

## Written Testimony Submissions - Agenda Item 473/451

Agenda Item	Name	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>Hello City Council,</p> <p>I am writing to you in regards in support of the updated ordinances for time, place and manner.</p> <p>I am genuinely appreciative that the City has been working diligently in behalf the residents.</p> <p>I understand this issue is complex, and more is needed to be done such as establishing sanctioned camps however this is a start in the right direction.</p> <p>Thank very much taking the time to read my comment.</p> <p>Kindly, Kala Franklin</p>	No	05/26/23 9:38 AM
451	David R. Ellis	Support	<p>Strongly support 8am-8pm camping ban. The current homeless camp situation creates a peer group feedback loop where the temporarily homelessness becomes permanent. Settling down and getting comfortable, drug use to combat stress, junk and garbage collecting becomes normal behavior when you are surrounded by it.</p> <p>Businesses suffer and close. Buildings sit vacant attracting graffiti/squalor. Foot traffic for surrounding businesses drops. Employment drops. Tax revenue drops. People leave. I am planning to sell my rental properties in Elliot and invest elsewhere.</p> <p>Breaking this feedback cycle is difficult for all, but the right thing to do, just as drug withdrawal is.</p> <p>Thank-you</p>	No	05/26/23 10:15 AM
451	Matt Hall	Support	<p>Dear Portland City Council,</p> <p>I strongly support the city's efforts to bring unchecked camping under control with reasonable time/place/manner restrictions. I understand the difficulties posed by House Bill 3115, but believe that the city's proposal to restrict the hours and locations at which camping is allowed is within the spirit of HB 3115, and will help to mitigate the most apparent effects of unchecked camping. Prohibiting daytime camping also could incentivize those in our unhoused community to seek help for their problems. In contrast, our current policies of tolerance and "harm reduction" enable people to live a life of crime and drug abuse without repercussion. I think unchecked camping has been extremely harmful for our community, and is one of several factors that has been driving businesses and productive citizens out of the city. I would like to see Portland return to the beautiful, clean, and vibrant city it was when I moved here in the 1990s. I believe that time/place/manner restrictions on urban camping, if enforced, could be a step in that direction.</p> <p>Sincerely, Matt Hall</p>	No	05/26/23 10:33 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>Hello all,</p> <p>I strongly support measure 451. Citizens deserve to be able to enjoy public spaces without obstruction. While I feel empathy for the plight of the homeless, letting day time camping continue without restriction leads to ecological and biological hazards to the community at large.</p> <p>There is much work to be done, but this is a giant step in the right direction.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	No	05/26/23 10:46 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>I support the new ordinances regarding time, place, and manner. If enforced safely and responsibility, these changes can positively impact both the housed and unhoused neighbors of Portland. Thank you for working to bring Portland back to a city known for great livability!</p>	No	05/26/23 10:57 AM
451	Josie Kressner	Support	<p>I support the updated ordinances for time, place, and manner. Prohibiting daytime camping (among these other changes) seem likely to incentivize those in our unhoused community to seek help. In combination with accountability on the part of Multnomah County to help Portland use the tax dollars collected under the Supportive Housing Services tax to provide help (item 436 this week), I see a promising future.</p>	No	05/26/23 11:14 AM



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451	RA Brown - East Portland resident (97230)	Support	<p>I fully support updating the ordinances for time, place and manner. This is a step in the right direction to help our city recover from the multiple crises we are experiencing.</p> <p>Thank you City Council for the vision and courage to confront the challenges.</p>	No	05/26/23 12:43 PM
451	Bill Hollway	Support	<p>Hello City Council,</p> <p>I am writing to you in support of the updated ordinances for time, place and manner.</p> <p>I am genuinely appreciative that the City has been working diligently on behalf the residents.</p> <p>I understand this issue is complex, and more is needed to be done such as establishing sanctioned camps however this is a step in the right direction.</p> <p>Kindly, Bill Hollway</p>	No	05/26/23 12:59 PM
451	Revitalize Portland Coalition	Support	<p>Please support this bill to move forward with baring camping, after several written warnings, in key places like parks, around schools, daycares and public places. It further protects access for all Portlanders (particularly those with disabilities) to safely utilize sidewalks, crosswalks, business entrances, and residential doorways. The bill also includes a new hotline for services and additional funds for cleaning up our neighborhoods. I am in full support of these changes, this change is much needed for our city and for the residents, including the necessary changes in supporting people to live in some form of permanent housing structure; not camping on our streets which is not safe or sustainable for themselves and our community being able to thrive.</p>	No	05/26/23 1:29 PM

