotten worse. People in need of services tend not to accept help until they have no alternative. Moving to a campaign ban will measurably improve the dangerous and unsanitary conditions Portland is experiencing.	Yes	04/22/24 7:06 PM
135	339	Will	Support	I support having to limit camping as tents are both ineffective & stalls efforts to reallocate services or plans to provide immediate assistance via shelters or reforms. The Shelters need to be built!	No	04/22/24 7:09 PM
136	339	Ethan Faust	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment!!  The ongoing camping has made myself, my friends and family, avoid being outside in Portland at night unless absolutely necessary. Not only is this frustrating for all individuals but I also have to assume it is a massive burden on all our local and small businesses that make Portland the amazing city it is.	No	04/22/24 7:12 PM
137	339	Anonymous	Support	I am support people with disabilities as a caregiver and job coach in Portland. Many of my clients live or work downtown and face constant harassment and threat to safety trying to access their community and go to work. People have no dignity on the streets. This is inhumane to allow people to sleep in filth, human waste and subject themselves to the same danger as my clients. Clean up the streets!	No	04/22/24 7:26 PM

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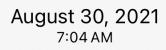


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	339	Mark Hellweg	Support with changes	Sixteen years ago, I moved to Southeast Portland and started my first business in 2010. Our community has since become unrecognizable. Rampant crime, open air drug use and a lack of accountability from our "leaders" have degraded public safety in the city I care a lot about.	No	04/22/24 7:32 PM
				I constantly hear from my employees that they don't feel safe walking to their cars. I no longer feel safe taking my kids around the city. My teenage daughter and her friends were violently attacked on the street on a mid-day trip to grab lunch; one of the young victims had to go to the hospital for treatment. This level of unrest is not normal.		
138				There's a better way to deal with those suffering from addiction, providing treatment while ensuring those suffering with mental illness don't threaten the safety of others. There are a hundred better ways to deal with violent criminals, starting with prosecution.		
				There is not one cause behind all of this, but we can start with removing one of the architects of this chaos—Mike Schmidt—from office and elect Nathan Vasquez as Multnomah County's District Attorney.		
				Nathan has the experience to restore public safety, support those in need of treatment and prioritize victims over criminals. We all deserve to feel safe in our city and I believe that as DA, Nathan Vasquez won't stop working until we do. This city is too amazing to do anything less than restore a sense of order, beauty and calm.		
139	339	kim mcleod	Oppose	When thousands of folks were camping at the cut, we were robbed multiple times. My husband had to go retrieve our items because copa wouldn't and that was a dangerous situation. The camp will filled with strung out zombies and neighbors goods surrounding every tent. The neighborhood has been 1000x encampment has been banned. Also, my 15 yo niece and nephew have to take city buses to school at Roosevelt and while there are still people doing drugs along the street and at bus stops, it's considerably less scary to navigate the streets since the camps have been dismantled.	No	04/22/24 7:33 PM
140	339	Carol Murphy	Support	The damage done by people at homeless encampments is significant: the fear their drug induced psychosis instills and the criminal activities it creates within Portland's neighborhoods and downtown areas alike has created unsuitable and dangerous environments for us all. Trees went up in flames very close to my home at a homeless encampment. Downtown Portland is unrecognizable: after I graduated high school I worked downtown, went to college downtown and then taught at the Metropolitan Learning Center; it was a second home to me. I go down there now and I am frightened, The sides streets smell of urine and I've seen human feces on the sidewalk. Once I thrived and worked and learned downtown now I dread going there. My neighborhood is equally a concern; I go elsewhere to shop because there are people getting high or arrested at my neighborhood stores. Going further to shop for groceries uses more gas and takes more time. I am very much in favor of bill 339.		04/22/24 7:38 PM
141	339	Javier Sodo	Support	I support the Gonzalez amendment 100%! It's past time to end the cruelty and inhumanity we are currently tolerating on our streets. It's not compassionate. We need sticks in addition to the carrots. Stop listening to the homeless nonprofits who want to continue the cruel free for all. They just want TAX MONEY for themselves so that is why they want to continue the enabling of street camping.	No	04/22/24 7:39 PM

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142	339	James Jones	Support		No	04/22/24 7:40 PM
143	339	Anonymous	Support	Thanks for representing the tax payers of Portland	No	04/22/24 7:44 PM
144	339	Russ Carlson	Support	Sometimes when you make a law or a legal ruling, you have to think about extreme "what-if" cases to help see the flaws in your logic. The ridiculous court rulings that prevent camping bans are no different.  Suppose 300 vagrants decide to descend on a small town like Manzanita and take over basically every bit of public park space they have. These judicial rulings say they can't do anything about it unless they can provide shelter for all 300 of these squatters. How is a small town supposed to do that??  That's an extreme example for demostration. But the situation in Portland is not all that different. We've had hundreds (maybe thousands) sent here on buses or arriving on their own so that they can partake in this lifestyle. And now our only choices are to allow them to do whatever they want or just give them free housing?  Absolutely not. Any rational person is going to support a ban to the fullest extent of the law. You can support a camping ban and also support providing services. They are not mutually exclusive things.		04/22/24 7:45 PM
145	339	Anonymous	Support	Public spaces are meant to be available for public use. Under no circumstances should anyone be allowed to just stake a claim to 200 square feet of public space and say "This is mine now and I live here". How asinine.	No	04/22/24 7:47 PM
146	339	Anonymous	Support	I am 100% in support of a camping ban. The stricter the better. The pendulum needs a very strong swing in the opposite direction, and very quickly. Clean up the city for the sake of the people who love it.	No	04/22/24 7:49 PM

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147	339	Merry M.	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment." I was born here. In the 'old' St Vincent's hospital in NW Portland in the early 1970's. I've seen a lot of changes in Portland. From the quirky; our Mayor exposing himself to art, to ugly, hatred, like skin heads and neo-nazis in the 1990s. I grew up going to the Galleria, getting Alberto's Ice Cream, had family celebrations at Farrell's, The Organ Grinder and Canton Grill to name a few. I lived my entire childhood in SW Portland. I've resided in NE in Laurelhurst the past 16+ years. The last 4-6 years have by far been the worst years I've experienced in this city because of unsanctioned camping. There was the horrific site on Oak street running through Laurelhurst park for many years. There was rampant open drug use, people defecating in neighbors yards, people in mental health crisis walking down Cesar Chavez naked in the middle of the day. Not to mention shooting, needles and just generally dangerous people loitering, shooting up, stealing. Another horrible camp we fought with for years was in a large lot off Ne Halsey right by the Target (RIP) due to the homeless in that camp and others near by. We've chased people off our property while stealing items from porches and driveways. We had a man scale our fence in our backyard while I was home alone. We've had a women under drug influence help herself to items on our porch and sit in our furniture while no one was homemy husband's life was threatened as he tried to stop a man (also in crisis) from throwing a large rock through our neighbors' car window. (Which he ultimately did) I've called cops on a half-naked man sitting in our neighbor's front yard (who has small children). ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Ban camping once and for all. Enabling DOES NOTHING. Time for some tough rules, bus tickets back home, arrests, jail and FORCED Rehab. For the minuscule population on the streets that are experiencing a tough time get them housing and affordable housing for those in need so they don't end up homeless. Pictures below of Hal	Yes	04/22/24 7:55 PM
148	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support the amendment to the city code that would restrict public camping. I support Commissioner Gonzales amendment of Impose a total ban on unsanctioned encampments in the City of Portland, similar to our next-door neighbors in the City of Gresham.  2. Allow for flexibility in enforcing the ban by allowing the Mayor to adjust camping restrictions to comply with relevant federal rulings and state laws.  This is NOT about making homelessness illegal - it's about making camping on our public property illegal. Camping is not a humane solution to the homelessness problem and creates a public hazard, increased crime.	No	04/22/24 7:59 PM

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149	339	Eileen O'Neill Odum	Support with changes	I support the Gonzales amendments. I have lived in Portland Heights for nearly 9 years. When we first purchased our home, I would regularly walk downtown in the evenings to attend various art events and walk home. Over the last 5 years I have felt unsafe doing so as a single woman. There are unhoused individuals in tents on all the major arterials and along Montgomery St. leading from PSU to the start of our hill on SW 14th Ave. We have had a naked man peering in our windows and neighbors next door and across the street have had individuals trying to break into their homes late at night while their families were asleep. I have run off an individual from climbing my neighbors fence while they were away and slammed on my brakes barely missing an apparently very high man who literally jumped in front of my moving car on W Burnside. Many times walked past people using Fentanyl, or people passed out from meth or whatever. I have seen men and women naked or effectively naked on our sidewalks, and screaming people during day and night. These circumstances should not be accepted as normal for our city, Every time we leave for a vacation, I worry daily whether our home will be the next one to be broken into and robbed.  Portland has a multitude of issues, unhoused camping, out of control/serious drug use/addiction, graffiti throughout our city, inadequately sized Portland police force, nearly complete lack of an adequately effective responses to our serious problems by Portland, Multnomah County and Tri-Met governmental bodies. Please let's focus efforts and know that they can be applied to curb our issues and then be reduced in the future as progress towards reestablishing an appropriate level of safety and livability is actual achieved.	No	04/22/24 8:06 PM
150	339	Anonymous	Support	We need to allocate all the funds that are going to cleaning up these homeless encampments week after week while they just return two weeks later is a waste of the taxpayers money. Let's take that money and build little homes. Allowing these homeless encampments to continue is just enabling these people and their problem. It is not compassion and it is disturbing that people that consider it such.	No	04/22/24 8:10 PM
151	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I'm tired of feeling like a prisoner in my own city. There are options, and they need to be enforced. I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/22/24 8:14 PM
152	339	James W Gifford	Support	Small businesses all over Portland need these changes. Gresham does it. Clackamas and Washington Counties have eliminated most camps and illegally parked RV's. The Citizens of Portland who work hard and play by the rules should be utmost in your thoughts. I believe in Portland. Unsanctioned camping, and illegally parked camping vehicles are unacceptable and definitely not a humane response.	No	04/22/24 8:23 PM
153	339	Josh Hoffman	Support	I totally support Comm. Rene Gonzales' amendment on 339. The camping (which brings drug use and petty theft, graffiti, etc) is killing Portland. Weird is not Working. Ban the camping! Increase number of police assigned to graffiti enforcement. Hold them all accountable. Arrest them Fine them. Make them clean up their and others destructive behavior. Go Rene!	No	04/22/24 8:23 PM
154	339	Nathan Roe	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment	No	04/22/24 8:24 PM
155	339	Anonymous	Support	Allowing public camping is inhumane, a health hazard, an environmenttal mess, and a complete disrespect to taxpaying contributors to society. We need our time, place, and manner specifications to limit the "place" to only large, sanctioned sites.	No	04/22/24 8:31 PM

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156	339	Gary Heilig	Support with changes	We have had our neighborhood ruined by unsanctioned camping and associated drug dealing and garbage. I had to wait in line to drive to my house while the two cars in front of me made their drug buys from an unsanctioned camper in a stripped derelict car. I've had far more than I should have to take from unsanctioned campers. A majority of my friends upon retiring have left Portland because it became such a hole largely because of unsanctioned camping. I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/22/24 8:32 PM
157	339	Marika Gomezikzy	Support	Dear Mayor and City Council: We need to: 1) Impose a blanket ban on encampment in the city of Portland, similar to Gresham's ban. The laws will be the same whether you are on 82nd, or 182nd. 2. Allow the Mayor to adjust restrictions to comply with state and federal law. PLEASE VOTE FOR THE GONZALEZ AMENDMENT. Thank you for your time and service.	No	04/22/24 8:44 PM
158	339	Jachin walters	Support	The homeless situation has become our city's greatest problem. We need to address it now and clean our city up for business's, families, and tourism to once again thrive.	No	04/22/24 8:46 PM
159	339	Anonymous	Support	Those of us who work hard to pay our taxes and follow the rules are tired of dealing with unsanctioned and lawless no-go zones all over the city. These people are a danger to themselves and to others. They need help, not excuses and handouts. Anyone who wants to work and get off the streets can. Stop the insanity.	No	04/22/24 8:51 PM
160	339	Melani Spencer	Support		No	04/22/24 8:59 PM
161	339	Anonymous	Support	Get the people off the streets. It's filthy and disgusting. It's scary to even go downtown. And a lot of these people aren't even from Oregon. They came here because of the no drug laws and the liberal attitude of our city. I don't go there anymore, and I have lived in the Portland area for over 60 years. How is this affecting our children?	No	04/22/24 9:04 PM
162	339	Sean O'Mara of Portland	Support	We need to quit cowering to the extremely vocal minority who show up at council meetings and scream and holler as if they represent all of us. They do not. We need to ban all camping city-wide. If we have to set up sanctioned places, acquire large lots with minimal services, and impose the ban.  I'm 100% in favor of providing services to those in need. But let's start SOMEWHERE instead of waiting for the perfect solution. Impose the banexcept in sanctioned places. Get those in need centralized so that we can provide effective and efficiant help to them.	No	04/22/24 9:08 PM

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	339	Anonymous	Support	I support the Gonzalez amendment. Public spaces of any kind sidewalks, parks, underpasses, off-ramp medians, riverbanks, wetlands, and other natural areas are not campgrounds, much less trash piles. They are commons. When we allow anyone or any small number of people to use the commons in ways that degrade their utility for the whole their accessibility, their beauty, their safety we risk compromising the very things that can make Portland a wonderful place to live, the things that draw people here and keep them here. The 2.5 million citizens in the greater Portland area living by the rules suffer silently on behalf of the 5 thousand who can't or won't live by the same rules. Business owners especially bear an unfair burden, and the status quo risks alienating the employment/economic engine that is the city's life force.  There's only so long mass camping on city property can go on before people leave;	No	04/22/24 9:12 PM
				I've already lost neighbors to this very consideration. I love Portland. It's my home. And I WANT to pay taxes for a city that takes care of basic common goods like the cleanliness and safety of common spaces, first and foremost. When I see basic functions of the city being neglected, I am disheartened, frustrated and discouraged. This is no way to run a city, and it is dragging Portland under.		
163				While we need to be compassionate for those experiencing homelessness and usually this means addiction and/or mental illness compassion INCLUDES providing the tools to move people off the streets (and parks, wetlands, etc), and that compassion need not come at the expense of business owners and the vast majority of everyday citizens trying to work in, move through, shop in, create in and otherwise enjoy Portland's common public spaces. "Homeless rights" advocate seem to frame the issue as a binary either compassion for the homeless or favoring camping bans but this is just wrong. We can compassionately support banning camping by providing city officials the necessary tools, including the legal penalties, to nudge people toward help and resources and better choices, while the city continues to try to create more shelter beds and affordable housing. The creation of sufficient housing and shelter beds are long, complex processes and worthy goals. But providing all in need with a room or bed at all times is an ideal we as a city may never reach (or be able to afford). In the here and now and the real, shared world, being able to create and/or enforce bans on camping on city lands and the trashing of public spaces is just fundamental common sense, a basic function of any city that seeks to promote the greatest good for the greatest number of people. I believe Rene Gonzalez' plan will go a long ways toward revitalizing Portland from its nearly decade-long swoon, especially if the Supreme Court strikes down the Boise ruling. We need to fix this problem. We need to ban camping on public property, period.		
164	339	Anonymous	Support	How can anyone with common sense think that we are supposed to provide shelter or housing to anyone who just shows up and attempts to commandeer public land as their own?  They are effectively committing extortion when they are capable of being productive members of society, but are intentionally making life so bad for everyone that taxpayers are supposed to cave in and give them free housing and other handouts. Add it to their list of crimes.	No	04/22/24 9:13 PM
165	339	Jack Starr	Support with changes	The City has for too long endured the blight of the encampments. It is not acceptable to continue without fundamental change immediately. I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/22/24 9:15 PM

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166	339	Heartbroken for Porland	Support	It's sad that in the years when my children would have been most amazed and impacted by the ability to visit a vibrant and dynamic city, we will only set foot in it when absolutely required. The kids like nothing about it, yet 5 years ago they loved it. We can't visit without some vagrants creeping us out on the train, being accosted for money, yelled at, seeing people passed out, someone running up and banging on our car windows, breaking bottles in front of our kids, uugh. The list is exhausting.  Quit listening to the apologists saying "it's like this in every city". It's not. It's just not. Not in cities away from the West Coast at least.	No	04/22/24 9:18 PM
167	339	Jeff Eccles	Support	The trash, the open air chop shops, the feces, the stealing, the drug fueled psychosis, the danger to the Portland residents who follow the rules vs the unhoused population who do whatever they want has got to be changed. Yes it's a humanitarian crisis but we need to take back our city and make it safe and livable again. Offer unhoused people rehab or put them in camps. They are ruining the west coast. They are not capable of making good decisions for themselves. Make it uncomfortable to be homeless and drug addicted. Wokesters need to wake up and realize that making it easy to be a human wreck is lowering the bar for our children. Put all homeless in rehab or rudimentary camps or arrest them. Get them off the street. By providing half baked services we are just delaying what needs to be done. They need forced rehab.	No	04/22/24 9:28 PM
168	339	Anonymous	Support	·	No	04/22/24 9:39 PM
169	339	Anonymous	Support	Agree with any actions which will allow for safe conditions in our city, reduce crime, and make our communities safe again.	No	04/22/24 9:40 PM
170	339	Perry McDougall	Support with changes	I support the Gonzalez amendment	No	04/22/24 9:42 PM
171	339	Anonymous	Support		No	04/22/24 9:49 PM
172	339	Anonymous	Oppose	Portland has gone down hill since covid and unfortunately the things people complain about are so simple. The increased graffiti, the potholes, the trash on the street and the petti theft. Unfortunately a large number of these are connected to Portland public camping. I fully support helping improve the houseless problem but having them living like they are in a 3rd world country on the sidewalk outside my door isn't the answer.	No	04/22/24 9:51 PM
173	339	Anonymous	Support	Encampments have been linked to numerous crimes in our neighborhood. I support the Gonzalez amendment.	No	04/22/24 9:55 PM

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174	339	Anonymous	Oppose	Criminalizing homelessness has never been the right answer. It overfills our jails with people that are stuck in the "fight, flight freeze" mentality, it causes safety concerns for everyone involved in every situations, it makes it that much harder for the person experiencing homelessness to get out of that situation by creating more of a record, and it creates a separation between housed and unhoused causing that feeling of isolation and loss of hope to deepen within the unhoused. We need to decide on multiple solutions that empower a far more compassionate approach and not tuck tail and run just because a few bad apples make things go astray every now and again. We need to start treating everyone as people instead of segregating people for illogical and uneducated opinions. The city is already circling the drain and is becoming more and more dangerous everyday. We need to stop believing that strong arming our neighbors into doing something that has been proven time and time again to fail us as a society entirely.	No	04/22/24 9:59 PM
175	339	NE Portland/Parkrose Resident - I volunteer a lot in the community	Support	I drove down 122nd tonight with my small children in the car. My 2 year old looked out the window at a camper (who was basically naked) on 122nd x Burnside/Glisan area. She said from the backseat, "did they go to the doctor mama? Did they get a shot?" I looked out the window and they were shooting up. In their legs, no pants on. We we stopped in traffic and I can't get my kids to stop looking at something right next to them. It was infuriating, mainly because I swore to myself I wouldn't drive them psst the area around the Blackburn center again. They have asked so many questions about all the people who look dead laying on the street or doing drugs in 122nd Ave x Burnside. It's horrific.  This is not camping! If we continue to enable people and not actually help them get off drugs, get off the streets, solve their mental health crisis then we are not good humans.  Portland officals needs to start giving out tough love. We need proper mental health facilities, drug rehabilitation centers, proper dry out centers, jail time. Help these people from their root causes.  Women & children are being trafficked left and right. Portland is a huge HUB. There are videos online from Women that say they are gang raped at night in these camps. They can't stop it. They want it to stop but no one is there to help them.  It's time Portland. Stop turning a blind eye to this massive crisis or mashing excuses. Make the changes needed to make Portland a better place. We want our city of Roses to shine and make this place the best we can for our next generations.  And please, please stop giving money to places like the Blackburn Center. It's absolutely disgusting that people's drug use its enabled so much here in our city that they will never be able to get off the streets. If you want an example of a rehabilitation center to fund it mimic, look at Sheppards Door on NE Halsey.  The cartel is in Portland and they are trying to keep these campers on drugs & on the streets. It's time to stand up and say no.	No	04/22/24 10:01 PM
176	339	Anonymous		Illegal drug addicted camps flourish all along I5 in Portland. The overflow with suffering and drug addiction and unsanitary conditions and property crimes. I support the amendment.	No	04/22/24 10:07 PM

