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Subject: A follow-up due to lack of response regarding homeless issues.

Please be directed to this article at bikeportland.org: <http://bikeportland.org/2015/06/19/11-buildings-illegal-portland-144633>

We must allow for this middle ground to be built. Additionally, we must remove parking minimum requirements for all developments. Parking induces car ownership and car owners to move in. We must also remove density restrictions that don't allow apartments without parking along main corridors in East Portland or even off those corridors. We have a major housing shortage. Not supporting aggressive building and avoiding the systemic silencing of NIMBYs is an endorsement for land speculators who are profiting off our housing shortage. That is deplorable. The same may go to be said for parking garages or blacktop parking lots. Those must be taxed at a much higher property tax rate as they are using land as investment.

I am still disappointed I did not get a response about whom you believe deserves services in terms of the homeless in our city. A common fallacy I hear lately is that services attract "others." All human beings deserve services. Housing is a right.

Regarding Vision Zero, you must move forward with plans proven to work in other cities that adopted them. We must make multimodality upgrades whenever infrastructure is repaired. Protected bike lanes must be the norm, not what you believe is a luxury.

There seems lately to be a suburban grumbling about the urban growth boundary. I want to see commissioners take the stance that we should build up and never move the UGB again. The rest of the state should be permanent wilderness and farm. I'd also like the city to invest on real renewable infrastructure (give subsidies to those who add solar and more!) and urban vertical mechanical farms so Portland may be food independent and energy independent by 2035.

It is important, also, that Portland take the stance of increasing the gas tax to match inflation as well. A mile tax is a discouragement for electric vehicles. On the topic of automobiles, we should maintain the stance that Portland and metro have officially reached the saturation point for the city adding black top. The city commissioner's should espouse a stance of maintenance and aggressive increases in fixed transit. We need a subway, and the SW line must be MAX and have a tunnel servicing OHSU.

These ideals I feel are not options for you as representatives to the greater good of Portland and the rights our ecosystem deserves.

If you are compelled to respond that the law makes some of these issues out of your jurisdiction, I am preempting that response. You should be advocating and actively circumventing the obstacles to positive change if you expect Portland to re-elect and support you.

Thank you,
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On Jun 10, 2015, at 2:56 PM, Reyes, Cindy <Cindy.Reyes@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Jonathan,

Thank you for your email. I am responding on the Mayor's behalf.

We understand your concern around what has become a widespread issue throughout the city. With roughly 2,000 people sleeping outside in Portland on any given night, and not enough indoor bed space to house virtually any of them, it will take quite a while to markedly reduce that number.

The city is taking several approaches, including extending foot patrols, creating more bed space, and keeping winter shelters open year round. These programs will be helpful, but we know that the ultimate solution will come when we can treat and house everyone who needs those services. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to continue to contact us to let us know what's happening so that we can continue to ensure a safe and comfortable city.

Again, thank you for your email.

Sincerely,

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To: Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Fish; Hales, Mayor; Commissioner Novick; Commissioner Saltzman

Subject: War on the homeless

Hello,

I am appalled at the policy I have read about cleaning the streets of homeless camps. For one, all you are doing is shuffling the problem from one area to another in the metro. Secondly, there is a severe housing shortage in our metro area for even middle and low class people. How does it

make sense to all of you that we should be targeting the homeless in a way that makes their presence illegal when we aren't providing housing. Housing is a right! If we apply inclusionary zoning with linkage fees, we can provide affordable housing and housing for the needy.

If this policy of criminalizing the poor and homeless continues, I have no choice but to vote against each one of you for not speaking out loudly against such an abhorrent policy. Where is the progressive ideal of compassion? Where is the progressive ideal of applying aid instead of overt force? I'm disgusted.

Good day,
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