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451	Adam Turco - North Portland	Support	<p>Subject: Testimony in Support of Agenda Item 451 - Ban on Camping in Public Areas</p> <p>Dear Members of the Portland City Council,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for Agenda Item 451, which proposes a ban on camping in public areas within the city of Portland. As a concerned resident, I believe that implementing this ban is crucial for the well-being and safety of our community. I kindly request that you consider my testimony during your deliberations on this important matter.</p> <p><b>Overwhelming Public Health Infrastructure:</b> One of the primary reasons to support the ban on camping in public areas is the overwhelming strain it places on our public health infrastructure. The prevalence of people overdosing and experiencing medical emergencies in these areas has reached alarming levels. Emergency services are being stretched beyond their capacity, leading to delays in response times and compromised care for those in genuine need. By prohibiting camping in public spaces, we can help alleviate this burden and ensure that our public health resources are available to those who need them the most.</p> <p><b>Physical Hazards and Blocked Pathways:</b> Sidewalks and bike lanes serve as vital transportation arteries for our city's residents. However, the presence of encampments obstructs these pathways, creating physical hazards and inconveniences for pedestrians and cyclists. This poses a serious safety risk and hinders the accessibility and mobility of our community. By implementing a ban on camping in public areas, we can restore the functionality of sidewalks and bike lanes, promoting safer and more efficient movement throughout the city.</p> <p><b>Unacceptable Exposure of Open Drug Use:</b> The open drug use that often occurs within these encampments creates an unsafe environment, particularly for children. Public spaces should be places where families and individuals can feel secure, free from the exposure to illicit drug activities. The ban on camping in public areas would help create a more child-friendly environment, providing parents with the reassurance that their children can navigate our city without being subjected to dangerous and inappropriate situations.</p> <p><b>Economic Impact and Crime Increase:</b> The rising costs associated with increased crime and the negative impact on local businesses are further compelling reasons to support the proposed ban. The current situation is forcing businesses that contribute significantly to our infrastructure's maintenance and growth to bear excessive financial burdens. This economic strain can lead to a "tax death spiral," where diminishing revenues make it increasingly difficult to sustain essential public services. By addressing the issue of camping in public areas, we can safeguard our local businesses, promote economic growth, and ensure the long-term financial stability of our community.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge you, the esteemed members of the Portland City Council, to prioritize the well-being and safety of our community by supporting the ban on camping in public areas. By taking this step, we can relieve the strain on our public health infrastructure, enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety, create a more child-friendly environment, and mitigate the economic impact on local businesses. I trust in your commitment to fostering a thriving and secure community for all residents of Portland.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your dedicated service to our city.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Adam Turco</p>	No	05/26/23 1:34 PM
451	Chris Gilbert	Support	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a parent of high school and middle school aged children, and a tax paying homeowner of Portland, I strongly urge the council to vote yes on amending HB 3115. I understand that the intent of HB 3115 was to compassionately address the issue of homelessness plaguing so many in our community. I do believe that the evidence is strong, however, that allowing camping does nothing but increase crime, drug use, vandalism, and littering. We live in the Portsmouth neighborhood of North Portland and I have not felt comfortable allowing my kids to walk to school for two years. We live within a mile of their schools and the path (no matter which route they choose) is littered with dilapidated RVs and large homeless encampments. The occupants of these are regularly experiencing mental health crises and behaving erratically. Furthermore, there seems to be a high degree of drug use occurring and I often see groups of people passing around pipes they're using torch lighters to light which I'm pretty certain isn't cannabis. Our community of people who follow the rules, pay our taxes, and try to be good neighbors are made to feel like second class citizens when our concerns are ignored over those who do not seem to follow any rules but the ones they have chosen for themselves. This is not compassionate, it's enabling behavior and if we need to begin making changes immediately before it gets any worse. Please, for the good of this city, vote yes on amending HB 3115.</p>	No	05/26/23 2:33 PM