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177	339	Anonymous	Support	I support the amendment to restrict camping in public locations. The destruction of public spaces has been extraordinarily detrimental to city and its inhabitants. The misguided enablement of allowing those with severe substance abuse and mental health crisis to spiral out of control in the public square needs to end.	No	04/22/24 10:14 PM
178	339	Anonymous	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/22/24 10:16 PM
179	339	Anonymous	Support	Done with houseless taking over!!	No	04/22/24 10:22 PM
180	339	Anonymous	Support	I support the Gonzalez amendment. What the city is currently doing is inhumane, ineffective, and neglectful of local government's duty to residents, particularly families and children.	No	04/22/24 10:47 PM
181	339	Thurman Bridge Neighbors Firewise Group	Support	I am the founder of a local National Fire Protection Agency certified neighborhood "Firewise" group in NW Portland called Thurman Bridge Neighbors Firewise Group. We work with Parks bureau and Fire bureau to mitigate the risks of wildfires in the Wildland Urban Interface. Unsanctioned camping is a threat to human life. In the past few years nearly every fire in Forest Park was traced back to unsanctioned camping activity. Oregon Dept of Forestry has told us in no uncertain terms that a massive fire in forest Park is a question of when not if. Such a fire would be devastating for our city and has the potential to be on par with the fire that was recently in Lahaina Maui and that claimed many lives. We cannot allow that to happen here, and we must do everything in our power to prevent it, including a complete and enforced ban on Unsanctioned camps.	No	04/22/24 10:52 PM
182	339	Kane Thomas	Support	Camping throughout the city is doing tremendous harm to our community and is not helping the people who are struggling. It's maddening to watch the resources and funds used to remove campsites and then watch the same people return to camp in the same location the very next day. I've watched this reoccur numerous times in multiple locations on the inner east side over the past four years. Camping for shelter should only be allowed in specific sanctioned locations with rules and regulations.		04/22/24 11:27 PM
183	339	Terence Boland	Support	The homeless crisis is beyond critical at this point. As a Portland native who lives in the west hills, and pays hefty income and property taxes, if things don't change, my family and I will join the multitudes fleeing across the river to Vancouver. All of the money is being squandered without any meaningful change or improvement for anyone including the in-housed. It is NOT compassionate to allow people wallow in filth on the street where they are slowing killing themselves. DO SOMETHIMG!	No	04/22/24 11:38 PM

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184	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I fully support Commissioner Gonzalez's proposals with his changes:  1. Imposes a blanket ban on encampment in the city of Portland, similar to Gresham's ban. The laws will be the same whether you are on 82nd, or 182nd.  2. Allows the Mayor to adjust restrictions to comply with state and federal law.  I am furious at many of you on council who ignored and claimed you could do nothing during our pandemic years. You exacerbated the problem many fold. Living in Laurelhurst Park along the massive unsanctioned homeless camp for years, hundreds of letters and pictures sent about the fiasco that you allowed to happen and no one was there to help anyone. Just as you ignored my family's pleas for help when we were repeatedly harrassed by the camp, you ignored the mental illness and drug addiction happening right in our public parks. You allowed the rampant crimes such an unsanctioned camp brought into our neighborhood. What did you really expect to happen when you leave such a massive camp of people who have no means to fend for themselves and barely the mental capacity to make basic common sense decisions?  You established no boundaries or rules and here we are today with our city! I've attached pictures just outside my home to show exactly what happened allowing unsanctioned camping. I keep these as a reminder that Portland is on probation regarding whether we stay or leave. A common sense ban is a must!	Yes	04/23/24 5:44 AM
185	339	Michael Rosa	Support with changes	I fully support Commissioner Gonzalez's proposals with his changes:  1. Imposes a blanket ban on encampment in the city of Portland, similar to Gresham's ban. The laws will be the same whether you are on 82nd, or 182nd.  2. Allows the Mayor to adjust restrictions to comply with state and federal law.  I am furious at many of you on council who ignored and claimed you could do nothing during our pandemic years. You exacerbated the problem many fold. Living in Laurelhurst Park along the massive unsanctioned homeless camp for years, hundreds of letters and pictures sent about the fiasco that you allowed to happen and no one was there to help anyone. Just as you ignored my family's pleas for help when we were repeatedly harrassed by the camp, you ignored the mental illness and drug addiction happening right in our public parks. You allowed the rampant crimes such an unsanctioned camp brought into our neighborhood. What did you really expect to happen when you leave such a massive camp of people who have no means to fend for themselves and barely the mental capacity to make basic common sense decisions?  You established no boundaries or rules and here we are today with our city! I've attached pictures just outside my home to show exactly what happened allowing unsanctioned camping. I keep these as a reminder that Portland is on probation regarding whether we stay or leave. A common sense ban is a must!	Yes	04/23/24 5:46 AM
186	339	Shania Greene	Support	My kids can't walk 1/2 block to their friend's house due to being threatened by homeless campers. I either have to accompany them or they have to take an alternate route to avoid them. Why do the campers have more rights than my kids? The city does nothing with my reports. Do I have to move out of Portland to raise my children in a safe environment? Please vote YES on the Gonzalez Amendment.	No	04/23/24 5:51 AM

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187	339	Paradigm Senior Living	Support	Please please get a grip on this. It is destroying our city. The tax base is leaving. I know people and businesses That are selling out and leaving because that have had enough of ineffective leadership funded by ever increasing taxes. Ask any realtor. People are red lining multnomah county. Enough is enough. Portland deserved better	No	04/23/24 5:57 AM
188	339	Anonymous	Support		No	04/23/24 6:01 AM
189	339	Aaron Douglas	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. My experience with public camping has been fires and smoke from campers near People's Co-Op. People's Co-Op does not open early enough to do anything about overnight fires burning within 10 feet of their store on SE Tibbetts and SE 21st. Campers have blocked the sidewalk and forced me to walk in the street in dangerous high-traffic areas. Campers have defecated around our neighborhood in public areas. Campers have literally started tents on fire, resulting in my having to call 9-1-1. Campers have openly smoked fentanyl. I do not carry overdose revival drugs. Anyone smoking fentanyl in front of me who becomes unresponsive may die. It is not that I do not have empathy for campers who are addicts, but I am not medically trained or qualified to offer assistance. Housing first does not work for everyone. Housing first does not work for people who are addicts who cannot manage two pieces of paper much less finances and home cleaning and home meal preparation. Everyone needs to be signed up for the Oregon Health Plan according to Rob Justus, retired founder of JOIN and Home First. Those individuals then qualify for Medicaid and \$300 per day in treatment funds. We need to do a nationwide search for qualified medical people to help with new treatment facilities. We need to end public camping and stop the deterioration of our downtown. We frighten tourists, leading to billions in lost travel revenue. We are driving away businesses, leading to billions in lost tax revenue. What does it take for the City of Portland to get a clue?	No	04/23/24 6:19 AM
190	339	Hunter-Davisson, Inc.	Support	As a business located in close-in SE Portland that has experienced firsthand the disruption to the neighborhood, crime that comes with it, and safety concerns for my fellow employees, I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment Impose a total ban on unsanctioned encampments in the City of Portland.	No	04/23/24 6:28 AM
191	339	Anonymous	Support	First, you should make more clear what "Oppose" and "Support" mean. Half of the "Oppose" comments I have read clearly Support the camping ban. I think maybe they are "Opposed" to the camping based on the comments.  Any reduction in camping will help. People will be more inconvenienced, and hopefully actually become accepting of helpbe it sanctioned camping sites, rehab, counseling, reconnecting with family, or possibly moving back where they came from.  Most new stories I read that interview homeless people are about "so and so who recently moved here from XYZ with no job and no place to live". Come onwake up. We can't be expected to just hand out housing to anyone who arrives saying they don't have it.	No	04/23/24 6:44 AM

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	339	Daniel Molovinsky	Support	I get so tired of the homeless interviewed on TV wondering why we're not providing them an apartment, etc. To be honest, it feels a lot like extortion - "I'm going to trash your neighborhood and make it unsafe unless you give me free housing".	No	04/23/24 6:49 AM
192				I'll never support anything more than mass camp sites where people can make a lateral move to what they have today. In reality, we can make it better than just living on the street, because we can provide security patrols, heating/communal pavilions, shower access and trash services. But it starts with mass sites and camping bans. NOW.		
193	339	Matthew and Greg in NW District	Support	Where has common sense gone? People arrive from all over the country to live the no-rules lawless lifestyle here, all to the detriment of our communities, families, businesses and tourism. The ban really should be state-wide, and it needs to be fast.	No	04/23/24 7:00 AM
194	339	Kris Bennett	Support	While I empathize with homeless campers, where I live, the campers that I see are not just homeless, but also drug addicts. It is unnerving and scary to see them shooting up or lighting up foil packets as I walk by them with my dog. Sometimes a single camper will pace back and forth and yell at an unseen adversary. It is not uncommon to see human feces on the sidewalks as well as needles and never ending piles of trash, including blankets, tents and tarps. These are not things that anyone living in the middle of a city, should have to deal with. These campers have rights, but their rights should not take precedent over the rights of law abiding residents and businesses. Please consider reinstituting this ban. Most Portlanders have been waiting to see some forward progress addressing this problem. This should be part of the program going forward. Budgeting for enforcement of this ban should also be considered going forward.	No	04/23/24 7:03 AM
195	339	Jonathan Moscatello	Support	Due to the allowance of camping on public spaces, my quality of life has been negatively impacted, neighbors and business associates move away from Portland, my business has experienced a significant amount of property theft- in excess of \$50,000. This is all unacceptable and immediate change is needed. I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/23/24 7:07 AM
196	339	Shannon	Support	Yes to an all-out camping ban. Yes for actual enforcement of the ban.	No	04/23/24 7:09 AM
197	339	Sarah Moscatello	Support	Camping in public spaces must end. My quality of life and my business has been negatively impacted. My business has experienced a significant amount of property theft- in excess of \$50,000. Business associates and friends have moved away from Portland. This is all unacceptable and immediate change is needed. I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment	No	04/23/24 7:11 AM
198	339	Patricia L.	Support	My area of the city is by no means one of the worst trouble areas. But I will not go out alone, day or night, because I have to pass these tent encampments. To those people who insist that they are no all bad people, I get itand they are not. But the biggest majority are very disturbed from drug use or mental issues.  I am not really even safe to walk around alone in my relatively safe neighborhood.	No	04/23/24 7:14 AM
				Please help! This has gone on too long and is not fair to the average person.		

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199	339	Leeza Marie	Support	I have lived in the Portland area my whole life, over 60 years. Kids raised here, grandkids visit here.  After visiting them in Michigan recently, I'm now appalled at the state of my city. The trash, graffiti, drugs and homless are literally appalling.  It is hard to believe that at this point in my life, I can't imagine leaving here but also	No	04/23/24 7:22 AM
				can't imagine staying here.		
200	339	ABI Insurance	Support		No	04/23/24 7:29 AM
201	339	Steven Wilson	Support	I support the Gonzalez Amendment. The area of SE 89th between Division and Powell is constantly dealing with campers, camping and litter. It has to stop. Enough is enough. The mayor needs to do his job and protect this beautiful city.	No	04/23/24 7:30 AM
202	339	Anonymous	Support	Almost everyone in my family has moved away in the last 4-5 years. First it was the COVID lockdowns and school closures, and then the destruction and trash caused by the homeless.	No	04/23/24 7:31 AM
203	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment to this bill.  My family and I live in the Lents neighborhood and have rarely had a chance to live with some semblance of peace-of-mind since we first moved here over 15 years ago. It's unconscionable how this city has allowed the deterioration of one of the last affordable neighborhoods by choosing the interests of one group of the population, mainly people who are addicted to drugs and as a result cannot function as a participant in the community, over working-class people, who are often trying to hold down more than two jobs to try to keep food on the table. We cannot allow our children to use to few amenities like the Multi-Use path to walk to school because it's packed with unsanctioned camps. I challenge any city leader to walk down this path themselves with their children and grandchildren at 8 o'clock at night. If they did, they'd realise what an absolute failure this city has been to the people - usually the poorest people in the city, that live alongside it.		04/23/24 7:38 AM
204	339	Stacy Renfro	Support	The experiment of free camping in our streets and forested areas has failed. Enabling bad behavior does not lead those who are addicted and disenfranchised to seek help, rather it emboldens bad behavior. This approach has broken Portland. I support the end of encampments and all the trash and all the waste. I support appropriate altenatives rhat serve people who need help. I support ending the free for all for those who CHOOSE NOT to participate in a functional society.	No	04/23/24 7:39 AM
205	339	o.b.o. Jason	Support	The homeless population has done irreparable harm to our city. Stolen and trashed vehicles everywhere. Trash, graffiti everywhere. Every bus stop a mess. The MAX train system completely unsafe. I understand big donors like Phil Knight not wanting to step up big time to help clean up the mess, because it's just going to get the same way again.  Restore law and order, starting with a camping ban. Ticket all violators, every time. Ticket people using or possesing drugs when that law takes effect. Every time. Ticket people cruising around with stolen shopping carts, every time. Ticket people dumping trash, every time.  The city is not doing its job when these crimes are not ticketed every time.	No	04/23/24 7:49 AM

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206	339	Anonymous	Support	Portland has become unsafe and unsanitary, the drug addicts living on the streets and parks and doing drugs openly instead of living ANY productive life are not the same as the "unhoused". We simply can not support all of those who have given up indefinitely. I support Commissioner Gonzalez's proposal.	No	04/23/24 7:54 AM
207	339	Lauren Emerson - Trying Not to Give Up	Support	I am writing in support of the strictest "camping" (street living) ban that we can impose. Not everyone has given up on our city's future, and our council needs to know that and act like they have not given up either. Act big and act now!	No	04/23/24 8:02 AM
208	339	Lynn Marie Coleman Joyce	Support	Like many other tax payers I can't be in person because I have a job that pays a lot of taxes. Just had three more families that I am friends with leave this week- one to Sherwood, one to Vancouver and one to Beaverton. We cannot have this in sanctioned camping. Families and tax players will continue to flee. And these are not loud activists or MAGAs just regular tax paying people who have had a gutful living in trash. Stop the status quo. It's serving NO ONE! Those folks who can leave will and are.	No	04/23/24 8:04 AM
209	339	Andrew Galler	Support	In the past few years proponents of allowing public camping stated they had solutions and a plan to help our houseless population. It was put to a vote and substantial funds were provided to have their plan pursued. Years have now gone by, their plan has been implemented and huge amount of money have been taxed and collected. If we look at the results it has been an abject failure. They have been given the opportunity and the funds have been provided. Public spaces should be for the public. Not a select few. Living next to a HIGHWAY is unsafe for our houseless population. Living in the woods, or in public spaces or a park - all bad ideas. How can anybody after the past few years think this is ok? Spend the money you asked for to shelter these people. I oppose allowing public camping.	No	04/23/24 8:06 AM
210	339	Kelly Tilden	Support with changes	As an employee who works downtown and as a mother of two, I cannot describe the full impact of the drugs and camping. My son visited me at my office to go buy a shirt for a school dance on a Sunday afternoon and we walked out of my office and in front of a young drug dealer on a scooter shooting a homeless person in the leg. Earlier this year, I was volunteering at my younger son's school in SE Portland and I was greeting kids at the door and a young woman came in scared, shaking and crying uncontrollably because a homeless man had attacked her trying to steal her school backpack. I have run along the waterfront at lunch for 23 years but not since my coworker was violently shoved to the ground when she was walking at the waterfront at lunch by a homeless man who had been camping there. My youngest son's close friend has lost his mom to the streets and fentanyl. She breaks in to the grandmothers house to steal what she can but otherwise he has not seen her. She loved her son. It is beyond cruel. Unsanctioned camping is inhumane for those who are living in the tents and have created violent risk for too many who are trying to stay in Portland. My husband and I have had countless conversations about moving and leaving the home we remodeled ourselves and have raised our two sons in. He is a public defender who has served our community for close to 30 years. We understand the complexities. Leadership needs to understand the advantages that this unsanctioned camping provides to the drug cartels and how this crisis will be worse and more lives will be lost if we do not impose significant changes.	No	04/23/24 8:07 AM
211	339	Don Sowieja	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment	No	04/23/24 8:09 AM

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212	339	Kris Neeland	Support	I support the Gonzalez Amendment. I hope that the high courts will overturn this ridiculous situation our municipalities mave been put in. Are we really supposed to either house everyone or just deal with any and all of their actions? Give me a break. Quit listening to the vocal social justice warriors and listen to your citizens. Read these comments - all of them. Feel compassion for others who also deserve it for once.	No	04/23/24 8:26 AM
213	339	Carl Nurmi	Support	I totally agree with Commisioner Gonzalez. We need to take back our streets for the benefit of the citizens and the homeless.	No	04/23/24 8:27 AM
214	339	Anonymous	Support	Does the City Council really have to put up with the loud-mouthed and disrespectful people showing up for every agenda item regarding homeless? They yell and scream as loud as they can to keep the status quo, and don't even listen to the fact that we're tryingto get people into safer places.  Are we tring to give everyone a free house or apartment? Geezus, no. You don't need to do that in order to hel people. Just get them off the streets and into areas where they can be protected and fed and helped.	No	04/23/24 8:38 AM
215	339	Blind Employment Services of Tomorrow	Support	Our organization, Blind Employment Services of Tomorrow, support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.  Portland must confront these encampments head-on, with the goal of ending all unsanctioned camps and supporting humane alternatives to the unmitigated and detrimental behaviors crippling our neighborhoods and the most vulnerable.  All persons, inclusive of disabled individuals, should feel safe in Portland. Many disabled persons have unique modes of travel, such as cane travel, wheelchair travel, etc., and accordingly they require unobstructed walkways for their travel needs.  It's time to stop being soft on the destructive and inhumane camping occurring in Portland, and start expeditiously moving in the right direction in the best interest of all persons in Portland.  Thank you.	No	04/23/24 8:43 AM
216	339	Anonymous	Support	The first step should not be a multi-year plan. Aquire large lots. Allow "camping" there and only there. Any other camping and/or refusal to use the sites should route through the criminal justice system.  That is just step 1. We can do better by many of these people, but many just choose to live the lawless lifestyle. We need city council to act on the behalf of the communities who have suffered endlessly at the hands of these encampments, etc.	No	04/23/24 8:50 AM
217	339	Reuben Schug	Support	I support the Gonzalez Amendment. Our city has lost it's luster. Friends all over the country "feel bad" for me for living here. It's time to put an end to the lawlessness. Yes, we need to do so in humane ways. We need laws that give our police and social services the power to affect change.	No	04/23/24 8:52 AM

