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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: written testimony for 10/26 council meeting on agenda items 899-903
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To whom this concerns,

I'd like to submit my written testimony in support of enforcing no camping laws and ending illegal camping on city streets and sidewalks.

It's past time to end dangerous, inhumane, and illegal camping in public areas. People are suffering. Neighborhoods are unsafe. Portland is hurting. I support the proposed resolutions (899-903) to save lives, restore safety and to clean up our city. This is a long overdue step.

The city has the money to get this plan started. Please stop wasting \$45M a year on the county-run Joint Office of Homeless Services and use these city tax dollars to start implementing this plan. Do not give County or Metro politicians a veto over city policies.

Kind regards,

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