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451	Joe Hovey	Support	<p>I fully support this resolution to amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115!</p> <p>One of the changes I support includes prohibiting camping between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. by "involuntary homeless," which the ordinance defines as someone "having no means to acquire one's own shelter and not otherwise having access to shelter or other alternative options for housing." Fully support that campers must dismantle and remove camps until 8 p.m. Most importantly we need to ban camping within 250 feet from schools, Safe Rest Villages or other sanctioned camping sites along with parks, docks, construction zones and environmental overlay zones.</p> <p>We also need to ban camps from blocking access to private property or businesses. Campers are also not allowed to use gas heaters or maintain fires, set up permanent structures, accumulate garbage or other hazardous materials, or sell multiple bikes, cars or other parts!</p> <p>This is a start to solving what has become a major issue in our City.</p>	No	05/26/23 3:19 PM
451	Christopher Braun	Support	<p>I fully support this resolution to amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115!</p> <p>One of the changes I support includes prohibiting camping between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. by "involuntary homeless," which the ordinance defines as someone "having no means to acquire one's own shelter and not otherwise having access to shelter or other alternative options for housing." Fully support that campers must dismantle and remove camps until 8 p.m. Most importantly we need to ban camping within 250 feet from schools, Safe Rest Villages or other sanctioned camping sites along with parks, docks, construction zones and environmental overlay zones.</p> <p>We also need to ban camps from blocking access to private property or businesses. Campers are also not allowed to use gas heaters or maintain fires, set up permanent structures, accumulate garbage or other hazardous materials, or sell multiple bikes, cars or other parts!</p> <p>This is a start to solving what has become a major issue in our City.</p>	No	05/26/23 3:21 PM
451	Javier Sodo	Support	<p>I am a strong supporter of this update to our street camping regulations. It's a good first step in ending the inhumanity we currently allow on the streets of Portland. The current situation of allowing unsanctioned camping is not compassionate to the unhoused nor the broader community. We need to offer shelter and BAN all street, open space and RV camping. It is cruel to all. Let's start here and move forward with a complete end to the inhumanity of what we currently allow.</p>	No	05/26/23 3:27 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>Council members I strongly support a ban on camping in Portland. I personally have experience and loss because the homeless campers downtown Portland. My wife and I left Portland because the unsafe environment and lost \$160,000 on our condo downtown. You have a responsibility to the 650,000 citizens of Portland to make a livable city.</p>	No	05/26/23 3:54 PM
451	David Spaulding	Support	<p>Mayor and all commissioners, I am providing this written testimony to express my support with the City of Portland to comply with the House Bill 3115. The sidewalks, streets, and public spaces are not designated campgrounds. Years of neglecting the unsanctioned camps have been nothing but inhumane and hazardous for all of us including the houseless individuals. We have statistics where 36% of pedestrian deaths were houseless individuals despite they only represent 0.7% of our population here. We are not doing anyone a favor by permitting lawless camping. There are quotes in articles where the houseless individuals admitted they would have gone to a shelter if the ban on camping was enforced. That says a lot! It's time to do the right thing for everyone in Portland. Please vote yes. Thanks for your time.</p>	Yes	05/26/23 4:08 PM
451	Matthew Hughes	Support	<p>Hello City Council,</p> <p>I am writing to you in regards in support of the updated ordinances for time, place and manner.</p> <p>I am genuinely appreciative that the City has been working diligently in behalf the residents.</p> <p>I understand this issue is complex, and more is needed to be done such as establishing sanctioned camps however this is a step in the right direction.</p> <p>Sincerely, Matthew Hughes</p>	No	05/26/23 7:41 PM
451	Tom Urich	Support	<p>"I support Item 451 amending the city code to update existing public camping restrictions. Camping in public places needs to be banned from 8am to 8pm everyday of the week. Further, public camping in and around parks, sidewalks, schools and daycare centers should be prohibited. Camps should not obstruct access to private property or businesses. Individuals should not set up permanent structures, accumulate garbage or hazardous materials, assemble or offer to sell multiple bicycles, cars, or other parts."</p>	No	05/26/23 8:35 PM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/26/23



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# She died on Portland's streets, but not how her desperate family imagined: 'She still had hope'

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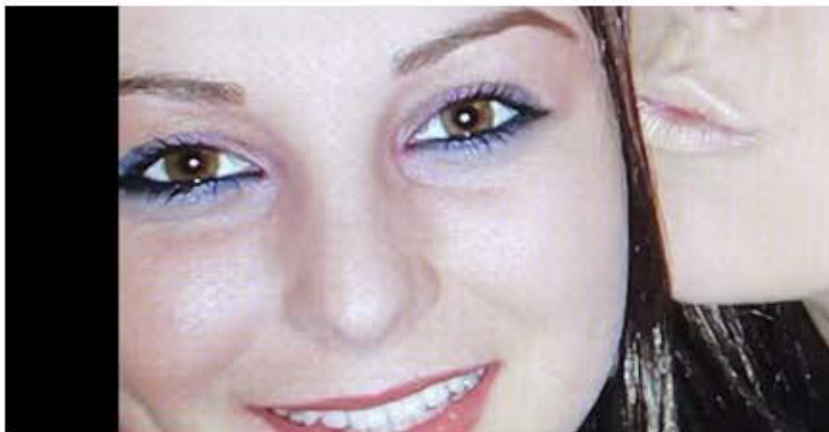


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Homeless and lacking identification, Katy Lyda lay unconscious in a Legacy Emanuel Medical Center bed for 12 days before hospital staff learned who she was.