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218	339	Anonymous	Support	As a Portland homeowner, mother and social worker, please adopt a more strict camping ban. The status quo is not compassionate, it's permissive and enables people to continue addiction, not treat mental illness all while alienating law abiding taxpayers, the folks who are essential to a thriving community and who are leaving in droves. Taxpayer paid common spaces like parks, bus stops, sidewalks, trails are overtaken by homeless, many of whom are often strung out on drugs or in the midst of a psychotic episode. My 6 year-old daughter asked me while passing the Flavel Max Station and seeing sprawling trash/debris stemming from tent encampments, people in zombie-like states, derelict and burned out RVs, "Why is the Earth so sick, mom?" I have no words and I "help" these people (who often refuse help) for a living. The children are watching and we are failing them. If Portland is not a place for families, then who is it for? We are handing over the city to very, very ill people at the expense of law abiding, taxpayers AND children. On a daily basis, I see PPS middle/high school students wade their way through encampments to get home from the MAX. It is apparent that previous declaration in 2022 to make routes to school free of encampments was never actually enforced in Lents. Once again, we are prioritizing the "needs" of adults who are very ill over children.  It is clear that Portland politicians have no real understanding of the basic facets of addiction and SPMI. At this point, Portland has no business making consequential policies regarding homelessness or behavioral health. We are failing over and over. As a city, we need a total reimagining of our values, culture and what makes a thriving city. This policy amendment is a very small step toward stability, so that one day, we can hope to thrive again.		04/23/24 8:52 AM
219	339	Brett Hawkins	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. I own a business in NE Portland and the homeless encampments have negatively impacted our business. We no longer feel safe even walking down the street of where our business is. Crime has increased. We have fuel stolen from our delivery vehicles weekly. We have had an employee's car stolen in broad daylight from our parking lot. Our front windows have been broken. These homeless encampments bring crime and unrest to neighborhoods, and they must be cleaned up.	No	04/23/24 8:52 AM
220	339	Finn Fornari	Support	Anything short of an all-out camping ban and fines/jail for violators is a kick in the teeth to tax-paying, law-abiding citizens.	No	04/23/24 8:54 AM
221	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	Our public spaces need to be available for their intended uses, not for individuals to use for camping. It is not healthy and safe for the individuals living this way, and the whole Portland community suffers significantly as well. A thriving Portland can better afford to provide services for people threatened with homelessness, and Portland cannot thrive with people living all over the streets and green spaces. I support the Gonzalez amendment.		04/23/24 8:56 AM

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	339	John	Support	Hello, As a concerned resident and parent in Portland, Oregon, I am compelled to express my full support for Commissioner Rene Gonzalez's proposed amendment to the city code aimed at addressing the issue of dangerous homeless encampments. My advocacy for this measure stems from a personal experience that shook me and exposed the urgent need for decisive action.	No	04/23/24 8:57 AM
222				Just weeks ago, I found myself face to face with the reality of the homelessness crisis plaguing our city when a man, who had come from the nearby Laurelhurst Park encampment, attempted to break into my home while my children lay asleep. The police, with somewhat of a prompt response, were frustratingly powerless to provide a lasting solution. Their hands were tied by a system ill-equipped to deal with the complexities of the situation, leaving me feeling helpless and frustrated.		
				As a Portland native and 5th generation Oregonian, I refuse to accept complacency or resignation as the status quo. This proposed amendment offers some hope, mirroring the proactive measures successfully implemented in neighboring Gresham and other cities. By aligning Portland's city code with these effective strategies, we can confront these complex challenges with encampments head-on, safeguarding the well-being of our communities and restoring a sense of security to our streets for both the homeless as well as the residents.		
				Thank you for listening! John NE Portland Oregon		
223	339	mort bishop	Support	Working in downtown Portland every day, I see the terrible tragedy of our once "most livable" city. NOW is our time to bring Portland back. I support the Gonzales amendment.	No	04/23/24 8:58 AM
224	339	Jerome M Driscoll	Support with changes	Full support of Gozalez's amendment! Portland unsanctioned encampments must be removed.	No	04/23/24 9:16 AM
	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	All, What we are doing now is not working. We are not helping all the houseless that we need to be helping while working to support all Portland citizens.	No	04/23/24 9:20 AM
225				Please Impose a total ban on unsanctioned encampments in the City of Portland, similar to our next-door neighbors in the City of Gresham.  Please allow for flexibility in enforcing the ban by allowing the Mayor to adjust camping restrictions to comply with relevant federal rulings and state laws.		
226	339	Mohsen Manesh		I fully support the Gonzalez amendment. The misguided, lassez-faire policy this city has embraced regarding homelessness, lawlessness, and blight is neither humane nor sustainable. It has elevated the private interests of a minority, homeless population over the public interests and in the interests of a majority of taxpaying residents of this city. This city must change course.	No	04/23/24 9:20 AM
227	339	Anonymous	Support	Clear the streets. It's dangerous nowmore than ever.	No	04/23/24 9:26 AM
228	339	Jeff Davisson	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. My co-workers cannot even safely walk between the two building we work in here in SE Portland due to campers blocking the sidewalk as shown in these two photos taken today.	Yes	04/23/24 9:35 AM

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	339	Joe Hovey	Support with changes	First off, I agree with the Mayor and Council, we need to set up parameters as to where people can and can't "camp" or set up "shoppe"! While I agree that being homeless is NOT a crime in & of itself, it's obvious that we need to set up guidelines for the homeless as to what we will accept as a City in terms of camping & behaviour, we need to establish "rules" as to where when & how.	No	04/23/24 9:38 AM
				Second, we also need to insure that camps CAN NOT set up near schools, day cares, & parks with children's playground area. In our hood, the homeless tend to gather in Powell Park in the early morning hours, and one often finds drug paraphernalia in and around the kids play area.		
				Third, I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendments with re: to Portland Homelessness! I especially agree with the Commissioner about putting the policy in the hands of one responsible and accountable party - the Elected Mayor and the appointed City Administrator.		
				Under our new form of government, it will be quite difficult to formulate a cohesive policy that can adapt and evolve as needed if left up to the new Council. There will be 12 Commissioners, each with their own agenda, so I can't quite see how we can come up with an effective policy!!! Nor could we adapt it quickly should we need to.		
229				Also, my neighbors and I support the fact that the homeless need to be held accountable for their actions. In reading recent reports in the various media outlets about camp removals, there is always a few people who do NOT want to go to a shelter; they like being outside. And there a quite a few interviewed who claim the shelters don't meet their needs - they dislike the rules that come with them, especially curfew. Good luck in solving the homeless issue if there are no consequences for their decisions.		
				As a tax paying citizen of Portland who continues to see their utility rates increase as well as their property taxes keep going up, imagine if we just all decide we don't want to pay our taxes nor any of our bills. Or we don't want to repair the sidewalks outside our homes when the City "marks" them. You can bet that we would be held accountable by the City / County if we neglect to address these things. In general, we have to agree that Society functions when there is accountability of its citizens.		
				But for some reason, we give the homeless "carte blanche". And if we disagree with this, we are told we are "criminalizing homelessness". I call BS on this type of thinking NO, I am not looking to criminalize the fact that someone is homeless. But I do believe we need to "criminalize" their actions in many cases. We all need to be respectful of each other and I often find that many of the homeless in our hood are anything but that. Just the amount of trash they leave is beyond tolerable after a point.		
				Thank you for your time and listening!		

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230	339	Christopher Braun	Support with changes	I am in total support of placing definite bans on City Camping. While being homeless is not a crime, we do need to set some guidelines as to where they can camp, when they can camp and what types of behaviour will NOT be tolerated by the City. Way too often, the homeless don't want to abide by any type of rules or codes of behaviour. Many feel that it is their right to do and act as they please. Just imagine if we ALL felt that way! Fortunately, we do have codes that define how a society should function; and we should all be held accountable to them. If we are ever to solve this homeless issue we need to begin with holding them accountable and provide guidelines for them. This all in addition to securing various types of shelters for them.  But I also agree with Commissioner Gonzalez's amendments. He makes some strong points in why these make sense and we should not simply brush them off!!  Thank you for your time.	No	04/23/24 9:44 AM
231	339	Matt Mahaffy	Support	My wife and I have rules and expectations for our kids. When they break those rules, there are consequences. We've found that when we set high expectations, their performance rises to the level of those expectations.  We don't set rules and high expectations to be mean parents. We do it because we love them.  Why should we not treat ALL people in our City the same way?  I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment	No	04/23/24 9:46 AM
232	339	Jessica Baccellieri		I want to feel safe in my city again. I support the Gonzalez amendment.	No	04/23/24 9:52 AM
233	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I have moved to Portland a few years ago after being hired at Adidas. My constant anxiety and fears that my home and vehicle will get broken or feel threatened were nonexistent until I have been dealing with trespassers trying to break into my home, look inside my home, and I've had to deal with harassment from the homelessness whenever I am walking alone in a parking lot and had an incident where I was thrown a glass bottle at my car while I had children inside. This absurdity is beyond all measure and has to be stopped. As a young woman in her early 30's, I have never dealt with such dangers. I have filed two police reports within a year of an attempted break-in. One was a homeless person yelling for help, following my neighbors into their home, and the most disturbing was when a child was used (I overheard them over my fence) that they will use the child to approach my door and the moment I open the adults will come from behind. There is evidence that these encampments are centers for trafficking, rape, drug use, and where thieves live. Please make this stop and take care of the children, pets, and incarcerate the people that have brought terror to my neighborhood.	No	04/23/24 9:54 AM
234	339	Anonymous	Support	Please ban all public camping. Campers should be made to camp in designated (secured) areas or in temporary shelter/housing only. No public camping as it greatly diminishes the safety and livability of the community.	No	04/23/24 9:56 AM

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235	339	Lance Killian	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment to Mayor Wheeler's proposal - Agenda Item #339. Until we deem unsanctioned camping unacceptable we won't have the urgency and accountability to actually address the issue (for the unhoused and the community at large) and its underlying causes. Please approve this proposal with Commissioner Gonzalez's amendments.	No	04/23/24 9:57 AM
236	339	Donovan Pacholl	Support	Make people have a reason to stay in Portland. Don't push long term, tax-paying, business creating, families out of the city they call home. Most of our friends are moving to Washington soon because we no longer feel safe in Portland and people are sleeping everywhere affecting the livability of the city.  I support the Gonzalez Amendment	No	04/23/24 10:09 AM
237	339	Jack Callahan	Support	I am writing in support of the Gonzalez amendment which I understand aims to impose a total ban on unsanctioned encampments in the City of Portland. I bicycle all over Portland and in recent years the bike paths have been blocked, littered, and occupied by people with abusive, destructive, and uncivil behavior. Portland had aspiration to be a biking paradise yet the City has allowed, even abetted, a small group of people to turn it into an urban hellscape. It is absolutely the responsibility of our elected officials to stop this descent into chaos and put an end to destructive and uncivil camping, littering, destruction, and generally abusive behaviors.	No	04/23/24 10:13 AM

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	339	Richard Shellhorn	Support	As a devoted resident deeply concerned about the well-being of our city, I am compelled to express my unequivocal support for Commissioner Gonzalez's proposed amendments aimed at addressing the scourge of unsanctioned camping in our community.	No	04/23/24 10:24 AM
				The proliferation of homeless camps has reached a critical juncture, threatening not only our livability and economic prosperity but also our fundamental sense of safety and security. These encampments, once a symbol of compassion and aid, have transformed into breeding grounds for chaos, filth, and danger.		
				I speak from firsthand experience when I say that the current state of affairs is untenable. The once-compassionate act of providing temporary shelter to the homeless has spiraled into a crisis of epic proportions. The individuals inhabiting these camps, far from being victims deserving of sympathy, have become agents of disorder and menace. They defile our neighborhoods with their refuse, deface our buildings with graffiti, and terrorize our streets with their aggression and violence.		
238				It is abundantly clear that the status quo is no longer acceptable. We cannot continue to turn a blind eye to the suffering inflicted upon our communities by these unsanctioned camps. Commissioner Gonzalez's proposal for a total ban on such encampments is not only justified but imperative. We must follow the lead of neighboring municipalities like Gresham, who have recognized the urgency of taking decisive action to reclaim their streets from the grip of lawlessness.		
				Furthermore, I wholeheartedly endorse the call for flexibility in enforcing the ban, allowing Mayor Wheeler to adjust camping restrictions as necessary to uphold the rule of law. However, enforcement alone is not enough. We must also address the root causes of homelessness and addiction that contribute to the proliferation of these camps.		
				As such, I propose the implementation of a comprehensive and mandatory rehab program for individuals found residing in unsanctioned camps. This program would provide these individuals with the support and resources necessary to overcome their addictions and rebuild their lives. It is time to recognize that compassion without accountability only serves to perpetuate the cycle of addiction and homelessness.		
				In addition to addressing the issue of unsanctioned camping, we must also confront the crisis of mental illness that plagues our streets. I advocate for the establishment of asylums to provide care and support for the mentally ill, removing them from the public domain where they pose a risk to themselves and others.		
				In conclusion, I urge my fellow Portlanders to join me in supporting Commissioner Gonzalez's amendments to combat unsanctioned camping. Let us reclaim our streets, our neighborhoods, and our city from the grip of lawlessness and degradation.		
239	339	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support the public camping ban and agree with allowing the Mayor to make changes to the restrictions as needed. This is a health and environmental disaster that harms not only those experiencing homelessness, but also the citizens of the city who have seen Portland change drastically over the past few years.	No	04/23/24 10:24 AM

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240	339	N/A	Support	I support changes to the city code that will eliminate unregulated, unsafe and unhealthy homeless encampments. For society to function, we need civil codes of conduct. Allowing one small faction of people to adversely affect the safety and quality of life of the vast majority of citizens is unacceptable. The vast majority want the homeless to be provided with the support they need to become housed and treated for mental and drug addicition but NOT on a voluntary basis. If the public is to fund these services, then the public should be able to set the conditions for that support, including DESIGNATED sites for temporary housing that includes santation services and garbage collection and removal. I am a native Oregonian and worked downtown for decades and always felt safe and secure and boastful of my state known for its beauty, quality of life and environmental protections. In a staggering short period of time, all of that has been destroyed by the abundance of unregulated camping. I used to oversee a large public park system and we had strict regulations on usage to maintain a clean, safe and enjoyable experience for all the users. We did not allow open drug use, public drunkeness, urination or defacation outside restroom facilites, garbage and hypodermic needles, etc. Yet we allow such behavior on any public piece of property in the Portland region, often bordering private property having a severe adverse impact on those unfortunate citizens. My final point is we are using local resources to deal with a nationwide problem. I am willinmg to help fund my feloow Oregonians that have fallen on hard times as long as there is a level of compliance and committment from those to turn their life around. However, I am not in favor of funding solutions that ATTRACT the drug addicted and homeless from other states to be cared for with local resources. The data shows that we have far more homeless per capita that most other states and I would argue that our abundance of public funding and the proliferation of non-profits s	No	04/23/24 10:26 AM
241	339	Anonymous	Support	I'm a new Portland resident who has spent significant time in the past 1.5 months in downtown and SE. I'd like to see Portland leaders continue to push for stricter regulation and enforcement of homeless encampments. Most are there by choice and lack of desire and motivation to get clean. If they want to live on the street that's fine, but only in allowed areas where tax-paying citizens don't have to deal with the everyday nuisances: begging, aggression, intoxicated tirades all the fallout of untreated (by choice) drug addiction.  Tax-paying and voting citizens shouldn't have to deal with the consequences of other's poor life choices.	No	04/23/24 10:26 AM
242	339	Amy Valentine	Support	The idea that street camping crisis is caused by the lack of affordable housing is disingenuous and incorrect. The crisis is caused by drug addiction and the lack of mental health and recovery services. And the unwillingness of the addicted to enter into treatment. We should not enable addicted individuals to do whatever they want with impunity.	Yes	04/23/24 10:28 AM



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243	339	Michael Kaplan	Support	As a retired mental health/alcohol drug counselor/case manager, I strongly endorse proposal to ban public camping. I also urge the County to work with City to expand a continuum of hosing options asap such that no serious claim may arise of insufficient shelter e.g additional housing options must be implemented prior to next winter.	No	04/23/24 10:28 AM
244	339	Claudia Bray	Support	Our family strongly supports this. Unsanctioned campaign is ruining our city, destroying small business, and affecting public safety. We no longer feel safe walking in our neighborhood. It is time to end this. Please pass this measure.	No	04/23/24 10:37 AM
245	339	Anonymous	Support	Policy makers should be embarrassed with how this city looks. We need someone to use their brain, keep us safe and control the city. I'm absolutely exhausted with the amount of work that goes into moving these camps out of our neighborhoods. They have no business around families, hardworking individuals, etc. While I sympathize with people who have fallen on hard times, in most cases there are individuals that would rather live like this. Please do the right thing, keep us safe and stand for something.	No	04/23/24 11:17 AM
246	339	David V. Harmsen. Pacific Coast Accounting	Support	My tax and accounting office is on Interstate Ave. It is essential to economic health of the state and city, that we assist in getting tax returns filed and taxes paid. Needless to say, many of my affluent clients who pay the majority of these taxes are leaving the community. Not only due to the economic burden being placed squarely on their shoulders, but also the encounters with the very people who living in these encampments. Having encampment close to my office has caused me to physically endanger myself by having to protect my clients and my staff from these encamped people. There is no time to wait for the police when one of these campers aggressively approach them. I must put myself in harm's way to guard against these people. There is clearly a large amount of these people who are clearly on drugs, who refuse help, and would rather accost my staff and clients and steal what they can, than stop using and join society. We all have a responsibility to take care of ourselves and try to be part if we want the benefits of living in a community with other likeminded folk. If not, then they must leave or deal with the consequents of their choices. If you an addict and you can't help yourself, then you must leave or have help forced on you, for your own good as well as the good of others.		04/23/24 11:18 AM
247	339	Josie Kressner	Support	I support this ordinance. Time, place, and manner restrictions of public camping are allowed under state law, provided that they are objectively reasonable.	No	04/23/24 11:45 AM
248	339	David	Support	Banning unsanctioned camping in Portland is necessary to maintain public safety and preserve the integrity of public spaces. Taxpayers want the ability to enjoy our city and are unable to in the current climate. I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/23/24 11:57 AM
249	339	Anonymous	Support	The camping situation is out of control. I am a liberal but I understand that compassion goes hand in hand with accountability. Homelessness does not allow people to use drugs openly in front of kids, throw their garbage and their waste into the streets, damage, small businesses, etc. Etc. This city has gotten beyond dysfunctional and somebody needs to take responsibility. The current situation is helping no one including the homeless.	No	04/23/24 12:04 PM
250	339	Candee Wilson	Support	Something needs to be done about the overburdensome bureaucracy in Portland. Although I would not normally like decisions to be in the power of one person, in this case it makes sense because homelessness is fluid and the city needs to be able to make decisions about it on the fly. That can't be done when 12 different people need to weigh in. I fully support this amendment to City Code.	No	04/23/24 12:06 PM

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251	339	Anonymous	Support	Like so many others, I am 100% in support of a complete ban on unsanctioned camping. If we are required by courts to provide alternatives, then a large lot where tents can be setup should suffice.	No	04/23/24 12:18 PM
252	339	Aaron Farrell, Outside In	Oppose		Yes	04/23/24 12:34 PM
253	339	Jack Costello	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment .	No	04/23/24 12:35 PM
254	339	Brian Posewitz	Support with changes	Please do whatever you can to eliminate public camping as soon as possible. Government tolerance of public camping is enabling a lifestyle destructive to Portland's quality of life and, ultimately, to the campers themselves. Public policy should encourage, promote and incentivize - with appropriate civil and criminal penalties if necessary - behaviors leading to a clean and orderly city and to all residents living in appropriate housing and contributing to the economy, to the extent they are able, in exchange for that housing. Thank you for considering my comments.	No	04/23/24 12:38 PM

## Outside In Opposes Mayor Wheeler's Inhumane Camping Ban

Being unhoused is not a crime. We believe that every human being – regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or income deserves access to basic healthcare, housing, and education; every human being deserves access to the tools that allow them to thrive.

