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Portland City Council

Please take action now to end camping in our public areas. The danger to the campers is real and the impact on the city is catastrophic. Please note the allowance of drug use has exacerbated the problem making this lifestyle one chosen by a large number of campers that don't want to give up drug use. Spend money helping the mentally ill and the marginal with programs but stop feeding the Homeless Industrial Complex that will drag this out for ever. We need to stop the camping now not 18 months from now. Support Ted Wheeler, who is finally making the tough decisions, to move this forward immediately.

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