By then, neurological experts had declared her brain dead. A doctor called her family May 7 to tell them the 40-year-old had been struck by a car on a Northeast Portland street on April 25.

Her family rushed to her bedside to say their good-byes. One of her sisters brought along Lyda's framed aesthetician's certificate and a collage of photos of Lyda in better days. Lyda holding her now 12-year-old daughter as a toddler. Lyda with a niece. Lyda with her parents, her skin a healthy glow and her smile brilliant.

"I wanted them to know that she was somebody," sister Rebecca Clark said. "Katy was going through a really hard time, but she was a person. She had a life. Everybody is somebody."

Lyda's lightning quick descent into drug addiction in her 20s — one that she never was truly able to shake — and the way she died — struck under the cover of darkness on a busy Portland street — illustrate two of Portland's entwined problems: homelessness and traffic deaths.

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Last year, 63 people died in traffic-related crashes in Portland. That's the highest number in at least 30 years. Of them, 28 were pedestrians, also the highest number in at least the past 12 years.

And of those pedestrians, 36% were homeless, although they comprise only 0.7% of the Multnomah County population.

So far in 2023, Portland has recorded at least 19 fatal car crashes. Nine have killed pedestrians. It's not yet clear how many others may have been homeless. In March, a 46-year-old man died while attempting to cross Northeast Sandy Boulevard at 162nd Avenue. He and his family had recently moved into a new apartment after living in a complex with black mold and before that a homeless shelter and motels, his family said.

The stretch of road where Lyda was fatally struck — Northeast 122nd and Skidmore Street — also has a haunting history. About a block away, a second pedestrian was struck and killed last September. Police say 22-year-old Ian

Stegall died in the 4000 block of 122nd Avenue after he was struck by a hit-and-run driver shortly before midnight.





Parkrose community members have been lobbying the city for lower speed limits on 122nd. Driving south along the avenue, the speed limit slows from 45 mph to 30 mph a block or two before where Lyda was hit. Pedestrian safety advocates say the intersection is frequented by students from nearby Parkrose High School and Parkrose Middle School during daylight hours.

Community members are fighting the planned arrival of a truck distribution center that will increase heavy truck traffic to the area. They also want the speed limit lowered to 20 mph.

Statistics posted on the city of Portland's Vision Zero website state that about 10% of pedestrians die or suffer serious injury when struck at 20 mph. That rises to 40% at 30 mph and 80% at 40 mph.

Eva-Jeanette Rawlins, a Parkrose School Board member, said encouraging students to bicycle or walk to school could be dangerous in her district.

"The idea is to roll to school or walk to school and unfortunately that doesn't apply to communities like Parkrose," Rawlins said, a mother of two. "Because I feel like they'd be more at risk doing that instead of if I were driving them."



Portland police didn't cite the driver who struck and killed Lyda with any crimes. A drug recognition expert didn't see any signs that he was impaired, so "testing/evaluation was not justified," Sgt. Kevin Allen wrote in an email to The Oregonian/OregonLive.

Allen said Lyda was wearing dark clothing, stepped into the crosswalk when the signal indicated she shouldn't walk and the driver had a green light. Though police don't have any evidence the man was speeding, they did ticket him for driving without a license and insurance.

Lyda's family said a police officer told them they didn't impound the car, didn't ticket the man on the spot and he was allowed to drive away from the scene — information that greatly upset them.

Police, however, told The Oregonian/OregonLive that they impounded the car and gave the man a ride home. An officer visited him that afternoon and handed him a \$540 traffic citation for the lack of a license and insurance, Allen said.

Lyda's family suspect that she may have been high on drugs and unaware of the danger. But they also wonder how the driver didn't see Lyda until it was too late. She was pushing a shopping cart, they said. And although the crash happened at about 5:20 a.m., before sunrise, the area is lit with street lights and area businesses, including fast-food restaurants and a gas station. Bottomline, they say, a slower speed limit might have helped.

The story of people who are homeless and dying on Portland streets is one that keeps repeating, they note.

Lyda's family say time and time again, the system let her down.

She was raised in Sonoma County, Calif., got her GED and her aesthetician's license, then began running a successful beauty business. But after a bad romantic break-up, she turned to drug use, family member's said.

"She was going out and drinking and probably partying to numb the pain," said Clark, her sister. "In a very short time, she lost her business. She started making a lot of mistakes because she was high on Oxycontin. Opioids."



Her family said Lyda eventually managed to get off the drugs, had a daughter and entered a cycle of ups and downs while on methadone for about a decade. Lyda and her daughter lived with her parents, who about a decade ago moved to Washington County. Sometime around 2022, Clark said, Lyda weaned herself off of methadone and started to exercise and eat right. But some months later, after another break-up, she spiraled back into drug use — methamphetamine and fentanyl, too.