Outside In has been on the forefront of client centered care for nearly 56 years. We have changed and improved lives by offering health and supportive services to people experiencing houselessness and living in poverty. Harm reduction lives at the heart of every service we offer.

We believe anyone experiencing houselessness – and every human being, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or income – deserves access to basic healthcare, education, and housing. We believe individuals living in tent camps are the most vulnerable people in our community and it is critical they have access to low barrier, trauma-informed, person-centered, and harm reduction-based services. Outside In remains committed to calling out oppression and to serving those living on the fringe.

People end up on the street for multiple reasons, ranging from poverty to sexual abuse. We believe these individuals deserve respect, autonomy, and access to tools that will allow them to thrive.

In contrast to Mayor Ted Wheeler and the rest of his administration, we don't believe an individual can be bullied out of houselessness. Instead, we believe in a strengths-based, wrap-around approach. We are committed to building relationships with our clients to meet them where they are and center them in their own experiences.

Following the announcement late last year that the mayor planned to ban street camping, hundreds of speakers shared how they did not choose to be houseless, need help navigating the housing system and struggle to access shelter when they need it. Here at Outside In, we know that our own staff can face steep challenges when trying to find a shelter bed suiting a client's needs.

We also know that amid an aggressive action like a sweep, the possible offer of a shelter bed may not feel like a safe option. When an individual loses their autonomy, community, and everything they own, moving into an unknown situation can feel more dangerous than simply remaining where they are.

Sweeps unnecessarily disrupt the lives of our community members. At Outside In, we recognize that houselessness is a complex issue, and simply pushing people from one area to another is not a solution. Instead, we advocate for comprehensive, community-driven strategies to address the root causes of houselessness and provide support to those in need.

Everyone has a basic right to safe housing. For a young adult experiencing houselessness, accessing a safe, affirming, warm place to sleep is a basic human right that is not available to them. Outside In is committed to making these basic rights a reality and to fighting for those living on the fringe.

"Our community members deserve and are entitled to dignity and care in how they are treated and valued, with or without a place to be sheltered or live." Outside In's Executive Director, Kiku Johnson, shares in response to the news. "Our values at Outside In are exactly: Compassion for our clients, our coworkers, and ourselves; Courage to do this work, mirroring the strength of our clients; Responsiveness to individual and community needs; Acceptance of challenges and the need to reduce harm and suffering; Service to those who have experienced inequities and struggled to access care, and Persistence in our enduring vision for hum an growth and change."

Together on the edge, deserving to thrive.

Submitted by:
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	339	Bonne Marie Burns		Public camping is undeniably harmful to communities and should be prohibited.	No	04/23/24 12:52 PM
				Here in Roseway, people have pitched tents in the parkway on NE 72nd Ave, on 70th St and surrounding neighborhood streets to be near the bottle drop and their Drug Dealer. Individuals sleep in bushes and wander our area naked and shouting, or pass out on lawns sidewalks or on porches. Folks prostitute for drugs in open tents, in plain view of the neighborhood children.		
				My neighbors & I have had break-ins, car theft, vandalism and assaults BY CAMPERS.		
				I had someone camp for several nights in my backyard – they kicked in the fence and made an opening, leaving trash and feces all over. I was just out of the hospital for serious cancer surgery and was terrorized with no where to turn!		
				I was also attacked and assaulted (PPB CASE #18-302055) in front of my home by a homeless woman who had MANY outstanding arrests for menacing, meth and theft but was still at large victimizing more and more people.		
255				Right now there is an RV near the corner of NE 72nd by Sandy that is the site of nightly police calls and activity. BUT we receive little or NO SUPPORT from the City – the campers are allowed to Victimize, Terrorize & Target us over and over with no end in sight.		
				The current policies offer NO Incentive for law-abiding citizens to keep on supporting a City that does not support us but adds insult to injury by prioritizing the non-contributing non-conforming individuals who are allowed to continually victimize us while they illegally live on the streets.		
				My Neighbors & I are DONE being the Collateral Damage of the passive incompetent management of this intolerable situation. I am shaking just writing this.		
				It is one of the primary duties of the City to keep its Citizens safe. We are not safe; we are being completely ground down by the unending crime committed by campers who have no intention of contributing to or being responsible members of our communities.		
				I support the Gonzalez Amendment / Agenda Item 339 - Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies.		
256	339	Anonymous	Support	I support this measure wince it will improve homeless camps issue in our city	No	04/23/24 1:06 PM

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	339	Kerry Duff	Support with changes	We do not need to wait for the outcome of the Grants Pass Ruling to start enforcing no camping anywhere near a school, playground, or daycare facility and this means Safe Routes to Schools. This is not criminalizing homelessness, and it does not need to be endlessly debated in terms of whether time and place is appropriate. This is a behavior-based restriction. Children are the only ones in this city who cannot vote, make decisions, or protect themselves. No adults should be hanging out near where children are period.	No	04/23/24 1:08 PM
257				It is only through constant effort on the part of parents and neighbors that we are keeping our school somewhat safe by spending hours every week reporting campsites and violence. I am speaking of the Metropolitan Learning Center at Couch Park in Northwest Portland, and if you have been paying attention to the news for the last couple of years, you will know that we have had naked men on the playground, people screaming, threatening violence, throwing things, doing fentanyl right next to the school, and threatening small children with machetes. Until the last year, there were encampments all around the school, and these were not women escaping domestic violence, but mainly menyoung and whiteopenly engaged in criminal activities. We were told by practically every branch of the city that "our hands were tied" and "nothing could be done about."		
258	339	Robert Fasman, PhD		The current homelessness crisis, and allowing encampments on our public lands, is absolutely toxic to the homeless population, the environment, and the community. We need to do everything we can to get people off of the streets and public spaces and triage them into the services that best fit their needs. Maintaining the status quo, and anything other than urgency, is inhumane and unacceptable.	No	04/23/24 1:09 PM
259	339	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support a yes vote on item 339 so that our city can take stronger action on reducing problematic camping and behaviors throughout the city.	No	04/23/24 1:12 PM
260	339	Ross Gale	Support	I support a complete ban of street camping, and a complete ban of living in vehicles outside of sanctioned areas.	No	04/23/24 1:49 PM
261	339	Jeff Lane, north Portland	Support	Too many of the homeless campsites are environmental disasters. One good example is along the Greely bikepath, not 1/2 mile from Adidas headquarters there is literally an avalanche of garbage and debris flowing down the hillside from and toward what have regularly been used as campsites, as well as the occasional burned-out vehicle parked along side the bikepath (where it shouldn't be in the first place). This can't be healthy for humans, wildlife, or the ecosystem. If homeless folks need to be in tents, then at least make those encampments operate in designated locations where sanitary conditions are and will be maintained (not parks, forest zones, bikepaths, steamsides, etc.).	No	04/23/24 1:53 PM
262	339	Amanda Rieskamp	Support	I support the Gonzalez Amendment.	Yes	04/23/24 1:57 PM

Constituent: Amanda Rieskamp April 23, 2024

## Support of Agenda Item 339

Dear Members of the Portland City Council,

I support the Gonzalez Amendment.

I am writing to express my support for the proposed amendment to the City Code regarding homelessness encampments in our city. As a resident, I am deeply concerned about the impact of homelessness on our community, particularly the challenges posed by individuals who are experiencing homelessness while also struggling with substance abuse issues.

While it is essential to approach this issue with empathy and compassion, it is evident that the current situation is unsustainable. Allowing certain individuals to sleep on the streets simply perpetuates a cycle. The following is a true statement: certain individuals in Portland do not want treatment/support, and/or are not in the appropriate mental capacity to seek out available resources. When individuals do not seek (or are not in the capacity to seek out) adequate resources and support it only perpetuates the cycle of homelessness and exacerbates the problem of substance abuse in our neighborhoods.

I urge the City Council to support the proposed amendment, which seeks to implement comprehensive measures to address homelessness in Portland. Just last week, my fiancé and I witnessed a woman, completely naked, succumbing to an episode (drug-induced or psychological I do not know) on our streets. What struck me most out of the situation was that with all the political jabbering that goes on in this city, somehow, we have landed in a current reality where it has been determined that allowing a woman to do that is the most empathetic and compassionate end result. Somewhere along the way, we implemented practices and policies that allowed this woman to reach the ultimate pitfall of society - and we congratulate ourselves for being empathic Portlanders and pioneers of progressive ideals. We have failed as a society when we let our most vulnerable populations perpetuate their cyclical self-abusive behaviors.

Furthermore, I encourage the City Council to collaborate with community organizations, service providers, and advocates to develop and implement evidence-based strategies that address the underlying causes of homelessness and substance abuse. By taking a holistic and collaborative approach, we can create a city where all residents have the opportunity to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I look forward to seeing positive progress towards addressing homelessness and substance abuse in our city.

Sincerely, Amanda Rieskamp

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263	339	Anonymous		To the city Council, The current proposal says that people camping in public areas will not be asked to move if there is no adequate shelter alternative. The problem is that it's clear that there has never been adequate shelter in this city, so the proposal is moot. Virtually no one would be asked to move under this condition. I know it is a complicated issue, but people should not be allowed to camp anywhere they want. That much is clear and has been clear for many years. Right now, without any action, tents have started to reappear throughout the city, including entire blocks in the Central Eastside. I deliberately avoid those areas since there are safety issues. I'm not sure why large vacant areas are not turned into sanctioned camping areas so people would have a designated place to go while awaiting social services. Perhaps because security would be required? In any case the current proposal will not accomplish anything in my opinion and in the absence of an outright ban, there need to be stricter measures in place. Ann Mia Haning 97229	No	04/23/24 2:02 PM
264	339	CL	Support	Camping anywhere in this state is permitted and regulated, but somehow in our most populous city anyone can do it, anywhere, for as long as little as they want, and residents and business owners who pay taxes and support their community are left unable to do anything about it. I fully support a ban on camping within city limits.	No	04/23/24 2:07 PM
265	339	Herman Jones	Support with changes	Please vote to support Mr Gonzalez' amendment. It's time to be compassionate and stop enabling the cruelty of tent and RV camping. Offer shelter and STRICTLY ENFORCE no camping in tents and RV's. Stop allowing people to come here from all over the country and destroy the livability of Portland. It's NOT like this everywhere. I was in Florida for a week recently. Did not see a single tent!	No	04/23/24 2:08 PM

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339	Kala Franklin	Support	Hello Mayor Wheeler & Members of City Council,	No	04/23/24 2:37 PM
			My name is Kala Franklin, and I am submitting public testimony in support of the Place and Manner ordinance.		
			Over the past few years, I have been voluntarily engaging in outreach to those who are homeless and try to connect them to services either through 311 or a homeless service provider- I would like to say that homelessness is a complex and nuanced issue that cannot be solved overnight however in the future hopefully said state will become brief and fleeting.		
266			In the meantime, there is a need to establish some sort of balanced approach that focuses on the conduct and manner of those residing on Portland's streets, river ways, parks, and other green spaces.		
200			I do question the viability of a \$100 fine however I understand and have seen the environmental damage caused by high impact encampments that need intensive reclamation work.		
			As stated in my previous public testimony there is a great need to continue to expand services such as the Temporary Alternative Shelter Sites, RV sites and other important structural flow throughs that promote a shelter to housing transitional model.		
			I hope City Council will adopt a Place and Manner ordinance that will give Portland the ability to have some form of enforcement and ensures services are provided.		
			Kindly, Kala Franklin		

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	339	Anonymous	Support	I am writing to express my strong support for amending the Portland City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies and, more importantly, to enforce HB 3115. As a resident who has called Portland home since January of 2008, I have witnessed firsthand the deteriorating conditions caused by the unchecked proliferation of homeless encampments in our city.	No	04/23/24 2:56 PM
				While homelessness has long been a concern in Portland, the situation has escalated in recent years, with many encampments becoming hubs for criminal activity, drug use, and violence. The influx of individuals struggling with addiction, particularly to substances like methamphetamine and Fentanyl, has exacerbated these issues, leading to increased danger and instability in our communities.		
				One of the most alarming aspects of these encampments is the way they attract not only those experiencing homelessness but also individuals engaged in illegal activities such as drug dealing. This not only perpetuates cycles of addiction and harm but also puts law-abiding residents at risk. Personally, I have experienced harassment and intimidation from individuals associated with these encampments, making me fear for my safety and that of my neighbors.		
267				Moreover, the impact of these encampments extends beyond immediate safety concerns. Businesses in downtown Portland, once vibrant hubs of activity, are now struggling as employees and customers alike feel unsafe navigating the area. The exodus of businesses not only harms our local economy but also erodes the sense of community and vitality that defines Portland.		
				In light of these challenges, I commend Commissioner Gonzalez for his commitment to upholding law and order in our city. Enforcing HB 3115 and updating our public camping restriction policies in accordance with its provisions is a crucial step towards restoring safety and stability to our communities. By ensuring that city laws regulating outdoor activities on public property are objectively reasonable, we can strike a balance between compassion for those experiencing homelessness and the need to maintain public safety and order.		
				I urge you and your fellow council members to prioritize the enforcement of HB 3115 and to take decisive action to address the proliferation of homeless encampments in Portland. It is only by working together as a community that we can create a city that is safe, welcoming, and inclusive for all residents.		
				Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please know that I stand ready to support efforts to improve the quality of life for all Portlanders.		
268	339	Carlos Pineiro	Support	End public camping immediately. It is a health and safety risk. Period. It exacerbates and perpetuates homelessness.	No	04/23/24 3:07 PM
269	339	Jake Ridley, Portland	Support	It is past time to send a messagePortland is NOT a place to come for handouts, open drug use, and lax criminal policies. This is the message we have been sending for far too long, and what we see on the streets is a result of that. The virtue signallers can take their false compassion elsewhere. Allowing this behavior is nothing shotr of a complete lack of compassion.	No	04/23/24 3:18 PM

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270	339	John Bakkensen	Support	I have resided in Portland for approximately 70 years, and I am very concerned about the issue of encampments and tents that have emerged throughout our once beautiful city. It feels unsafe to walk on Portland's sidewalks and near public spaces where tents, shopping carts, junk, and assorted detritus confront us. I support this agenda item as an important step forward to return Portland to its welcoming past.	No	04/23/24 3:22 PM
271	339	Anonymous	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. Imposing a total ban on unsanctioned encampments in the City of Portland and providing law enforcement the tools and resources it needs to enforce the ban is one of the key commitments the City must make to begin our recovery back to the great city we once were to live, work and make positive contributions to the community. My family and I moved to Portland from the east coast in 1981. I attended public schools here for both high school and college, and my kids all attended the same, too. We truly want to stay here and continue to invest in this City and community, but the conditions are forcing us to consider alternatives. Unfortunately for many, these alternatives don't exist or are out of reach. Unsanctioned camping along with the unintended consequences of passing of Measure 110 have threatened our collective livability, economic vitality and public safety more than any other factors I've witnessed during my past 40+ years here. It's beyond time to finally confront these encampments head-on, locally, while the federal laws are so close to being refined to support our moves. And again, let's ensure we enforce the new codes to their fullest extent. Thank you.	Yes	04/23/24 3:25 PM
272	339	David Bean	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. I have been fearful walking around my own city. For now, I work downtown and have a business downtown. I would like to feel better and safer throughout the city. Improvements like those I've seen on the way to Marine Dr. have been meaningful.	No	04/23/24 3:52 PM
273	339	Deborah Crohn	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/23/24 3:55 PM
274	339	Bob Palmer	Support with changes	I support Rene Gonzalez's amendment. Years of unsanctioned camping are a big part of Portland's nationally recognized government failures. Be part of a decisive action that will start to correct past failures and redeem your political reputation. Unsanctioned camping is a very visible component of the wild west, anything goes atmosphere that encourages crime of all types. It took off with Council's misguided tolerance and even support for Antifa crimes and delegitimization of law enforcement. Any further tolerance of unsanctioned camping just continues this mess and shows no compassion for people with a failed lifestyle who need a strong push back to productive lives. Taking no action because they resist is only enabling their early, miserable deaths, taking down the city of Portland with them.	No	04/23/24 4:14 PM
275	339	Anonymous	Support	Vote Rene, Save Portland.	No	04/23/24 4:26 PM
276	339	Pat Ferguson	Support	I don't feel safe in the city I was born in and lived in all my life. The policy needs to change. I support Rene.	No	04/23/24 5:00 PM

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	339	Stop the Sweeps	Oppose	My name is Clare, and I am coming to you all today as a student at Portland State University and a citizen of Portland. My hope is to testify against Portland's newest attempt to ban camping, or agenda item 339 today, which is conveniently spearheaded by Commissioner Gonzalez, running for mayor this year.	No	04/23/24 5:12 PM
				A camping ban at this scale not only violates a person's eighth amendment right, but also their fourteenth and third amendment rights.		
277				If we do truly intend to adhere to the City's Core Values and the Citywide Racial Equity Goals and Strategies, then we need to reallocate funding and prioritize quality, long-lasting housing options—no roaches, no mold, no abusive landlords—for all Portlanders. And, until we can meet that need, we must resist the pattern of arresting or citing the majority Black, Brown, Indigenous, and disabled people surviving homelessness in this city and navigating the current bureaucracy of accessing our shelters—no matter how uncomfortable.		
				No matter how uncomfortable it is for business development districts, for neighborhoods, for us. This is a community effort, and our discomfort will not be soothed with a band-aid. We need to get to the wound. The wound that is quality housing inequality.		
				Thank you Clare		
278	339	Anonymous	Support	Drug Addicts making their home at 3660 SE 122nd Ave. The tents and burned out campers block the view of oncoming traffic when you try to exit Ace Hardware's parking lot. So dangerous. These photos don't capture the squalor at that spot when it's at its worst. So dangerous.	Yes	04/23/24 5:23 PM
279	339	Anonymous	Support	I support Rene Gonzalezs	No	04/23/24 5:24 PM
280	339	Anonymous	Support	I support Comissioner Gonzalezs amendment.	No	04/23/24 5:25 PM
281	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. We need a ban on unsanctioned camping. Please note emphasis on "unsanctioned". The current approach is not working for anyone, neither the houseless or housed, and it's hurting the economic viability of our city.	No	04/23/24 5:25 PM





