

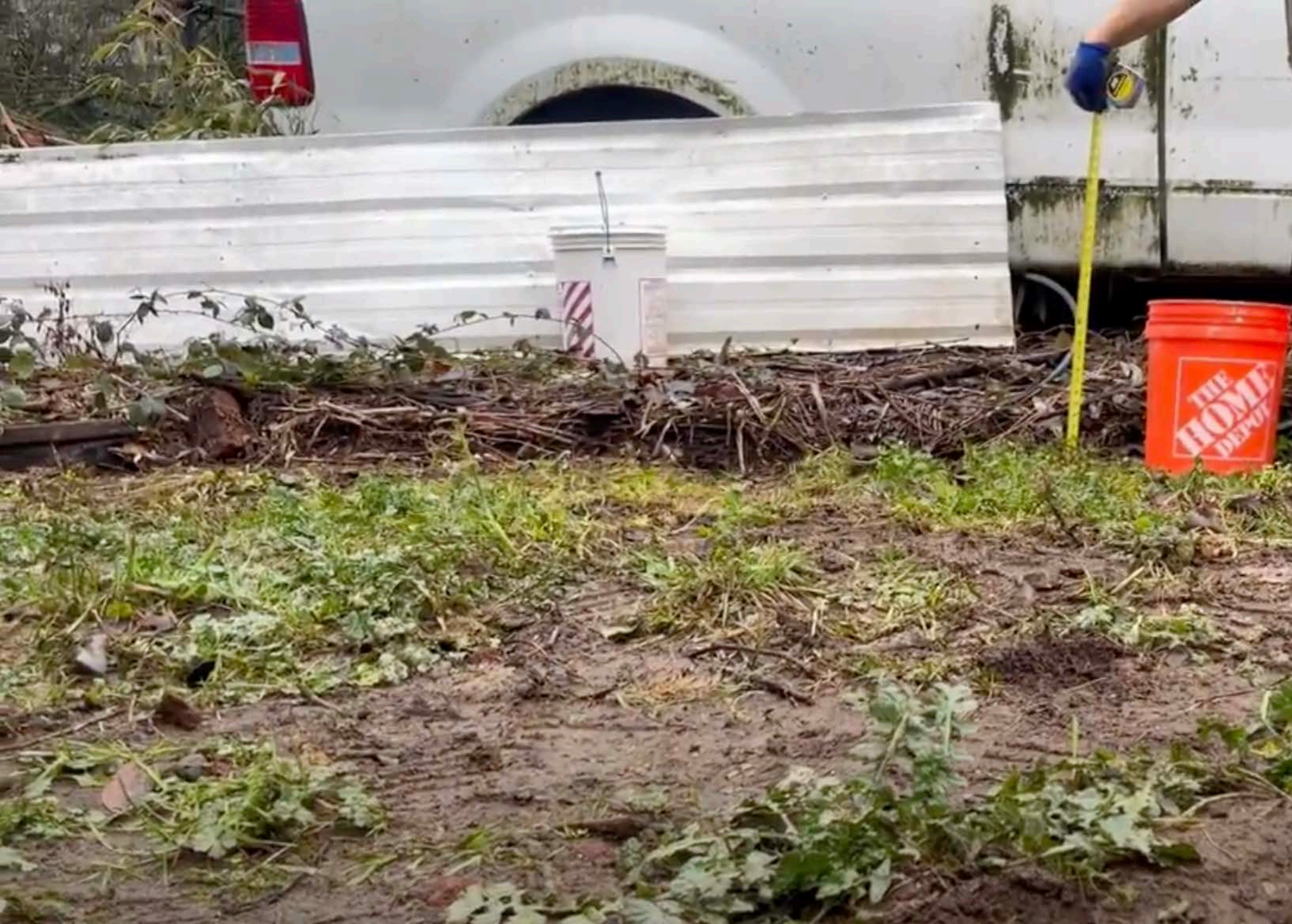
Portland City Council Agenda
 Written Testimony - Item 885/860

Agenda Item	Name or Organization	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
1 860	Anonymous	Support with changes	Regarding the proposed mega shelters in Portland, not withstanding your stance pro or negative, please take note that the most important issue is to not displace a problem situation from one area to another. Please, if you do approve of these mega shelters, mandate that they are not placed in or near a residential neighborhood, as no level of accountability can feasibly manage a low barrier shelter. There are countless properties that are available to the city that are away from residential neighborhoods and still accessible to transit.	No	10/11/23 9:31 AM
2 860	Lisa Dessen-Ocana	Support	My family has lived on the other side of a fence from this property since 2006. It was derelict then. It has only gotten worse. Squatters breaking in, our pest control service saying this property is the main reason our small lot needs 4 rodent poison bait stations continuously serviced since we moved in, overgrown vegetation, on ongoing fire hazard, garbage and dead vehicles parked on it, leaking who knows what into the soil, and now a person living in an RV for more than a year with no water or sewer hook up, piled up garbage, multiple needs to call the police given his behavior--including violent, aggressive behavior captured on video. The property owner has not responded to any neighbors trying to work with him to mitigate problems, including me. I offered to pay to have a dying tree removed from his side of the property line interfering with fence replacement. All he had to do was sign and return a form. Nothing. For almost 20 years, my family has kept our property clean and safe and paid every dime of every tax asked of us. Where are the neighbors' rights in all of this? How much longer are we supposed to suffer? People have been reporting this property for years to the city and asking for help. It is time for you to finally help all of us who have suffered and kept doing the right thing. The owner is only doing minimal work on the property now that some accountability might FINALLY be here--after decades of none. It is time for the city to care as much about the neighbors as it has about this property owner, after the city gave him decades of chances to do the right thing to no avail.	No	10/05/24 8:35 AM