When this 2022 photo was taken, Katy Lyda had started to use drugs again, her family says.

Due to her erratic behavior and the instability that introduced into her daughter's life, her parents say they had to force her out of the house. But her mother, Cheri Lyda, never gave up trying to get her help.

Cheri Lyda said she would meet her daughter at MAX stations to give her grocery gift cards, coats or other warm clothes. She would drive her to rehab clinics, only to have her daughter back out at the last moment because of drug-induced paranoia, such as unwillingness to sign paperwork because she thought bad things would come of it.

Cheri Lyda said her daughter told her how rough homeless life was — how she'd ride MAX until it shut down for the night, find a place to huddle with other homeless people, then catch the earliest train in the morning for shelter. Once, Cheri Lyda said, her daughter told her she found a restroom at a local college where the door locked. She slept there at night for about a week before employees caught on.

"She told me her back was sore from sleeping on the hard floor," Cheri Lyda said.

When she couldn't find a secure place, "she'd pass out and people would steal her stuff," Cheri Lyda said.

She also heard stories about her daughter overdosing, but someone had always given her Narcan and brought her back to life.

"When I lay in bed worrying about her, I worried about her having a fentanyl overdose," Cheri Lyda said.

She didn't worry much that her daughter would be killed by a car. Cheri Lyda said she'd warned her about the dangers of crossing the street while living outside, but her daughter had assured her that she always looked three times before crossing the street and was careful to wear light clothing. The emphasis Katy Lyda put on that statement made her mother believe that it just might be true.

On the morning Katy Lyda was fatally struck, her family thinks she was crossing Northeast 122nd on the way to the apartment of her boyfriend's father. His dad did not want Katy Lyda to stay there, so she would show up during the day after the father had gone to work, her family said.



Katy Lyda's family say they tell her story because they hope it will help change something for the better.

They are distraught by the many ways they believe the system failed her. That started with the methadone clinic that kept giving her methadone for so many years, Cheri Lyda says.

But she's also disappointed in Oregon's civil commitment system. A police officer told her it wasn't worth trying because he didn't believe Katy Lyda met the standard for forced mental health treatment. But Cheri Lyda does. She believes her daughter was a clear danger to herself.

Katy Lyda's family also is upset that it took so long for the system to identify her daughter. Though she didn't have identification on her, Cheri Lyda had filed a missing persons report two days after she was struck because she couldn't reach her daughter.

"I feel blessed we actually found out what happened to her," she said.

Up until the day they learned she was in the hospital brain dead, they had hope she might one day turn her life around. Inside the pocket of the jacket she had been wearing, her mother found a folded piece of paper she'd given her weeks earlier with rehab locations and phone numbers listed.

"She still had hope in her life," Cheri Lyda said, "and this ended her hope. That hope now is gone."