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282	339	I'm a homeowner in a nice neighborhood that I would like to keep that way	Oppose	do not repeal 14A.50.020Do not repeal 14A.50.025 - imprisonment is finethey need to have consequencesthe more consequence the more they are apt to go elsewhere or change their lifestyle. The TASS locations COULD be a temporary place to push to, but TASS needs major overhaulthese low-barrier sites ARE NOT WANTED in the neighborhoodsa free place to do drugsPLEASE! I can't believe PDX groups are going around soliciting campers to come to the TASS sites because they can do whatever drugs they want to do there! WHAT does this solve??? This is ridiculous! There needs to be no camping in public places. I pay taxes that they don't and I should be free to be on public spaces without the garbage, tents, trash, smells of a camp site. People need to go somewhere else( why are they staying here? because we're not bothering them??) BOTHER THEM! until they move away or get their life together. AND this free year of housing!!! What a waste of tax payer money! We could house 4 times as many people with 3 months of housing, make them go to services(get clean), make them give 10 hours of community service/week for the opportunity of staying therefill their hours up that would get them started being a responsible citizen. WHEN did we/and WHO decided it is the taxpayers RESPONSIBILITY to take care of people who GIVE NOTHING BACK???? NO Free rides! This is getting ridiculous with all these free places to go do drugs and free housing and you go on and do nothing and live off the responsible citizens in PDX. PDX is not making these free-loaders accountable! I get that you can't rehabilitate someone who's not readythen see yano free camping hereno free meals hereno free housing herethey need to be so uncomfortable that they make a decision to grow up and get responsible OR they leave and go somewhere else.  I didn't read through all the other policy #s being repealed or amendedI think my thoughts on the whole mess is clear.	No	04/23/24 5:44 PM
283	339	Anonymous	Support	Discourage the takeover of family neighborhoods by homeless PLEASE!! Do a work farm or support successful models to help. Consider those of us paying for all this!!!!		04/23/24 7:10 PM
284	339	Anonymous	Support		No	04/23/24 7:26 PM
285	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzales's amendment. I'm a 20 year resident of Portland. I have seen the homeless situation get progressively worse. The city has been too lenient and enabling in it's approach. A much firmer hand is needed. Ban unsanctioned camping. I see more people having mental health crises. More tents blocking the bike paths with their carts, junk and trash, open drug use such as shooting up and smoking fentanyl and meth. Scary homeless guys with pipes, bats and knives on the bike paths and max stations. I commute by bike year round, take the max downtown, and walk around parks and the waterfront. I'm not isolated in some remote part of the city. This is my town. These are my bike paths, my parks, my sidewalks. A much firmer hand is needed to get this situation under control. I look to Commissioner Gonzales to lead this issue. It's time to stop enabling the homeless to continue living without any dignity in rat infested trash and violence filled camps.	No	04/23/24 8:29 PM

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286	339	ana maría	Oppose	I live on Cesar Chavez in SE Portland. I oppose any camping ban and any criminalization of homelessness. We should be working to end homelessness, not throwing people in jail because they don't have resources or have mental health or addiction issues. We should be using city money to provide treatment, medical care, psych care, housing support, etc. Don't waste money on more cops and policing. Prevent homelessness and you will prevent crime, you will reduce garbage, you will reduce drug use, you will reduce calls to police, you will encourage people to go to "scary" downtown, you will make business owners happyand you will make life better for people who are living on the margins of society and don't deserve to be stigmatized. The City that Works is not working for homeless people. Let's make it work for all Portlanders, not just the rich and well-resourced.	No	04/23/24 8:47 PM
287	339	andrea marie baker	Support	As a resident and homeowner in SE Portland, I support Rene Gonzales total ban on unsanctioned camping. Portland desperately needs HELP and its citizens do not deserve to live with the homeless dysfunction. It is clear that the homeless situation is totally out of control and aggressive action must be taken immediately. There is nothing humane about allowing what is going on in the streets. There is no easy fix, but a total ban on unsanctioned camping along with reinforcements on its enforcement will disincentivize it. Unsanctioned campers deteriorate the communities that they are in; they draw drug trafficking, create unsafe communities, have violence and leave mounds of garbage and destruction in their path. They do not care about the places they inhabit and they do not care about others belongings.  I live in SE Portland on mount scott near the flavel and 92nd avenue max stop. This area is constantly piling up with unsanctioned campers. Knapp street recently made headlines in our local news station (KOIN) on how bad it was. I have gotten to the point that I am embarrassed to tell people that I live in Portland and I do not even feel safe walking the ½ mile to the max stop.  I often use the bike path and see the conditions people are living in and what they do to the surrounding areas. I have seen many agonizing situations. Seeing campers in the ice storm last January was agonizing. I have seen open air drug use. One time I even horrendously biked past a person hunched over with a tourniquet on his arm with a needle sticking out of it. I have been on the springwater corridor by about 122nd avenue and have literally seen firearms being exchanged between campers. I have seen homeless people with what were clearly stolen bikes. I had my bike stolen last week by what I believe to be from a unsanctioned camp. I have seen open defecation several times. The situation is a true crisis.  No easy solution exists for homeless crisis on the streets that some of the former and current leaders of Portland have helped to cre	No	04/23/24 8:50 PM

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288	339	Erik Swanson	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's camping ban amendments. Allowing camping anywhere on public property does not comport with a rules based society. It is dangerous, a health hazard, a public nuisance and flies in the face of all rules and regulations our city imposes to maintain an organized urban environment. Dormitory style shelters (or whatever other emergency type shelters that would be used in any other public emergency such as a weather event) should be erected tomorrow to accommodate all unsheltered individuals and all services, from health care, to food, to housing placements, to social and behavioral services should be offered from shelters, not from the streets and sidewalks.	No	04/23/24 9:10 PM
289	339	Anonymous		I support the Gonzalez Amendment	No	04/23/24 9:39 PM
290	339	Cathy Miller	Support	I support camping bans. I have a mobility issue due to rheumatoid arthritis, and I have to be very careful when I walk as I can trip easily. Having to navigate around tents and trash in the public right-of-way impedes on my rights and is a violation of the ADA. I have testified about this previously, but not much has changed, so I'm skeptical that I can say anything that will affect the outcome of your vote. Please, please bring some order back to the city and allow me to move about the city with more confidence and ease.	No	04/23/24 9:45 PM
291	339	Anonymous	Support	I support the ban on camping on the public property as it has rendered many public areas unusable. I was born and raised in Portland and it used to be a place where we could walk around safely in any part of town. There were always sketchy people under the bridges and in the industrial areas but it was never to the point where they completely took over the areas like they do now. Recently my wife and I were biking along the waterfront esplanade paths and were threatened by a guy flailing around with a stick. We've also been impeded on the Springwater trail and the path along 205 is terrible. It's a shame that some of the greatest parts of the city have been taken over and made unusable to bicyclists. It's even worse the attitude of campers on the paths who block access and put up lines across the path and spikes in the road to damage bikes - it needs some serious enforcement of laws please!		04/23/24 10:19 PM
292	339	C. Lacy	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/23/24 11:22 PM

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293	Anonymous	Support	It is with tremendous regret that I must adamantly support an effective ban on unrestricted public camping, one that will be consistently and professionally administered rather than subject to the whims of a city council that will change from election to election. I have long been committed to the principle that, no matter how destitute, every human being must have at the very least a place just to be. But experience over the past three years has made crystal clear to me that this must not entail that every human being should therefore be left to do whatever they wish, wherever they see fit. These experiences include a severely addicted camper attempting to repeatedly stab me to death for having walked past his tarp on a public sidewalk, and then re-encamping adjacent my residence over and over again to harass me at my doorstep while hurling homophobic invective. These experiences include another nearby camper, also severely drug addicted and wielding multiple knives plus a short sword, attempting to stalk my partner home. These experiences include my father, who has visual and mobility and memory impairments, being forced to reroute his everyday trajectories through public space, and being threatened with violence when he has been unable to do so with sufficient thoroughness. And these experiences include being upbraided, over and over again, that we should "have compassion for our houseless neighbors" every time we have sought protection from those purported neighbors victimizing us with impunity, upbraided us with such sanctimonious ferocity that I am compelled for my own protection to submit this testimony anonymously. Every human being must have a place where they can be. But not at the expense of our communities, our society, and the daily lives of every innocent Portlander. Put an end to this insanity, now. Introduce accountability and restore civil society. Approve these restrictions on public camping, and ensure that they are instituted durably.	No	04/23/24 11:26 PM

339	proud citizen of	Support	NATION 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
294	Portland		While I support this attempt to coordinate the City's rules for this activity with State mandates. I am also asking for a program of swift and sure enforcement of these laws, and deputizing Portland Street Response so that they can act in the place of the PPB to ensure that our community returns to the law abiding and caring community we once were.  It is my understanding that on any given night most of our shelter facilities have many vacant beds. Those individuals who are in violation of the rules meant to keep our City clean and safe will be offered transportation to the nearest shelter that has a bed available. If they refuse, then they should be issued a ticket on the spot and transported to places to be established as no barrier camping sites. These sites should be very, very, inexpensive to build using vacant public land and equipped only with portable toilets and showers, garbage dumpsters, and outlets for the charging of personal computers and phones only.  This population is currently constructing their own shelter spaces along with help from the citizens of Portland through our government agencies already working to end the dehumanizing conditions that are found in nearly every camp. Campers would be responsible for erecting their tents and shelters, or moving their live-in vehicles to the newly constructed shelter sites.  Our City is still firmly entrenched in a war against the forces that in the past 8 years completely destroyed our community and its honored reputation worldwide. Businesses have left taking their taxes and the taxes of their employees with them. A 19% figure has been used recently to describe the number of highly paid earners who have left Portland. Since these people are the ones who pay for many of our newly created social programs. They are productive, creative and highly valued members of the Community and its honored reputation so evident in almost every neighborhood. We need an economically viable solution to helping the homeless, the addicts, and the mentally unstable people	No	04/23/24 11:39 PM

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295	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support a camping ban. Our neighbors experiencing homelessness need the county to move housing, mental health, and addiction treatment dollars, NOT a completely lawless open air drug market. This city is no longer safe for its most vulnerable residents including houseless people themselves. I used to feel safe going for a run and no longer do. My teenage children are not allowed to walk in our neighborhood by themselves because it is not safe. When I go for walks with my toddler I carry a tazer and pepperspray. Unlike the people advocating for there to be no camping ban, we cannot afford to move. I feel like we are hostages trapped by 162nd, division, and powell drugs, shootings, and fights. This is no place for children to live. Please help portlands kids. Please get this under control and help refocus the slacktavist's efforts of getting dollars for housing, mental health and addiction support to actually move.	No	04/23/24 11:54 PM
296	339	Anonymous	Support	As a fourth generation Oregonian, I fully support the amendments to this ordinance. For too long, illegal campsites have plagued neighborhoods throughout Portland. Neighbors have been terrified by fights, gunshots, and blatant threats from illegal campers. By restricting camping in the city, neighborhoods can be made safe again, children can play without the fear of stepping on needles, and downtown Portland can begin to recover as people will once again feel safe visiting the city core. Please keep up the great in working towards city restoration and illegal campsite elimination.  Thanks,  Patrick	No	04/23/24 11:55 PM
297	339	Jonathan Greenwood	Oppose	Hello, I'd like to say that I don't support any measure intended to sweep houseless camps, fine the houseless, or put them in jail. We don't have enough shelter beds and we should not be doing any of that in any scenario. What we do need is housing first with wrap-around services. Provide a home in a dense resource-rich neighborhood with robust public transit. Again, do not criminalize the houseless folks who are just surviving at this point.  It goes without saying, but locking people up for being houseless just further strains the criminal justice system which has far better things to focus on like violent offenders and sexual predators. Jail or a fine simply creates more hardship for the houseless than opportunity; it gives people a criminal record and makes it that much harder to find housing as a result because landlords do background checks.  Further, this is discriminatory because it targets people who look a certain way. You'll run into the problem of cops targeting folks who simply look houseless, and that is terrible.  Finally, like I said at the beginning, the solution is dense housing. Build the necessary dense housing for all income levels, and make housing a human right. Housing first, but not housing only— give people services and housing and the houseless issue would be solved. Additionally, keep upgrading our public transit so people have access to their communities.	No	04/23/24 11:56 PM

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	339	Anonymous	Support	I am in full support of a complete and urgent ban on all "camping". Go out and look around. Only a complete lack of common sense can tell you we don't need that. Get the people into centralized camps where we can ensure their safety and given them dignity and access to help.	No	04/24/24 6:44 AM
298				We don't need 5000 overprices tiny pods to do this. Provide empty lots for sanctioned camping. Start there. Look at the closed-down Walmart at Delta Park. The parking lot could be short-term leased to allow camping for hundreds of people and/or RV's (we know there are plenty nearby).		
				Every single thing we do for this effort must be swift. Taking 3 years to build tiny pods for 60 people was a joke. Restricting access to those pods based on race or sexual preference was an outright insult to us all.		
	339	Jalen Cordero	Support	This city will NEVER recoverNEVERfrom it's current downtrodden state unless we tackle the biggest issues being faced. Allowing people to live anywhere they want is the root of most of these problems. It sets a lawless tone that invites people from all over the country to move here with no homes, no jobs, no money and no prospects. Every one of them that moves here sets us back.	No	04/24/24 6:57 AM
299				We do NOT need to be handing out free housing for all of them. Are people not able to predict what will happen then? They will take advantage of the system, trash the housing, and invite more people to do the same. Are we as a society really not able to predict the obvious anymore? Much like M110 - could we not predict that no consequences for drug use would mean a step in the very wrong direction??		
	339	Ready to Move On	Support	If you have any shred of decency left to care for ALL of your constituents, you will find any way you can to swiftly impose an all-out ban on street living. Whether it's tents, RV's or just passing out in the streets, it can not be allowed.	No	04/24/24 7:08 AM
300				Do you see the consequences of doing this yet? How many people need to leave their family and friends for greener pastures in other parts of the country? How many people have to give up their life dreams of owning a business?		
				We can pretend it's for "other" reasons or that "it's like this everywhere", but that is far from true and is a blatant example of burying your head in the sand.		
				Stop this. Stop this ASAP. The place is trashed by those living on the streets - let's just be honest and admit our mistakes.		
301	339	Grace Metherney	Support	No one should be allowed to just take over OUR public spaces and claim them as their new home. Then be allowed to proliferate trash, crime, and drug use. We need to ban all camping. I wish it could be done state-wide, but we need to start somewhere.	No	04/24/24 7:13 AM
				First violation we refer to a mass camp and give a warning. Second violation we fine and refer to a camp. Third violation jail. What else are we supposed to donever do anything about it? Come on, the city needs to clean up!		
302	339	Ceri Cundiff	Support	I'm in support of stopping unsanctioned camping in Portland. Please make this change to help turn our city around.	No	04/24/24 7:18 AM

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303	339	Daniel G	Support	As a small business owner whose business has been affected by daytime encampments, and whose employees safety has been repeatedly threatened by street peoples' out of control behavior, I support the Gonzalez amendment.	No	04/24/24 7:24 AM
304	339	Jude Stacey	Oppose	Item 339 attempts to finish a job that the people of Portland have been resisting since the proposal of HB 3115 and I want to reject all of the amendments to Portland's public camping restrictions policies being proposed.  In the City of Portland's Argument for the Supreme Court to reconsider the Martin and Johnson cases, it is acknowledged that houseless individuals would have many reasons to object a "reasonable" alternate to camping such as restrictions on pets, singles, drugs or alcohol use, or - not mentioned - difficulty or inability to hold onto their belongings in the event of a move. Also in the City's amicus curiae brief, between May 2022 and July 2023, 2560 of 3399 houseless individuals offered an alternate chose not to accept. Despite this known information, Mayor Wheeler has generalized in saying that those who don't accept alternate shelter "don't want help".  Even with what we may describe as limited punitive measures, the punishments of a fine or jail time can disproportionately impact the lives of houseless people, effectively doing the opposite of Portland's supposed offering of support and alternates to houseless individuals.  The language of item 339 attempts to frame houselessness as a public and environmental health issue; however, the proposed measures fail to address either of these problems. In the City's amicus curiae, it was stated that houselessness has increased 30% from 2019 to 2022. This proposed "solution" would do nothing to slow this rapid growth. Instead, a growing number of Portland citizens are set to be criminalized by the city. Likewise, the proposed Public Environment Executive Team - a step past Mayor Wheeler's beautification and policing project known as the Public Environment Management Office - in Commissioner Gonzalez's amendments answers the issue of "environmental health" by keeping an eye towards the possibility of more strictly limiting the rights and safety of houseless citizens as state and federal policies develop.  Proposed Amendment 14A.50.180 anticipates th	No	04/24/24 7:38 AM

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305	339	David Ward	Oppose	The proposed "only when shelter is available" exception will prove impossible to enforce as plaintiff lawyers will litigate that the shelters offered are unacceptable (no drug use, pets, storage space, religion, etc.) Face the facts, adopt an effective ban, and vote for fiscal sanity: Street dwellers will only move if forced after the courts get out of the way. For their own good, move them to a location where the city can cost-effectively deliver addiction and mental health services in a safer environment than a sidewalk. Give our public spaces back to the working and tax paying citizen and stop the decay of business downtown.	No	04/24/24 7:54 AM
306	339	Anonymous	Support	Street camping is not the solution- it only keeps the people in a sort of limbo, and is not good for the city. I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/24/24 8:13 AM
307	339	Ang Renner	Support	Nothing about this city is safe or welcoming or charming anymore. Tents, trash, graffiti and vagrants are absolutely everywhere. No one should be allowed to live or sleep on the public commons. Build out sanctioned sites for tents and only allow camping there. It cannot be soon enoughthis city and people who actually care about it deserve a break for once instead of just virtue signalling by giving more handouts that ultimately do no good.	No	04/24/24 8:18 AM
308	339	Jenni Loman	Support	I support a complete ban on camping, no matter what you call it or who implements it. ASAP is not soon enough.	No	04/24/24 8:22 AM
309	339	Ric Schaaf	Support	A tiny sliver of our population is causing the vast majority of our city's problems with drug use, trash, theft, etc.  Why are we allowing this? Because some people show up with signs and yell at council members so that they can feel good about how superior they are to everyone else?  Come on - read the comments, listen to the people you are supposed to represent. It's more compassionate to give people large lots to camp on and provide safety patrols than it is to leave them on the streets. Protesters claim "they are too traumatized for that". Seriously? No. They don't want to be societal contributors.	No	04/24/24 8:27 AM
310	339	Brice Suprenant	Oppose	I strongly oppose any camping ban for our citizens	No	04/24/24 8:27 AM
311	339	Wayne Bauer	Support	I support the proposed amendment submitted by Commissioner Gonzalez on this measure. The legislative and legal activities are constantly in flux. Having the ability to react to these changes simply makes logical sense. The City of Portland has been struggling with the camping issue for years and will continue until something is done. It is frustrating as a property owner to see our community decay with camps popping up in neighborhoods. People feel unsafe in their own homes while they work and save to build a life. The Portland City Council needs to spend as much time being concerned with our needs. Property owners are overtaxed and underserved while the homeless receive an extreme amount of support and attention.  Hundreds of millions of dollars are being accumulated to eventually add housing. The Metro housing tax accumulates funds and spends them at a glacial pace with limited results. In the interim, the City needs to be able to act to clean up our neighborhoods! Passing this measure provides another tool to do so.	No	04/24/24 8:47 AM