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860	Carolyn Myers	Support	<p>Dear City Council Members,</p> <p>I am testifying in support of the foreclosure of 6329 SE 86th Avenue due to the numerous negative impacts this property has on my family and our neighborhood, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Significant property damage to neighboring homes -Extreme fire hazards from accumulated dry yard debris -Ongoing illegal drug activities and sex work -Assault and harassment from the RV occupant, creating a constant fear of violence <p>As an only parent of a 13-year-old son and a teacher with Portland Public Schools, I have worked tirelessly since buying my home, which shares a property line with 6329, in 2019 to mitigate the harmful effects of this property on our personal safety and that of our neighbors.</p> <p>Property Damage and Fire Hazard: The blackberry vines from 6329 SE 86th Avenue have invaded my property every year, growing over, under, and even through my fence and underground, extending to my home's foundation and roof. I have spent countless summer days removing these vines, only to see them return. Despite repeated attempts to contact the owner, Brian McDonald, including leaving a letter at his home, he has consistently ignored my communications.</p> <p>The 6329 property has accumulated over a decade's worth of dry debris—foliage, twigs, and branches—causing it to stand 12-18 inches above my own property and presenting an extreme fire danger. When I brought this issue to Mr. McDonald's attention as he sat drinking beer in the back of the property, he dismissed my concerns, claiming he could let his property reach any height he wished.</p> <p>Illegal Activities: In early 2023, Mr. McDonald permitted Greg Shultz to live in an RV on the property without sanitation services(garbage and sewer). Since then, the property has become a site for sex work and drug use, with people smoking methamphetamine on the sidewalk where children walk to catch the school bus. Cars are left abandoned on the street, and individuals defecate openly, creating a hazardous environment for everyone in the community.</p> <p>Threats to Personal Safety: In August 2024, Mr. Shultz trespassed onto my property, assaulted me in front of my son, and continued to harass me, by yelling obscenities, for 15 minutes while we waited for police to arrive. Mr. Shultz targeted me because I installed security cameras at the front of my home due to ongoing safety concerns. (Video evidence with D.A.) My son and I now avoid our backyard entirely, and we carry pepper spray whenever we leave the house because we fear for our safety. Neighborhood children are instructed to cross the street rather than walk on the sidewalk by this property, which speaks to the level of danger it presents.</p> <p>Request for Action: The ongoing conditions at 6329 SE 86th Avenue detract from our community's quality of life, deter potential homebuyers, and make our neighborhood an unsafe place to live.</p> <p>This testimony provides enough information to identify me, and I am choosing to add my name to the record to reclaim my power as a mother, a protector of children, and a law-abiding member of the Lents neighborhood and the Portland community. I hope that, by speaking out, I can contribute to creating a safer environment for my child, my neighbors, and the community where my students live.</p> <p>I respectfully urge the Portland City Council to take decisive action to address these threats and help restore safety and livability to our community by foreclosing on 6329 SE 86th Avenue.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this urgent matter.</p>	Yes	10/05/24 1:49 PM

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4	860	Anonymous	Support	This property has become a parking lot for wood boards (there is no driveway or grass, so cars use boards for traction) and RVs. The sidewalk in front is AT LEAST is not ADA compliant, let alone safe for children from trash/etc. The smell of meth has been coming from the yard regularly.	No	10/05/24 3:30 PM
5	860	Belinda Hilbert	Support	I live on SE86th and wish to attest to the general condition (extremely poor) and safety issues of the home at 6329 SE 86th. In the five years that I have lived here, I have witnessed the number of rats near the home grow; as well as witnessed wildlife entering into the home directly. It was clear that no one was living in the home and it had deteriorated to the point that it is a fire risk and safety risk to the homes around it. I also have witnessed numerous occurrences of drug use directly in front of or on the property; sometimes in the RV and sometimes just in cars in front of the home.	No	10/06/24 11:09 AM
6	860	anonymous	Support	I support the forclosure of 6329 SE 86th ave, I have lived here on 85th ave for over 20 years and can see alot from my backyard to this eyesore of uninhabitable house that stray cats have made their home! A severe fire hazard do to blackberry/ tree branches piled up and dried out just over a year ago a homeless Rv encampment moved in you hear fighting some late or early hours, I have smelled drug use many times! My granddaughter loves to play in back yard but never feel 100% comfortable since they moved in & first week RV moved in things were stolen from back Patio & backyard shed was left opened and tools stolen & same day my neighbors bike was stolen which shares backyard fence with 6329 SE 86th which they share an adjacent fence that is broken, I of course cannot prove they stole these items but I feel strongly a good chance? I have never had anything stolen from fenced back yard in the 20 yrs I have lived here!	No	10/08/24 2:18 PM
7	860	Anonymous	Support	Confirming I have lived on 86th Ave for many years. I have observed drug related activity at the property and intentionally avoid walking nearby due to concerns about my personal safety. For the safety of the community, I am writing to support the initiated action. Thank you for your consideration.	No	10/08/24 6:41 PM

Portland City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
Verbal Testimony

	Agenda Item	Name
1	860	Brian McDonald
2	860	Gregory Schults