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451	Kara Shane Colley	Support with changes	<p>I SUPPORT the city taking action to make time and place camping restrictions. The homeless are a vulnerable population, but there are other vulnerable populations in the city that we need to think about. For example, I believe that children are a vulnerable population and should not have to navigate needles/tents/trash while walking to school or playing in the park.</p> <p>I wish the place restrictions were expanded. Camping should always be prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Within 1000 feet from a school or childcare center</li> <li>-On the sidewalk in front of a personal residence/business</li> <li>-In City Parks or on sidewalks surrounding city parks</li> </ul> <p>To make the time/place restrictions feasible, I believe that the city/county should also make sanctioned camping spaces available. The Joint Office should be working with the city/county on this goal.</p>	No	05/26/23 9:17 PM
451	Colton	Support	I support this agenda item. I believe it is a necessary step towards safety, lessening environmental impact, and a more livable city for all residents.	No	05/26/23 10:31 PM
451	Linda Witt	Support	I support Item 451 amending the city code to update existing public camping restrictions. Camping in public places needs to be banned from 8am to 8pm everyday of the week. Further, public camping in and around parks, sidewalks, schools and daycare centers should be prohibited. Camps should not obstruct access to private property or businesses. Individuals should not set up permanent structures, accumulate garbage or hazardous materials, assemble or offer to sell multiple bicycles, cars, or other parts.	No	05/27/23 1:53 AM
451	Candee Wilson	Support	How the city has let unsanctioned camping get so bad is beyond me. With the exception of the mentally ill, every derelict out there needs to be held accountable for their actions just like the rest of us. The city's non-response to the homelessness problem is being met with people leaving the city and the trend will continue if this crisis isn't dealt with soon. Item 451 is a latent first step, especially giving the police the ability to do their job, something that they haven't been able to do for a very long time. I definitely support item 451 and urge the council to do so as well.	No	05/27/23 4:06 AM
451	Marisha Green	Support	<p>Homelessness is a complex issue that demands compassion, understanding, and practical solutions. I fully support implementing a ban on homeless camping from 8 AM to 8 PM in once beautiful Portland. By doing so, we can ensure public safety, preserve the intended use of public spaces, mitigate economic impacts, and facilitate access to crucial services for the homeless population.</p> <p>Here are some more specifics on the reason I support this measure:</p> <p><b>Maintaining Public Safety:</b> One of the primary concerns associated with homeless camping is the potential for safety hazards. By restricting camping during specific hours, authorities can better monitor and regulate camping sites, ensuring that necessary safety measures are in place. Regular maintenance and cleaning of public spaces can be conducted, reducing the risk of fire outbreaks, sanitation issues, and criminal activities that may harm both homeless individuals and the community at large. Banning camping during the daytime hours enables authorities to enforce regulations more effectively, maintaining a safe environment for all.</p> <p><b>Preserving Public Spaces:</b> Public parks and recreational areas are intended for communal enjoyment and engagement. By restricting homeless camping during the daytime, we can preserve these spaces for their intended use. Families, children, and other community members should have access to these areas without feeling uncomfortable or unsafe. By providing a window for unobstructed usage, we create an environment that fosters community cohesion and inclusivity, enhancing the overall quality of life for residents.</p> <p><b>Mitigating Economic Impacts:</b> The presence of homeless camps during peak business hours can have adverse effects on local commerce. The visibility of homelessness in commercial areas can deter potential customers, leading to a decline in business revenue. By implementing a ban on homeless camping from 8 AM to 8 PM, the community can strike a balance between addressing homelessness and supporting local businesses. This restriction can encourage economic growth by attracting more customers to establishments, ultimately benefitting the local economy.</p> <p><b>Facilitating Access to Services:</b> Banning homeless camping during the day can incentivize individuals to seek available services and support. Homeless individuals may be more likely to utilize shelters, social services, or employment assistance during these hours when camping is prohibited. This restriction helps facilitate engagement with essential resources, increasing the likelihood of finding permanent housing, gaining employment, and improving overall well-being. By encouraging individuals to access support services, we take a step towards addressing the root causes of homelessness.</p> <p>While addressing homelessness requires multifaceted solutions, implementing a ban on homeless camping from 8 AM to 8 PM in Portland, OR, can contribute to a safer, more inclusive, and economically vibrant community in the Rose City. We need to get back to pragmatic progressivism and once again become "the city that works". By prioritizing public safety, preserving public spaces, mitigating economic impacts, and facilitating access to crucial services, we can strike a balance that benefits both homeless individuals and the wider community. It is essential to approach this issue with empathy, compassion, and a commitment to finding sustainable solutions that uplift everyone involved.</p>	No	05/27/23 5:57 AM