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312	339	Anonymous	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. The unsanctioned camping crisis that Portland is facing is driven, by and large, by a drug crisis, not a housing crisis. It can no longer be acceptable for people to choose a street lifestyle, at the expense of the contributing business and residents of the city. Swift and meaningful action MUST be taken now.	No	04/24/24 8:54 AM
313	339	Todd Day	Support	I support helping houseless people that want help. Camps are not safe, they are detrimental to neighborhoods. Lower home values for taxpayers (but our taxes don't go down). Trash, rats, increased theft. RVs that are not safe or could not even be registered. We had one derelict RV catch on fire that burned all of the service lines above it, which took out power for multiple neighborhoods. It just should not be allowed. It never was previously and any sympathy or kindness in allowances just gets abused. It is time to stop wasting HIGH BURDEN tax payments to enabled and clean up after people that don't give a damn about what they do. They are where they are because of choices they made. I, for one, am very tired of being forced to pay for it. How about you make the costs 100% volunteer via tax deductible charitable contributions. That way if you are really concerned you can pay for it. For those of us that are tired of the enabling we can have our taxes go to what they were intended for. I do support shelters, education, rehabilitation and fixed income housing. But for those that want to be part of a society. Not for those that use and abuse society.		04/24/24 9:18 AM
314	339	Springbrook Neighbors, Wilkes	Support	Thank you Commissioner Gonzalez for standing up against ILLEGAL camping in our city.  Letting this problem go unchecked is demoralizing for those of us who pay our taxes and pay for public spaces that we can no longer use because they are filthy and crime-ridden.  Unsanctioned camping has destroyed the city we once knew. We all know what downtown looks like but our parks and natural spaces have been impacted too. And the open areas along beautiful Marine Drive.  For example, the Big Four Corners Natural Area is toxic and unusable now after years of unchecked criminal activities and illegal campers that ruined this resource. It's heartbreaking still.  Our roadways and freeways are lined with trash and garbage. Our bike paths are unpassable. Portland looks like a third-world county.  People need a hand up, not out. And a few thousand should not have the right to destroy what was built to serve the many.  People need a hand up, not out. With that must come limits. There need to be boundaries regarding where all people live.  There is nothing wrong with expecting people to conform to standards.  And it is OK to say "NO."	No	04/24/24 9:25 AM
315	339	Maxwell Orum	Support	Listen to people, listen to the people submitting testimony who are struggling. Living on the streets is not the only form of struggling.  The vast majority of us have to deal with the blight, the crime, the trash. Then we have to pay to have it cleaned up. Over and over and over and over. What a messed up system of "compassion". Sanctioned areas only. Absolutely no other camping or RV living, anywhere, ever.	No	04/24/24 9:27 AM

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316	339	Margo manahan	Support with changes	Having lived in my neighborhood for over 20 years, and providing in-home care for disabled young adults, due to the continuous and size of the camps in and around the only neighborhood park as well as the three closest trimet bus stops, I no longer go for walks around our neighborhood nor do I allow those I care for to ride transit out of fear. These camps are filled with aggressive individuals who often have large dogs tethered outside their dwellings for obvious reasons. The trash and open drug use are an embarrassment to this city. On average it takes months to move these camps, only to have them set up five blocks away or return within a couple of weeks. As I'm sure many have expressed, why aren't these large vehicles being impounded. Laws dictate you need to have a registered insured vehicle. Simply asking them to move and still allowing them to litter our streets with unsafe and unregistered vehicles should be illegal. Simply sticking a green sticker on a vehicle solves nothing and only makes the problem someone else's until they eventually return. Our city has allowed this to become the problem it now is due to there being zero consequences for this behavior.	No	04/24/24 9:37 AM
317	339	Anonymous	Support	I live in the Pearl District, and have had numerous negative experiences with campers in the northwest neighborhoods, including being threatened, yelled at, almost knocked down, and walking thru clouds of fentanyl smoke. As a homeowner, I am furious that I feel like I put my life at risk every time I walk to local stores. We must do better and stop enabling people to continue putting themselves and others at risk. My once beautiful neighborhood is no longer safe.	No	04/24/24 9:37 AM
318	339	Matthew Kyprie	Oppose	Do not criminalize homelessness in Portland. All this is going to do is throw "undesireables" into jail. It's not going to solve any problems, and it's a cruel response to a real problem.  Simply put - I'm opposed to any measure that defines "the homelessness problem" not as a problem that people do not have shelter, but a problem that "more civilized" people have to witness them. Do better.	No	04/24/24 9:45 AM
319	339	Aaron	Support	I am astonished at the number of people who actually think that we just "don't want to see" the problem on our streets.  There are hundreds/thousands of people who have been victims of property crime, assualts, verbal threats and so many other crimes committed by our homeless population. We absolutely MUST quit this nonsense attitude of "they aren't all bad", so we should do nothing. Of course they are not all bad. But many, many are. Whether it's a result of addiction, mental disorders, or just spiteit doesn't matter. The crime is rampant. The trash is rampant. Drug use everywhere, and nobody doing anything. We need the streets, parks, and all public areas cleared so that they can be used safely by all and not taken over as if the spaces are now the peoperty of one unhoused person.	No	04/24/24 10:11 AM
320	339	Greg Fuhrer	Support	Update code with more restrictive-penalty driven measures to discourage camping within city limits while concurrently providing city and NGO support options to homeless. My experience thus far is that current strategies simply move RV encampments point A for a week or so, then point A is repopulated once again and frequently by the same occupants. In our community we've tried passive measures —cones and barricades— and active measures -direct conversations—both to no avail. My family is now looking to move east to Sandy, Damascus, Boring I, etc. which is sad as we are lifelong Portlanders.	No	04/24/24 10:33 AM

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321	339	Kelly's Olympian	Support	I am the owner of Kelly's, Olympian and am writing in support of Commissioner Gonzalez's proposal to more heavily regulate homeless camping. We are victims of the immoral and inhumane policies that are currently in effect. Our business is down so much that we have had to cut back hours and are now closed some days because our customers are afraid to come downtown to our business. They regularly report to us that they are scared to walk by a homeless tent for fear of being attacked or harassed. Mother's Restaurant has reported similar findings. In addition, as I am sure you are all aware, our business is across the street from what was once the largest open air fentanyl market in the world that went on for so long, and was tolerated by the City that drove business from our neighborhood, which is the gateway to downtown. Many businesses all around us are closed. And it is difficult to bring people back because the open drug use which is occurring all over and enhanced by the tents where many users and dealers hang out, only makes matters worse. The toleration. of open camping proliferates open drug use and crime. Who wants to come downtown and be subjected to contact highs from fentanyl smoke????  The danger surrounding the homeless encampments is driving businesses away, lowering property values, lowering peoples enjoyment of this once great city and cutting back on peoples ability to work as jobs decline. Had the City acted decisively in the past and made different choices as we have seen in some other more well run municipalities across the country, our situation might be different. I have seen the City remove a tent encampment near us three times, only to have the same person come back and resettle at the exact same place three days later knowing full well that the City then goes through the process all over again, which takes weeks only to be repeated. The City does not hold people accountable for their actions and choices which fosters feelings of anger and frustration by the overwhelming majority of citize	No	04/24/24 10:42 AM
322	339	Anonymous	Support with changes	I live in Old Town and the argument for compassion for our most vulnerable population does not in any way make sense, as I sat at my kitchen table last week and observed yet another ambulance attempt to revive a dead person. This is where our compassion for camping has gotten us. We are protecting no one and everyone is vulnerable, whether they have a roof over their heads or not. Yet Portland continues to cling to the belief that 90% of people have not been offered services. These are folks that are wandering around nude or nodding off from drug use. Would you believe these folks if they told you they could fix your car? Get a clue, Portland and make a smart decision that actually helps our "most" vulnerable instead of enabling them to the point where they are lying dead in the street in front of my home.	No	04/24/24 10:44 AM
323	339	Michael Manahan	Support	Over the past three years, my neighborhood has gone from a peaceful, clean hamlet to a garbage dump rife with drug use, theft, and complete unlawlessness, primarily due to illegal camping. We have families on our street who are afraid to use the nearby park due to unlawful "campers" frequently using it as their own private haven for doing drugs and disposing of trash. The stretch of NE Sandy between 138th and 162nd, as well as it's major cross streets, has become an unsafe and unsightly embarrassment. We recently had a family birthday in which family came to Portland from Arizona, Colorado, California, and Canada. All anybody wanted to talk about was how shocking it was to see how our city had fallen into chaos since their last visit. Please DO SOMETHING to return our city to the beautiful, safe place that it used to be. We pay a fortune in property taxes. Please use some of that money to solve this crisis.	No	04/24/24 10:54 AM

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324	339	kevin guinn	Support with changes	My Old Town neighborhood bears the brunt of public camping impacts citywide. I support updating the public camping ordinance, and I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. We don't need to reinvent the wheel, the Gresham plan is a fine place to start. Please support both the changes to existing public camping and the Gonzalez amendments.	No	04/24/24 10:55 AM
325	339	Lisa Marsh	Support	I have been extremely troubled by the number of encampments, the garbage around them, the graffiti throughout our city, and the general drug use. As a concerned community, we need to continue to provide housing for these people. If they refuse to go to a shelter, they should not be allowed to camp. I am particularly concerned about this type of activity in and around the Portland State University campus. I've worked there for the past 24 years and no longer feel safe going there at night. I will say the situation seems to be getting incrementally better. However, there are lots of funds available that are not being used to provide more housing, clean up garbage, clean up graffiti, and enforce drug laws. Please give your firm and constant attention to these problems so that we can take back our city. I will be hosting an international conference at Portland State University in June 2025. It is my sincere hope that our city has improved as an area that attracts tourist without fear of personal danger or without witnessing garbage, graffiti and general drug use on the streets.	No	04/24/24 10:56 AM
326	339	Anonymous	Support	Allowing people to camp in public has got to end. We need to better understand who is unable to care for themselves without services and those that just want to sit around all day and not work. I say offer shelter or arrest. This is a public health crisis for everyone. Survival of our business and job communities.  Also need to keep the services for people who became homeless as a result of loosing their housing here. Many never "lived" in Portland and should ho back to the community where they lived and paid taxes and voted. Seems only fair that west coast liberal cities should not have to house the nations homeless population and provide shelter to all. This will create an endless influx as more cities make unsanctioned camping illegal.  Also needs to be a path forward to get people housing and eventually remove these tiny villages. This should not be a long term solution for people who have the ability to work.	No	04/24/24 11:01 AM
327	339	Josh Bordes		Please stop normalizing tent cities. The impact has been an exponential increase in crime, especially property theft, drug overdoses, & violence. Businesses are leaving the city. The soft policy implemented here has set Portland back decades. We cannot continue making seeking shelter and drug rehab optional, with the tax payer bearing the full expense otherwise.  The public here in Portland is also becoming increasingly aware of the outside influences (New York based non-profits), influencing our local politicians through donations, which rightfully should be a local county matter only.	No	04/24/24 11:03 AM
328	339	Sweep Into Mass Camps	Support	Quit just moving people. Move them to the mass camps, offering showers, food, etc. Run security details. Prosecute crimes.  Any camping or living outside of the large sanctioned camps needs to be illegal. Period.	No	04/24/24 11:06 AM

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329	339	Deb Garris Jones	Support	Please ban all public camping in our city! It's affecting my personal business downtown and destroying our tourism industry	No	04/24/24 11:29 AM
330	339	Eris Egan	Oppose	I strongly oppose commissioner Gonzalez's proposed amendments to the camping ban. This ban was ruled unconstitutional. Gonzalez and other city council members seem committed to proposing harmful, expensive, punishment driven answers to the housing problem in Portland. Criminalizing homelessness is cruel and DOES NOT WORK. This proposed ban is not based in reality, it's based in paternalism, and caters to the desires of middle and upper class Portlanders at the expense of our most vulnerable. The city needs to look to experts to find solutions that will actually work— this is not it. Gonzalez's amendment does not even include a plan for creating shelter or housing. Do better!	No	04/24/24 12:03 PM
331	339	Thorn Coyle	Oppose	I own a home in—and pay corporate tax to—the city of Portland. Portland needs more services, including housing, for all our neighbors. "Unsanctioned camping" bans are inhumane and unconscionable. Where, exactly, are people supposed to live, when rents are unaffordable, services sparse, and minimum wage is an unlivable sum? Have any council members tried to live on \$15.25 an hour? People aren't unhoused by their choice, but by lack of government will.	No	04/24/24 12:09 PM
332	339	Andrew Berman	Oppose	A camping ban at this scale not only violates a person's eighth amendment right, but also their fourteenth and third amendment rights.  If we do truly intend to adhere to the City's Core Values and the Citywide Racial Equity Goals and Strategies, then we need to reallocate funding and prioritize quality, long-lasting housing options—no roaches, no mold, no abusive landlords—for all Portlanders. And, until we can meet that need, we must resist the pattern of arresting or citing the majority Black, Brown, Indigenous, and disabled people surviving homelessness in this city and navigating the current bureaucracy of accessing our shelters—no matter how uncomfortable.  No matter how uncomfortable it is for business development districts, for neighborhoods, for us. This is a community effort, and our discomfort will not be soothed with a band-aid. We need to get to the wound. The wound that is quality housing inequality.	No	04/24/24 12:52 PM
333	339	Nili Yosha	Oppose	If we oppose genocide, then let's stop slowly killing people by not letting them live and not having alternatives.  Toni Morrison reminds us that "The function of freedom is to free someone else."	No	04/24/24 1:13 PM
334	339	Brian Stephen Ellis	Oppose	To begin with, there is nothing intrinsically bad about a tent on public land. People living in tents within the city, specifically downtown, are not harmful in of themselves, they are only a problem in that each of the people living on the street represent someone who the city has failed. From a strictly utilitarian perspective, it would cost much less dollars to provide these people with free housing than to try to terrorize them out of existence. Gonzalez's plan to criminalize the existence of poverty is only outdone in its cruelty by its sheer stupidity. Trying to harass the houseless until they go somewhere else or die is both inhumane and a waste of resources. Not only should the city not adopt these codes, but our perspective on serving these people needs a complete 180 degree shift.	No	04/24/24 1:18 PM

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	339	Sarah Foreman	Oppose	April 23, 2024	No	04/24/24 1:25 PM
				RE: Agenda Item 339		
				My name is Sarah, and I am coming to you all today as a student at Portland State University and a citizen of Portland. My hope is to testify against Portland's newest attempt to ban camping, or agenda item 339 today, which is conveniently spearheaded by Commissioner Gonzalez, running for mayor this year. This revision to the ban puts all matters of sweeping or, in Portland city rhetoric, camp clean-ups, within the jurisdiction of the mayor.		
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				housing inequality.  Thank you Sarah Foreman (MSW, MPH student)		
336	339	Anonymous	Oppose	Portland City Council needs to stop spending city time, money and attention on measures they'd like residents to believe will solve problems, when, in fact, those measures only make problems worse. The camping ban does nothing to solve homelessness, which is at the heart of the need for camping within Portland's city limits and the greater metro area. Housing solves homelessness. If you want to address the camping issue, then you need to direct resources, services and funding towards providing housing to homeless peoplenot shelter, not arrest, not fines or incarceration. Your choice to frame this as a camping issue is evidence for your refusal to acknowledge or address the real problem, which is the city's choice not to provide housing to people who need it. You can start solving homelessness by using the over \$129 million in Supportive Housing Services money to start housing people now. That is what this resolution should be. The camping ban needs to be completely repealed, not replaced. You know better so do better.	No	04/24/24 1:25 PM
337	339	Waverly Giles	Oppose	Banning camping and criminalizing homelessness will not solve our city's housing crisis. Instead, focus effort and resources on providing help to those without homes. Our city needs rent control for landlords and a requirement for employers to pay liveable wages. Homeless people are members of our community, and they deserve support and respect.	No	04/24/24 1:41 PM
338	339	Anonymous	Oppose		Yes	04/24/24 1:48 PM

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Thank you, Jackie

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	339	Patrick Howard Brunett, MD	Support	Mayor Wheeler and City Council members:	Yes	04/24/24 2:08 PM
339		UND		I write in STRONG SUPPORT of the newly proposed camping ordinance and the Gonzalez amendments.		
				The Constitution does not protect the right to pitch a tent in a public space, no matter how broadly interpreted. Otherwise, building codes and zoning laws would be declared unconstitutional and one could build any kind of structure, anywhere, and move in. These laws protect building inhabitants and promote the greater societal good, and so does the camping ban.		
				Imposing consequences for illegal camping, especially for refusal of available services, can actually be the first step toward a person's recovery, their reintegration into society, and a return to a meaningful life.		
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				The camping ban, rather than being "cruel and unusual," will help break this cycle of exploitation and self-harm. Allowing people to stay on the street would in fact be the cruelest sentence you could impose.		
340	339	Portland resident & property owner	Support	I am a disabled senior home owner in the Brentwood Darlington neighborhood of 43 yrs. In recent years many, many house less have moved RV'S into the area. This would include the highy touted Erroll heights watershed/park. I had an unstable homeless person attack my home & car. In an attemp to be rehabilitated the city has spent over \$300,000 in care and treatment by cost. That does not account for all the social services they received. That is an estimate from published numbers in 2020, so I know it is actually higher. That is to care for (1) individual that skipped out on court & will likely never be held accountable. If that money was put towards large camp sights that required any amount of self responsibility to live in a community it could have helped many, many people. I understand the city has to	No	04/24/24 2:13 PM
				provide a place before people can be held accountable. Do it! Do it now so those intent on damaging the residence of this city can be held accountable. Make the higher barrier shelters NOW. If they choose to not avail themselves to the services then you can enforce the law. If the city & PBOT only enforce the rule of law on homeowners for unregistered unlicensed vehicle violations that is "clearly unequal treatment under the law"!!! Equal treatment under the law is a corner stone of society. OPEN HIGH BARRIER SHELTERS!!! Then enforce the law equally!!!		