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451	Phil Broussard	Support	I support Mayor Wheelers proposed changes to the homeless camping code, which bans street camping from 8 am till 8 pm. Allowing unfettered street camping is inhumane and bad for houseless people as well as housed folks. I live near Peninsula Crossing Trail and have witnessed firsthand the human devastation. Thank you.	No	05/27/23 6:04 AM
451	Karyn Shanika Jones	Support	<p>Please restrict unsanctioned camping. Here are some reasons:</p> <p>Unsanctioned camping poses risks to public safety and health. I have concerns such as fire hazards, inadequate sanitation facilities, accumulation of trash, or potential for criminal activities. By limiting camping to certain hours, it will be easier to monitor and address these issues, ensuring a safer and cleaner environment.</p> <p>Public Space Accessibility: Unsanctioned camping restricts access to public spaces for other community members. When camping occurs without proper oversight or regulation, it limits the ability of individuals and families to enjoy and utilize parks, sidewalks, and recreational areas such as our bike paths (PCT, I-205 MUP). Implementing time restrictions on camping could help strike a balance between the needs of those who want to camp and the general public's access to shared spaces until such time we have adequate shelter and street and RV camping can be banned ENTIRELY.</p> <p>Encouraging Shelter Usage: We need to motivate individuals experiencing homelessness to seek out available shelter options or supportive services. By prohibiting camping during the day, it will push individuals to connect with local shelters, where they can receive assistance, access resources, and find a more stable and supportive living environment.</p> <p>Environmental Conservation: Unsanctioned camping results in environmental damage, particularly when natural areas or sensitive ecosystems are affected. It is important to protecting local ecosystems, wildlife habitats, or areas with cultural significance. By regulating camping activities, we can better manage and mitigate potential environmental impacts. We have abandoned our commitment to the environment in Portland. This needs to end.</p> <p>Balancing Local Policies: The ban on unsanctioned camping will align with existing local policies or regulations related to land use, zoning, or public space management. It is vital to uphold and enforce these policies uniformly and promote fairness in the Rose City.</p>	No	05/27/23 6:08 AM
451	Katharine Pruden Gay	Support	This is the most sensible change I have seen proposed and it gives me hope that logic may actually prevail here. As a long time resident and staunch liberal, I can tell you that the bombastic minority advocating against this do not represent our wishes. I talk to so many people and every single one of them wants change. Big, sweeping, thoroughly enforced change. Please do not sway to the braying crowd who want to allow these humans to keep wallowing in entropy. Change can be uncomfortable but is desperately needed.	No	05/27/23 6:55 AM
451	Chase - Occupational Therapist- Providence Medical Center	Support	I am a occupational therapist at a local hospital and work / rehab people with spinal cord injuries, strokes, TBI's, amputations. So many of my patients leave the rehab and live the rest of their life mobilizing the community in wheelchairs. I could vent about the eye sore of the camps, the garbage that piles and festers, the unsafe needles laying about, propane tanks, etc. But I would like to focus on the individuals in wheelchairs who come down a sidewalk and cannot cross the street if a sidewalk is blocked, and let's be honest most tent camps block the sidewalks. This is totally unacceptable and grounds enough for the proposed ban on camps spreading out past 10 feet and between 8-8p. Please think about people who depend on clear paths on out public sidewalks. Thank you. Also a camp growing out front of my house.	Yes	05/27/23 7:09 AM
451	Al Miller	Support	<p>As a young professional living in St. Johns and biking daily to downtown for the past three years, I support Ordinance 451. I believe that empathy for all citizens requires a holistic perspective, including equal consideration for all those who live and work in Portland.</p> <p>Introducing reasonable restrictions on public behaviors which are harmful to communities, especially impacting those with disabilities, is a necessary step to improving public safety for all. Ordinance 451 is not without empathy for the houseless either; it is a measured and pragmatic proposal with reasonable concessions to not unduly burden the houseless on their roads to recovery.</p>	No	05/27/23 10:27 AM
451	Anonymous	Oppose		No	05/27/23
451	Tim Clemen	Support		No	05/27/23
451	Nova	Oppose	Banning daytime camping on public property will only increase the burden on unhoused portlanders to move their belongings every day. How are people expected to seek out shelter or find the resources they need if they have to move everything they own twice a day? This proposal is cruel and inhumane, and all the money spent enforcing it would be better spent actually housing people.	No	05/27/23 12:39 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	It is inhumane to make people move for business hours, let people live and have necessities. Use funds to pay for housing, not big camps.	No	05/27/23 1:13 PM
451	Jenni York	Support	I SUPPORT THE UPDATES TO PORTLAND'S CAMPING CODE. PLEASE CONSIDER PORTLAND BEFORE PERSONAL POLITICS. PEOPLE ARE DYING AND MORE WILL DIE ON THE STREETS. THANK YOU.	No	05/27/23 1:19 PM
451	Walter Weyler	Support	I urge the council to approve item 451 and an additional measure to adequately enforce it.	No	05/27/23