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341	339	Alicia Gamble, Portland State University alumni	Oppose	Why is Portland still trying to criminalize homelessness and camping? Has it not been shown in recent history that this approach does not work, as it does not address the root causes of houselessness? I am an alumni of Portland State University and I earned my Master's degree researching the environmental (in)justices of water access for unhoused community members in Portland. Through my research, I found that those living on the street face several environmental injustices every day by not having adequate access to water. The ability of a person to get water hinges on access. Criminalizing camping while having very few resources for the large unhoused population in Portland decreases access to water. From the interviews I conducted with several unhoused community members, it was clear that sweeps take energy, resources, and time from a person they need to meet their basic needs (e.g., getting water for drinking and hygiene). Almost every unhoused participant I interviewed was struggling and/or had been hospitalized with health problems due to lack of access to water. A camping ban is not going to help our unhoused community members—it will only make them sicker and more vulnerable. Instead of taking the time, energy, and public funds to ban camping, it could be used for ethical and lasting solutions that address the root causes of houselessness. Let's use these resources to get Portlanders housing and resources to thrive in this city. It has been done and it works! The City of Houston has demonstrated a "housing first" approach works and I urge the City of Portland to follow their example. I understand that housed Portlanders and business owners don't want to see tents and trash on the street. I don't either; I'd rather see everyone have equitable access to housing, regardless of financial status, mental health, substance use, etc. But a camping ban simply won't keep tents and trash off the streets, it will only perpetuate the violence of poverty.	No	04/24/24 2:14 PM
342	339	Josef Schneider	Oppose	Fight homelessness not the homeless. You cannot harass people out of homelessness. But you knew that, you don't want to solve help people out of homelessness you just want them to leave town. This punitive approach is short-sighted and ineffective, and just plain wrong. Other places have drastically reduced homelessness. How did they do it? How did Salt Lake City do it? How did Finland do it? Stop lashing out and do the reading.	No	04/24/24 2:18 PM
343	339	Anne Thielman	Oppose	This camping ban is no better than the last one. People who are unhoused need support, not more restrictions and punishments. We cannot punish people who have nowhere else to go. It is cruel. I am disappointed to see that the City Council is using all its energy to find ways to punish the poorest and most vulnerable among us (many of whom have medical conditions they cannot treat and/or disabilities, and many of whom experience trauma while living completely unsheltered) and get away with it, rather than actually trying to help those people who, by the way, you also represent. The most important thing you can do is listen to those folks who are directly impacted by these bans and whose safety is at risk. They are the ones who have to live with the consequences of what you pass. I personally feel less safe knowing the city I live in and love will find me utterly disposable if I ever lose the safe situation I am lucky to have now. That's the message you are sending to all of us right now. What is most needed is safe secure housing for all people, and fully funded services for mental health, substance abuse, and medical care. This world feels like such a scary place right now and we need to come together to take care of the most vulnerable, not demonize and criminalize them. Thanks for reading this.	No	04/24/24 2:26 PM

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344	339	С	Oppose	First, not having a home is not a criminal offense. Second, attempts to criminalize will not reduce daytime camping. It is abhorrent, cruel, and ridiculous to consider fining and/or jailing people for sleeping on public land. You want to really, actually reduce daytime camping? Housing. Housing ends homelessness. Housing is a human right.	No	04/24/24 2:40 PM
345	339	Alexander Dial	Oppose	So how about we take away every council member's assets and replace them with a \$15/hour wage and a median-priced rental apartment and then y'all come.back to us on this in a year?  Rene Gonzalez should be ashamed of himself. Wheeler is like the gangster of dorks.  Stop criminalizing poverty.	No	04/24/24 2:41 PM
346	339	S.L. Miller	Oppose	Our homeless neighbors are struggling with many things that the city is not dealing with effectively. To make camping a criminal offense is ghoulish and horrible when there isn't enough affordable housing or shelter beds available and not enough drug addiction programs available. A housing forward program with wrap around services is need here. We need more affordable housing also.	No	04/24/24 2:54 PM
347	339	Anonymous	Support	100% support of this amendment and bans on camping. The only housing we should just provide to people is an alternate site to camp.	No	04/24/24 2:55 PM
348	339	Joyce Mouncy	Support	Good afternoon. I am writing to voice my support for a camping ban. We have seen the disastrous results of not having a ban. There are too many people needing help and too many people complaining about any effort we make. Instead, we need to just focus on getting these people off our streets and into centralized camps where we cna provide services	No	04/24/24 2:58 PM
349	339	Camping Ban Supporter	Support	I and my family strongly support a ban on camping city-wide. I wish it could be implemented state-wide. Public spaces are being zapped up to be permanent and semi-permanent residences, and mostly for people who have no interest in contributing to our society.	No	04/24/24 3:00 PM

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	339	Morty Crumb	Oppose	I am a concerned Portland citizen. I am testifying in opposition to the proposed ordinance and amendments addressing public camping within the City of Portland. As a child in my teens and again in my mid-twenties, I found myself homeless and living on the streets of Portland. If the proposed ordinance under Title 14 on prohibited camping were initiated during the time I found myself homeless, I can confidently say that it would have only hindered, if not completely defeated, my ability to become housed, work full time, and be going to college full time as I am today. Being homeless and finding a place to sleep that felt safe and at least gave me the impression of stability was difficult enough. And unfortunately, shelters available were unreasonable by way of imposed curfews meaning I wouldn't be able to work, being unsafe due to harassment from others, and were altogether compounding my previous traumas. What helped me was gaining a sense of independence and self-worth from a supportive community, provided programs and affordable housing.	No	04/24/24 3:02 PM
350				The answer to getting our community members housed, is not to further traumatize them with time in jail, imposing fines that are clearly unpayable and to further ostracize people that are very much a part of our community regardless of economic class. To think of the legality standpoint before working on what has been shown in countless studies of what actually helps reduce homelessness is embarrassing.		
				These amendments, to my only understanding, come from a place of lazy political showmanship and is a failed attempt at deceptive art for the aesthetic of our city streets. With the mayoral election approaching, I urge each of you to focus on the welfare of our community and to not forget that those who are homeless are a part of our community as well. Stop funding non-sensical practices and taking short-cuts that clearly don't work - that has been the status quo for too long. Use available funds to prioritize an action plan that focuses on creating affordable housing, revising the rent cap percentage to be more sustainable for those who are on the brink of homelessness, and put funding towards community programs and the social and healthcare workers our community members so desperately need.		
351	339	Anonymous	Support	Absolutely no one should be allowed to consume public land and resources as 100% their own. The public spaces are filled with trash, creating environmental disasters. We need all campers to be deprived of any ability to destroy the city further.	No	04/24/24 3:03 PM
352	339	Anonymous	Support	I have elderly family in 2 different areas of the city. They feel like prisoners the past 5 years. They canont leave their homes without having to pass campsites with stolen cars, stolen shopping carts and bikes, constant drug use, and people who threaten them as they walk by. Such a disgrace.	No	04/24/24 3:05 PM

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	339	David Demers, HSM	Support	I support Councilor Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/24/24 3:06 PM
		Pacific		I work with multiple small businesses in the city of Portland as their commercial real estate broker. And all of these clients are under extreme duress from indirect and direct impacts of homelessness to their businesses and neighborhoods. These include multiple break-ins justice, steal copper or other mundane items, intimidation and accosting of employees and customers and just generally trashing the outside of their establishments.		
353				I understand that these people need help and to be connected to social services but the livability of our City and viability of our small business community is at risk if something isn't done to combat the drastic impact of the homeless problem isn't addressed immediately.		
				Please support Councilor Gonzalez's amendment and help save our small business community. Otherwise the flight to the Burbs of this important sector of our community will continue.		
				Thank you		
354	339	Portland Sweep Support	Oppose	This city is abusive to the unhoused on an unprecedented level and from what I have witnessed in the last 4 years also, this city is wasting tons of time and tax dollars while abusing elderly and disabled and marginalized people when instead you could be housing them. This is a travesty and we will never let this stand.	No	04/24/24 3:07 PM
355	339	Anonymous	Support	This is of critical importance to amend in order to allow outreach teams to solve problems.	No	04/24/24 3:07 PM
356	339	Todd Gooding	Support	Plan ban all public camping focus on funding for Byxbee lakes and Blanchet house	No	04/24/24 3:08 PM
	339	Anonymous	Support	How sad it is to see people write and talk as if we are trying to punish poverty. We all know (but many don't want to admit due to it hurting their pride) that along with the homeless camps comes crime, drug use, and conditions of squalor.	No	04/24/24 3:09 PM
357				Build mass camp sites. This HELPS people living on the streets. This HELPS people not living on the streets. This HELPS our service providers be able to help more people.		
				The only criminalization anyone is realistically talking about is for people who just refuse to be a part of the societal solution by refusing to follow rules and camp in sanctioned areas.		

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358	339	Anonymous	Oppose	It is absolutely inhumane to force unhoused people to relocate every single day without providing any additional resources to help them achieve stability. Every single person who has supported this amendment should be ashamed of themselves. Rent prices are skyrocketing, food prices are skyrocketing, and wages are remaining stagnant. More and more people are going to end up homeless as a result of the greed and cruelty that runs rampant, and instead of providing some kind of protection for the people, this city council seems the means to punish and penalize who cannot keep up with the greed and cruelty of others. That behavior falls into a consistent pattern, and that pattern is unacceptable. As members of the city council, each of you has the power to enact some form of change to protect the people, and instead you choose to turn your back on your community in favor of placating those who only wish to make a profit off the suffering of others. Such behavior is vile. Homelessness and poverty are problems, but they should not be met with cruelty and dehumanization. Poverty and homelessness must be met with compassionate systemic change to support the struggling population. What is the point of building a society if not to take care of all who live within it? What is the purpose of cooperation if not compassion? Whether you like it or not, the homeless on our streets are part of our community, you cannot drive them out. Quality of life for all within our city will improve if the quality of life for the homeless in our city improves. Sustainable housing, affordable housing, expanded shelter programs, and additional medical, legal, and educational support will do far more good for our homeless neighbors and for our community as a whole than criminalizing the right to rest unimpeded. We are all human beings, and we are in a place where human beings live, so anytime or place or reason that a human being needs to sit or lay down or sleep or cry is a reasonable time and place for them to do that. Society and community e	No	04/24/24 3:10 PM
359	339	Angie Nomie	Support	Please clean up our streets and make it liveable for us again. Pass this bill. I hope it will:  Ban camping in public places Ensure the policy is legally enforceable Include consequences for violating the ban	No	04/24/24 3:13 PM
360	339	Zachary Oggelle	Support	We are all very tired of the false flag being raised by those who want to continue to allow camping. They will tell you that we are trying to persecute people for existing. So false.  The goal is to help people by gathering them into servicable areas. Areas where police can much more easily patrol. Today police have to cover every nook and cranny of the city to protect people, because they are living in areas where no one should be living and no one is zoned to live.	No	04/24/24 3:13 PM
361	339	A Paul	Support	Camping on our public streets, sidewalks, greenways, parks and thoroughfares must end immediately. The long-suffering, generous, tax paying, working-class citizenry of Portland deserve to have their right to a safe and clean public commons not ignored any longer. The long-overdue repudiation of Boise vs Martin is imminent and it's time that the City Council pass and enforce legislation to clean up Portland. If Gresham, Milwaukie, Beaverton and Vancouver can enforce laws, we can too.	No	04/24/24 3:16 PM

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362	339	Anonymous	Support	Camping in public places makes those places unusable to the public. It is a personal, exclusive claim to an area that belongs to the public. When the sidewalk is someones home, kitchen, bed, and bathroom then it is not a transportation lane for pedestrians, children, or those with disabilities. It is not a clean and welcoming entrance to a business or a home. I urge the city to get campers off of our streets and into shelters and treatment programs.	No	04/24/24 3:19 PM
363	339	Damon Lungo	Support	When people have historically talked about a city being in bad shape, they would talk about Detroit. I have seen Detroit a number of times in the past 20 years, and current-day Portland could only WISH to be Detroit. Things look and are much worse here.	No	04/24/24 3:20 PM
364	339	Anonymous	Support	Feel I should at least indicate my support for a camping ban	No	04/24/24 3:21 PM
365	339	Anonymous	Support	We need to start prioritizing the employees, employers and tourists that keep our downtown vibrated and engaging. We can have thoughtful policies that support the challenges the homeless face but using our city sidewalks and parks as a campground is not one of them. If I parked my car on a sidewalk or in the middle of the park to have a nap it would be moved in a hot minute and I would be fined. We need to apply laws equally.	No	04/24/24 3:22 PM
366	339	Schlesinger Companies	Support	Camping in public places makes those places unusable to the public. It is a personal, exclusive claim to an area that belongs to the public. When the sidewalk is someone's home, kitchen, bed, and bathroom then it is not a transportation lane for pedestrians, children, or those with disabilities. It is not a clean and welcoming entrance to a business or a home. I urge the city to get campers off of our streets and into shelters and treatment programs.	No	04/24/24 3:23 PM
367	339	Anonymous	Support	I remember when Portland was not a national disgrace of trash and crime. It was only about 5 years ago. People don't even want to come here anymore. People are leaving, and businesses too. Tourism is in the tank. Economic conditions are lagging other cities. We ALL know the reason, and why can we not just say it?  A ban on camping will never solve all of our issues. But it will make many of our issues see marked improvement.	No	04/24/24 3:24 PM
368	339	Royce Gayle	Support	I support the Gonzalez direction for our city. Someone MUST stand up to the virtue signalling crowd who feels like they are the champions of the poor. Their approaches of free housing are not acceptable to almost all taxpayers. Read the public written testimonies. Start the ball rolling in the right direction with an enforced ban on camping on the streets and living in RV's.		04/24/24 3:28 PM
369	339	Kirsten Volness	Oppose	The solution to houselessness is providing access to affordable housing with wraparound services, not criminalizing poverty to sweep the issue out of sight and out of mind. You should be ashamed of your inhumane proposals in addressing this public health issue.	No	04/24/24 3:31 PM
370	339	Anonymous	Support	Please ban camping in public places. I think it makes sense to setup specific areas where this can be done. Doesn't this help appease the crowd who inevitably come in yelling that you are trying to hurt homeless people? You would be allowing them to camp as they do today. Taking over any bit of public land they so choose makes zero sense.	No	04/24/24 3:36 PM

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339	Carolyn Brunett	Support	Dear Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Gonzalez and all other officials of Portland, Oregon,	Yes	04/24/24 3:36 PM
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371			I know, because I have experienced all of this first hand. In spite of cameras all over my property, I have had gas stolen out of my delivery truck 5 times, a broken front door and windows, and expensive light fixtures and décor actually torn off the building. My neighbors have had their property repeatedly spray-painted, and have had to bear the time loss and expense of cleaning it up. Recently, my neighbor had his work equipment stolen out of his locked back yard.		
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Submitted	04/24/24 3:36 PM			

Attachment	Yes
Final Meeting Date	05/08/24

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372	339	D. Josephs	Support	It seems to me that if people are only allowed to camp in specified areas, you could really help them with things like:  1. Job training  2. Hygiene services  3. Food sources  4. Family outreach services  5. So many other things that you can't practically do when people are spread II over the place.  It seems to me that the list above is a hell of a lot more productive than handing out needles, narcan and foil.	No	04/24/24 3:40 PM
	339	Anonymous	Support	I implore you to Pass Item 339 that will:	No	04/24/24 3:43 PM
				Ban camping in public places		
				Ensure the policy is legally enforceable		
373				Include consequences for violating the ban I stand with Revitalize Portland as we continue to urge the City and the County		
				To fund more treatment options & sobering facilities		
				To fund more shelter/treatment programs like City Team, Bybee Lakes, & Blanchet House		
				To target their outreach team activities to encampment causing the most negative impacts.		
374	339	Anonymous	Support	We can help people get out of their situations AND also implement a camping ban. Wjhy has it taken so long? We should absolutely not be just handing out free housing for anyone asking. That should be reserved for a very limited few who lack any capability of achieving this on their own. Addicts are not included in that set of people. They still have some hope, they just need differnet kinds of help.	No	04/24/24 3:44 PM
375	339	Mark Zauner	Support	Much like the recent M110 changes, we need to go the diversion route.  - Offer an alternate place to camp (sanctioned)  - When still disobeying the ordinance, make the offer again with a warning  - When still disobeying the ordinance, make the offer again with a fine  - When still disobeying the ordinance, off to jail	No	04/24/24 3:46 PM
				We cannot offer help indefinitely and never to anything about those who refuse our help.		
376	339	Anonymous	Support	I hope that the city is much, much more serious about a camping ban immediately. Get the alternate sites up ASAP, implement the ban ASAP, enforce it and get people help.	No	04/24/24 3:49 PM
377	339	Piper Wyrick	Oppose	OPPOSE This is not okay.	Yes	04/24/24 3:50 PM
				Please let me know if this actually gets read.		

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378	339	Keeley H	Oppose	How many times must we do this?? Homelessness is not a crime. This administration is playing with people's lives, dehumanizing folks with every chance you all get. Instead of taking accountability with how this city has failed a marginalized community, you are attempting to eliminate a group of people based on class. Make no mistake, you are signing death certificates by passing a ban on camping, on living, in this city. History will look back at this administration with shame, for once in your miserable lives do the right thing. Spend this energy on creating better resource systems instead of hate and fear mongering.	No	04/24/24 3:52 PM
379	339	Anonymous	Support	I support a ban on camping. This really should include RV living and any setup where there is trash, waste, and broken down or stolen vehicles in the same space. We need state or federal funding just to clean up the mess left by this tiny portion of our population.	No	04/24/24 3:56 PM
380	339	Anonymous	Support	I have read through a lot of this testimony, and am saddened to read almost all of it. I will not be watching the in-person portion, because I am sickened by those who go in yelling and disrespecting the meeting and acting as if their voices are the only ones that matter.  I support a camping ban.	No	04/24/24 3:58 PM
381	339	Gayle Cross	Support	Please implement a ban on camping, then enforce it and keep cleaning up the mess left behind by years of allowing this.	No	04/24/24 3:59 PM
382	339	Joy Damiani	Oppose	Banning camping in a city with predatory landlords where people are unjustly evicted regularly, instead of subsidizing public housing, is only going to increase social problems. Criminalizing houseless people is an unConstitutional act of violence. This veteran says NO CAMPING BAN.	No	04/24/24 3:59 PM
383	339	Anonymous	Support	Yes to the Gonzalez amendment	No	04/24/24 4:00 PM
384	339	Anonymous	Support	I do not know whether to select Support or Oppose. I support the end of people taking over public land as their own. I support a ban on camping in pubic places.	No	04/24/24 4:01 PM
385	339	Anonymous	Support	How are taxpayers not more outraged? Criminals everywhere, trash and drugs as well. Nothing gets cleaned up, nothing is enforced. My God, let this end for the sake of decent people trying to be happy.	No	04/24/24 4:03 PM
386	339	Anonymous	Support	We can't allow people infinite chances to trash our city without some repurcussionsright? Not sure how people think it's OK. Affordable Housing is not going to fix thisand even if it were going to, that's the 10-20 year fix. We NEED something now.	No	04/24/24 4:06 PM
387	339	Andy Brownstein	Support	My heart bleeds for many. The addicts, mentally ill, business and people who have to deal with all of this mess. The only reasonable step I see to get us started is setting up mass sites for tents. This way, campers are not any worse off than on the unprotected streets. We should then bring in waves of service providers. Imagine how many people could be helped if a dental clinic or job training clinic were held at a site with 500 or 1000 potential attendees who need these exact services.  Instead, we leave people all over the place and hope they come in a get their free kits for shooting up, and also the free kit for when they overdose. Wow.	No	04/24/24 4:11 PM

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388	339	John Comstock	Support	How sad for the homeless who are actually in need to have their position of need taken over by addicts and criminals. How sad for those opposing camping bans to not be able to tell the difference.	No	04/24/24 4:29 PM
389	339	Anonymous	Support	I support the ban, but do not think it goes quite far enough. Why adhere to the time, manner and place restrictions if it's also suitable to just setup sanctioned sites for camping. Then an all-out ban can begin to heal the city.	No	04/24/24 4:33 PM
390	339	NE Portland Resident	Support	This council has now had several years to improve this situation and not even moved the needle. Every new bed you make available is offset by an additional new arrival. Putting in policies like 339 will help slow the constant flow of people arriving to use our limited resources	No	04/24/24 4:35 PM
391	339	Lisa Ann Carney- Fenton			Yes	04/24/24 4:44 PM

## Commissioners and Mayor Wheeler,

It is absolutely imperative that you do not pass this proposal. I was born here and have lived in Portland for almost my whole life, and I have never been more disgusted and disappointed, and FRIGHTENED, at what my city government has done.

The homeless are part of the population of Portlanders whom you represent and govern, but with this policy you seem to have forgotten even their humanity. Or worse, rationalized it away from your processes and policies over the years -- to this point now where you are preparing to vote on the offense against them, and essentially criminalize their basic existence. The definition of homeless is living outside without access to a house, but this is just what you are saying it's illegal to do. WHERE are these people supposed to go? What do you actually this will happen as a result of this policy? Do houselsss folks not already have enough barriers to accessing society and meeting their basic needs?

Portland has a massive problem with

homelessness. But you know criminalization is not the answer. We need more affordable as well as transitional housing, as well as public resources, from bathrooms and showers to access to computers and assisstance applying for jobs. We need to support Portlanders, not drag them down even further, and handcuffing them at the bottom.

Do the right thing, commissioners.

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	339	Lisa Ann Carney- Fenton	Support	Dear Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Gonzalez and all other officials of Portland, Oregon,	No	04/24/24 4:51 PM
				It is time to implement (and enforce) a camping ban in Portland.		
				It is so disheartening, as a life-long resident of Portland, to see how this city has so quickly descended into a state of widespread filth and litter and such human despair. In most areas of Portland, you cannot avoid the traumatizing sight of tent-dwelling drug-addicts, litter, people living in piles of trash, and some roaming the streets screaming or in a zombie-like stupor leaning up against a parking meter.		
				We are continually hearing about the rights of the unhoused, but what about the other 99% of us who pay our taxes, keep up our properties, try to live law-abiding lives, and struggle to protect our homes and families from the countless daily assaults on our property, physical safety, and psychological well-being. Too many Portlanders have had disturbing experiences.		
				A few examples: My 26-year old son just gave his landlord notice that he is leaving the Pearl District after living there for one year. In that time he has has a gun pulled on him (he was able to duck into a nearby restaurant for safety in that situation), he constantly sees people having mental health issues, screaming and yelling as he is walking to/from his car. He now carries a knife for fear of getting assaulted; he and his friends travel to Vancouver, WA to "meet-up" as they don't feel safe walking near his apartment or going to the regular hangouts in the Pearl, downtown or on the inner east side. The camps, near where he parks his car, are removed (under the 405 overpass) near his apartment, only to return within days of the sweeps. He works 10 hours days, pays his taxes, contributes to society only to constantly faced with the unhoused and the crime and mental health issues that seem to follow.		
392				We, his parents, currently live across the street from the Mult. SRV. We have had similar experiences— once the SRV was placed near our home, the crime, drug, etc. have all followed. We no longer feel safe shopping at Safeway or Fred Meyer on SW Barbur Blvd. We now drive to other neighborhoods to walk our dog. We do not use public transit anymore. We have found needles and foil and straws adjacent to our property since the SRV was placed there two years ago. 311 does nothing! Reporting and reporting does nothing!		
				We are seriously considering moving to Clackamas or Washington County to get away from what seems to be a problem that Mult. County and COP cannot seem to solve.		
				Why is it that people can camp wherever they want? Can't you set-up very large sites (in industrial areas?) that allow camping and RV parking away from residential neighborhoods and schools and senior centers where services can be offered to those in need. Why are you allowing the problems to continue to fan out all over the City? Why can't you offer more high-barrier shelters like Bybee Lakes— something that works?		
				Mayor and Commissioners— I am not saying that we should not help the unhoused, but allowing camping all over the City or placing people in SRVs in residential neighborhoods, often next to schools, without proper safeguards, is destroying our once clean and safe neighborhoods.		
Export	ted on May 14	, 2024 8:21:31 PM PDT		Please stop the camping— create large sites where camps and RVs can exist with services. Place them away from schools, residential neighborhoods and elderly		Page 92 of 98

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393	339	Soleil	Oppose	It was truly disgusting listening to ya'll talk about homeless people like they're cockroaches. Come election season you're all out and with disgrace. Not a single person mentioned ASKING the people you're deciding the fate of.	No	04/24/24 5:27 PM
394	339	Anonymous	Oppose	I and so many in Portland and a cross the country strongly strongly oppose a camping ban, as the unhoused deserve to be in our communities, not on the outskirts. This trauma and injustice will ripple through all communities.	Yes	04/24/24 5:32 PM
	339	Danita Harris	Oppose	I staunchly oppose this newest attempt to criminalize our houseless neighbors. It is cruel and a misuse of Police, misuse of tax dollars, and gross government overstep. The fact that this is happening while the Supreme Court is reviewing "camping" laws clearly indicates to me that this body knows as much and is working to push a vote.  We deserve more than false solutions and a complete lack of innovation.	No	04/24/24 5:39 PM
395				Gonzalez's 'Gresham model' fails to address the root causes of houselessness and disregards the voices of those most impacted. We stand with our unhoused neighbors in opposing this regressive approach. It's crucial for Commissioner Dan Ryan and the rest of the City Council to reject Gonzalez's proposal and prioritize compassionate solutions that uplift and support our unhoused neighbors.		
396	339	Greg Minikes, Portland State University MSW Program	Oppose	The Daytime Camping Ban is ineffective at solving any of our city's problems. People without access to housing and mental healthcare are forced to sleep outside, and will do so regardless of the ban. All the ban does is force people to pack up their stuff every day and carry it around on their backs all day. This is inhumane and criminalizes people with less mobility who are unable to pack up and carry a whole campsite every day.  The root causes of homelessness or crime are not addressed at all by this ban. It is	No	04/24/24 5:51 PM
				pointless criminalization of poverty, addiction and mental illness. The ways out of our current homelessness crisis requires more funds, more resources, more affordable housing, more social service workers, NOT more criminalization.		
397	339	Anonymous	Oppose	This is a NIMBY move. The houseless sweeps are the ones we most readabout. However, you let it happen with rent increases as well. It effects the "community" and for "renewal". It's been a long time since Portland spoke about its youth. I remember an article stating they left by the thousands. I asked a city employee about that, they replied, "Portland is too expensive." Sweeping and then saying words of kindness is what officials are about. Gonzalez rarely has a moral compass. I saw he and the Street Trust came together but I'm sure it was okay with the donors. The Portland Mercury published Dan Ryan's thoughts on houseless people who have gotten hit by a car, "Yes, they were hit by a car," Ryan said. "But we can assume with some of the data it's because they are impaired while walking." Walking in Portland is scarier made by the way you allow car owners to drive. It is not because we must pass houseless people. They don't kill us. The cars do. It's irritating how all we get for the true rise in deaths are signs asking the people to "slow the flock down". So anyway, treat people with dignity and try to do something that enriches the city such as really building a community and allowing people to camp who need to. Keep the Portland Street Response, they help with resources. And keep pedestrians alive. Don't blame them for drivers hitting them and that include houseless people, Commissioner Ryan. I'm sorry to be so blunt but this poor behavior of endless not caring about people must stop. Moving people around is the most stressful thing done to them and you're doing it to the houseless who are already stressed out and tired. But you don't have to do it. Vote no. Thank you.	No	04/24/24 6:59 PM

To whom it may concern at the court,

My name is Hal Flynn and I am a community member in Portland, and am very fond of the community that I have found here. However, the ban attempts across the country are hostile, illogical attempts that don't seek to understand and support the unhoused populations across the country, who deserve to be considered with respect and care just like everyone else.

I vehemently oppose the current camping ban (item 339) and strongly urge you to reconsider. This ban inherently criminalizes poverty and preys on one of our most vulnerable populations. This will not create the change that is needed in Portland - this decision would communicate that Portland supports the dehumanization and subjugation of a population that is simply trying to survive despite all odds. Instead of funding relocation, sweeps, and policing of public spaces, there could be resources given to those in need, after those working for the city speak to the unhoused community to gage what those needs are, and how to implement support towards housing or other needs that they have, as well as trauma-informed care. Locking people up will not solve these issues, and will show the residents of Portland that some people are just numbers to the city council.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Hal Flynn

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398	339	Anonymous	Support	Allowing camping just enables the drug addiction most of these people suffer.	No	04/24/24 7:08 PM
399	339	Anonymous	Support	Continuing camping moving from place to place. They are back on Marine Drive and under the 205 bridge. I can send pictures. East County gets the worse. I strongly support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment."  Mary Carlton 17809 NE Marine Dr Portland Or.	No	04/24/24 8:31 PM
400	339	Megan Mishler		I am in favor of all and any bans. Get people to shelter. Get treatment options. Move houseless to a different location than sidewalks & overpasses & public parks.	No	04/24/24 8:40 PM
401	339	Brett Marchal	Support	Our whole "camping" situation should have foretold the demise of M110 before it ever even went to public vote. In today's world, you cannot just assume people are going to contribute to society if you just give them a chance. There are too many people addicted or ill or just criminal-minded who will NOT seek help.  This camping ban needs to work in the same way as the hopeful fix for M110offer people help first. If they don't take it, wellthen there are criminal consequences. But never, ever should there be no consequences like the original M110 or today's "camping" situation.	No	04/25/24 6:28 AM
402	339	Pearl Waldorf LPC	Oppose	My name is pearl waldorf. I am a psychotherapist in the city of Portland. As a mental health professional in this community for close to 15 years and a resident for over 25, I understand the impact codes of this nature have, not only on the physiology and human spirit of the folks being targeted, but also on the more privileged folks in our community. We don't need more finger pointing and canceling other human beings. It's time we take a look at our responsibility for the problem.  Portland proclaims itself to be a progressive place. As a queer person I made this place my home because it welcomed me. In the political climate of our country, rather than dehumanizing folks who carry the burden of inequalities baked into our systems, who may come here because they imagine it is a safe haven, I'm asking you to be more creative. To take a stand that dignifies all our community members. This would be the modeling our current culture needs to seek to understand across differences in access to resources as well as all the other differences.  The "drug problem" is a human problem. And we can do better in our community. I think this counsel should be ashamed for even considering criminalizing, our neighbors only choices. And when I say choices, I understand how people see drug use. Ask me about the how the brain actually works another time. This ordinance	No	04/25/24 8:04 AM

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403	339	Anonymous	Oppose	I am in opposition of the proposed amendments, they are simply inhumane. You cannot punish people for merely trying to survive. Please spend a week living outside in the late fall or early winter and not use a flame for warmth. Portland lost multiple citizens last winter (every winter) from hypothermia alone, banning fires will lead to more deaths. I could go on and list reasons to how each amendment is not only inhumane but also will at the very least be counterproductive for reaching what I hope the goal is actually - have everyone have a house but fact of the matter is that roughly 80% of folks who are currently living outside want and would say themselves need housing. BUT that housing must be completely no barrier housing - housing first is a fairly well studied concept and it works (google it). So focus on creating the infrastructure before punishing people for not accessing something that doesn't actually exist. I was lucky enough to work in local harm reduction (ssp) for 5 years and met some of the most incredible people who were accessing that space and I can tell you nearly everyone I severed if currently unhoused would say they would want nothing more to be indoors and would always lead into them explaining how you cannot focus on getting well and accomplishing other tasks (either self appointed or societal expectations) until you are consistently feeling safer and that life's a bit more stable. These proposed amendments will do nothing but increase the frequency and intensity of instability for folks living outside. By forcefully making folks constantly be on the move either through putting out these fear mongering policies or physically through rapid response and/or city police it is a complete disruption and just another barrier for an individual working towards any of the goals you all like to push on and think folks should have ie a job, quitting drugs or alcohol if they use, getting a house etc. because whether a vocalized/written threat or physical violence or both you've now created a deeper	No	04/25/24 8:34 AM
				camping, so it's unfair to only listen to city tax payers complaining about not wanting to have the property they contribute to be used for that. JUST FOCUS ON MORE LOW BARRIER HOUSING NOW. talk about these ridiculous amendments later.		
404	339	Portland Animal Welfare (PAW) Team	Oppose	The Portland Animal Welfare (PAW) Team provides veterinary services and wrap-around support for Portlanders experiencing houselessness and/or living in extreme poverty. Every day and every month we work with individuals who are trying to survive in Portland despite the numerous barriers they face seeking adequate shelter including capacity and safety. We see our city in crisis, and we know that punishment is not the answer. Criminalizing a person for the failure of our city to provide adequate social support is wrong, and will only place further barriers in the way of someone's long-term success.	No	04/25/24 9:18 AM
405	339	Jacob Richman	Oppose	I strongly oppose this ban on unhoused encampments. Sweeping camps and criminalizing our most vulnerable neighbors simply for existing is both cruel and won't solve the problem of homelessness or make anyone safer. We need more services and more interaction with our unhoused neighbors: trash services, portapotties, and security to prevent outsiders from attacking people in the encampments and from housed people from dumping trash at encampments. And trusted case workers to work with the folks in the encampments to find permanent housing solutions. Thank you.	No	04/25/24 10:28 AM

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406	339	Ross Werth	Support	I am amazed at the number of people missing the point here. One commenter mentioned needing trash, security and portapotties at the encampments. At what, all 1000+ encampments?  The ban is a diversion tactic to get people INTO the camps where we can provide these exact services and actually help people. But we can't just say "unless you don't want to, then do whatever you want". See the completely miserable failure of Measure 110 as an example.	No	04/25/24 10:54 AM
407	339	Anonymous	Support	339 Ban camping in public places Ensure the policy is legally enforceable Include consequences for violating the ban	No	04/25/24 2:56 PM
408	339	Deborah Wallace	Oppose	I am writing to strongly oppose the plan advanced by the Mayor to fine unhoused people \$500 and jail them if they refuse what you categorize as a "reasonable offer of shelter." But Portland has a shortage of shelter beds, so this must be a sick joke by our council members. Portland also has an extreme lack of affordable housing and of accessible mental health care, which are the fundamental cause of this crisis, yet those issues are being ignored. Many cities our size have solved these underlying causes years ago, yet the best our leaders can offer is to sweep people into jail at taxpayers' expense. I urge you to reject the proposal before council and lead us with genuine solutions for the long term.	No	04/25/24 6:15 PM
409	339	Kevin J Nadolny	Support	We had a camper van at the end of our block for about a year. What a nightmare. They set the sidewalk on fire many times, defecated in our alley, and terrified our kids. Shortly after, the bad presence resulted in squatters taking advantage of an empty apartment on the corner and caused havoc. I love Portland, but our beauty and environment are being destroyed by people choosing to camp on our streets.  I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment.	No	04/25/24 8:24 PM
410	339	Anonymous	Support		No	04/28/24 7:20 AM
411	339	Adam Morris	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. I'm a Portland property owner and small business owner. I loved taking my family to Portland for shopping, dining, and all the comforts this city has provided for so long. But I no longer feel safe walking on Portland's streets, taking its public transportation, or even parking my car for fear of theft and damage. I welcome the day that Portland begins making changes that benefit those who contribute to the city, not those who take from it and vandalize it. When that day comes, I will be back.	No	04/28/24 5:32 PM

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412	339	Eve Ashkar, manager of Adler Commercial Properties LLC	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's amendment. As a commercial property owner who manages both office buildings and multi-family homes in NE Portland, I have seen how detrimental encampments can be to the normal functions of business. We struggle every day to keep our blocks clean from trash, needles, and human waste left by those who set up tents on the sidewalks in front of our offices. It is very challenging to keep our tenants and their clients feeling safe a secure with tents nearby. When we have a vacancy, it is increasingly difficult to find a new tenant to lease to when they come to visit the property and see tents set up across the street. It is not welcoming or safe-looking. No one wants to set up a business next to an encampment, as it deters customers. If we cannot find tenants to fill our buildings, then we will struggle to pay our property taxes. The city needs to consider the needs of small and medium-sized business owners who are trying to bring commerce and activity to these areas (Lloyd Center in particular). We cannot keep these spaces safe and attractive to businesses and customers when tents, garbage, and graffiti are everywhere. Thank you.	No	04/29/24 1:02 PM
413	339	Sue Mackley	Support	Our City is greater than this. Camping, damaging and living in public areas can not be allowed. Diseases spread easily. It can not be a choice to live at the expense of others.	No	04/30/24 4:38 PM
414	360	Anonymous	Oppose	I am urging you to oppose this bill as amended, and any other bill that seeks to further criminalize being unhoused by banning unsanctioned public camping. This will not get people off the streets. We should be dealing with the housing crisis using proven approaches like tiny-home communities and supportive housing, as well as rent control and better tenant protections so that more of our community members don't become unhoused in the first place. Any funding used to enforce a camping ban will be an absolute waste of our money as tax payers. Please oppose this bill and invest in projects that actually work.	No	05/05/24 8:19 PM
415	360	Anonymous	Support	The homeless crisis in our city has been a prominent issue for many years now with it only continuing to get worse. Implementing these regulations will help clarify the prohibition on camping and reduce criminal sanctions and promoting diversion programs over punitive measures can also help address the systemic issues contributing to homelessness. However, the heart of the matter lies in addressing the root causes of homelessness, particularly the lack of access to mental health services and affordable housing options. Portland must prioritize allocating resources toward expanding mental health services tailored to the unique needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. By directing attention and resources toward bolstering mental health services and creating more housing options, Portland can address the homelessness crisis in a compassionate and holistic manner, offering hope and dignity to those in need.	No	05/06/24 8:52 PM

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416	360	Minister Nathan Jimenez		Mister Mayor, City Commissioners, Madame Auditor, Madame Clerk, Mister Mayors Staff, Commissioner's Staff and Brocker-Knapp;  I would like to address this issue once again at the city Council Meeting in full support of the strongest, and most punitive City Ordinance to Ban Homeless Outdoor Camping in Portland. I am a profound believer that the Carrot and the Stick approach is needed here, especially since the Homeless for whatever reason they are homeless are refusing to get help and services. Quite honestly in my mind refusing to get services, or seek them out, or seek to receive services when offered defies all reason, and common sense. What I have observed in certain cases some homeless would rather stand out in the rain, be in a tent outside in the cold and do drugs rather than seek help. I have also observes those that have mental illness are refusing to get help and treatment for them mental conditions for whatever reason which can be understandable in the case of mental illness, your Ordinance would force mentally ill people to get help. Some in regards to other types of homeless people that choose to be homeless I have observed that they seem to just enjoy being homeless people giving them free stuff. I am reminded of a particular fellow who has like a portable shed that he has hooked up to a bicycle he just bikes around parks his portable shed that he lives in, and panhandles I have observed he is making good money panhandling people give him free food on hawthorne, so he is not incentivised to get or receive services. So I have come to the conclusion that Carrot and the Stick approach is needed here. As the Council Advocate for the Cathedral Council Adrocate for the Cathedral Council for the Knights of Columbus. However as the Owner, Host and News Anchor of Events of Our Times Podcast eventsofourtimes.com I have been engaged in this issue of homeless of endeavoring to bring about humanitarian solutions to this social ill that is plaguing our City and our Country. The Knights of Columbus has been engag		O5/08/24 9:15 AM

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Mayor Wheeler,

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Dear Mayor wheeler and City Commissioners,

Please do not punish people for being poor and homeless. Please be bold and brown in building more housing, instead of punishing the victims of our housing crusis.

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to be thinking of more creative solutions
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My name is Sahaan McKelvery and I am an executive at self Enhancement, luc. I am adamently opposed to criminalizing homelessness, and that is what this proposed ban on outdoor camping will dr. Mandated shelter/comping sites is equivalent to, "seperate but equal," laws that were once the norm in the south. If we want to reduce camping, then giving people housing options is the best solution. The only other palatable option is optional shelter/camp sites. Is we create spaces that are desirable then people will choose to go there. It people are not choose then people will choose to go there. It people are not choose then people will choose to go there.

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Mayor Ted wheeler -

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Dear City Council,

I am writing to ask you to invest community money & resources to programs that prioritize housing over shelter. We can address the impact of public encampments while honoring the needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness by offering services that connect people to stude housing. Programs such a programal long term hent Assistance, PSH Should take first priority! Emily Arsman

Everyone needs to come together to get something started you want you want you won't talk to each other about more than one to get things done.

Belinda

Dear Mayor Ted Wheeler, 4/19/24

il appreciate the things you have done for us the few years you've been in power. Even though I think you act with good intentions, I would appreciate if you would address the issues regarding homeless people in a more open perspective. For instance, on the camping ban ordinance I would like see better solutions than I would like see better solutions than Jail for sleeping outside. I suggest you jail for sleeping outside. I suggest you gail for sleeping outside. I suggest you have the vencouver BC models itstead examine the vencouver BC models itstead examine of this crimalization ordinance.

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