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451	Amber Khan	Support	Support for the safety and revitalization of downtown as a safer space for adults and children alike. I feel unsafe walking the streets of downtown as a female. I have had multiple times when I've had threatening statements made towards me by campers when I cross near their encampments.	No	05/27/23 3:06 PM
451	Robert Wright	Support	I support Item 451 amending the city code to update existing public camping restrictions. Camping in public places needs to be banned from 8am to 8pm everyday of the week. Further, public camping in and around parks, sidewalks, schools and daycare centers should be prohibited. Camps should not obstruct access to private property or businesses. Individuals should not set up permanent structures, accumulate garbage or hazardous materials, assemble or offer to sell multiple bicycles, cars, or other parts.	No	05/27/23 3:42 PM
451	Seth Alford	Support with changes	<p>Summary: good, but should be more restrictive. I like: fires are prohibited, no more bicycle chop shops. Needs work: add specific language about prohibiting blocking multi use paths. And prohibit unlicensed or inoperable RVs.</p> <p>If you check my address you will find that I am not actually a resident of the city of Portland. However what Portland does on this matter affects the entire state. So I think it's important that you listen to people who are residents of Oregon, but not residents of Portland.</p> <p>I also want to let you know that once upon a time, about 30 years ago, I was a Planning Commissioner for the City of Beaverton. I also understand that we are tied by House Bill 3151 and the Martin v Boise decision.</p> <p>This ordinance is good as far as it goes. In my opinion, the City of Portland should be doing as much as it as it can to rid the streets, sidewalks, multi-use paths, and other rights of way, of homeless encampments. Go right up to the edge of the what the legislative and case law allow. Martin says that you can't enforce camping ordinances if there's no shelter. So let's get shelters set up. On any particular night that there is a shelter bed available, no one camps. Camping is NOT an option that night. If there's a shelter bed available, a homeless camper can either take the shelter bed, or they can move along. Letting them camp, blocking the sidewalk, or occupying the park, or creating a fire hazard, or creating a sanitation hazard isn't an option.</p> <p>Let me expand on that last point. Summers are getting drier and hotter around here due to climate change. We've already seen that this year with the dry May that we've had. Remember the record heat wave from 2021? Think about what could happen in September. The entire city is dried out, including trees, lawns, and other greenery. But it's starting to get cold at night with the end of summer. So homeless are lighting warming fires. What happens when one of those fires gets out of control? How much of the city will burn down? Am I being alarmist? Possibly. I'm sure the people of Chicago thought a large part of the city couldn't burn down, on 7 October 1871, the day before the Chicago fire.</p> <p>Bicycle theft is a huge problem in Portland. Let's not encourage theft by permitting open air bicycle chop shops. The part of the proposed ordinance that addresses that is good. You may hear testimony that the homeless are simply trying to make a living parting out bicycles. Nonsense.</p> <p>Bicycle mode share has taken a nosedive. I attribute that to homeless tents blocking multi use paths like the Springwater and the 205 bike bath. Specific language about not blocking MUPs should be included in the ordinance.</p> <p>Finally, what about dead RVs, which also tend to block bike lanes?</p>	No	05/27/23 5:07 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>Dear Mayor and Commissioners:</p> <p>I am asking that you please vote in support to the changes that would enforce public camping restrictions and bans. These changes are long overdue given the trauma you have created by your policies and have allowed the people of Portland to endure. You have allowed Portland to attract people from all over the nation because of the debauchery and lawlessness that you have allowed with open drug use, at the expense of all Portlanders. You have allowed lawlessness to prevail disguised as compassion. Today is a day of reckoning and you need to right the wrongs that have contributed to the increased in drug use, crime, violence and overall downfall of our once beautiful city. Please do the right thing. I trust that Commissioner Mapps, Commissioner Gonzalez and even Mayor Wheeler to do the right thing. I believe that even Commissioner Ryan will also. Commissioner Rubio, you are the one that concerns me because your quiet way speaks volume but you are being watched by all those who are rattling the cages and because you have historically aligned yourself with the far left. If you vote against this, you will be voted out and you can count on that. The voters are no longer being passive and we will advocate to vote out anyone who does not reverse our current trends. Thank you.</p>	No	05/27/23 8:09 PM
451	George	Support	Please stop all overnight camping in city of portland. The longer a camp is allowed the stay in one place and grow, the more issues that happen in those locations. If we discourage people from choosing portland to camp then maybe the citizens can actually get use of our public services for ambulance, police and fire response. Today our homeless population is using up most these resources. Portland/Multnomah county has 4x homeless population per capita of Clackamas and Washington county. Tougher police's in Portland will help better balance the homeless population across the region and lighten the burden straining portland services. Only a small percentage of homeless in portland city limits actually grew up in Portland city limits.	No	05/27/23 8:37 PM
451	Portland resident	Support	I support trying new approaches to enforcing unsanctioned camping policies. 8pm to 8am is a start, but worth nothing if it can't or won't be enforced. Thank you.	No	05/28/23 12:43 AM



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451	Laura Thurman	Support	I am HAPPILY supporting mayor Wheeler on agenda item 451 ! ( proposed camping bans , new regulations ) Mayor Wheeler , commissioners Mapps and Gonzales - do not let the Street Roots and overly vocal minority homeless advocates sway you not to let it go forward. As an elder with disabilities, I also support agenda item for ADA compliance. Was born and lived all my life in Portland. Now I am afraid to leave my house due to the car thefts and assaults by homeless folks. Us taxpayers are more than unhappy and NEED CHANGE NOW !	No	05/28/23 1:09 AM
451	Ashley Lakovic	Support	We need to take our city back from this open air drug market. My sons school has had to have 5 sweeps so far this school year. They were sent into lock down once because a man on meth chased a girl with a spear trying to stab her. A few weeks ago an RV that is been reporting caught fire and they hid all of the kids in the gym and passed out old covid masks because the air was hard to breathe. My 3rd grader stepped in human feces and got it all over himself and the back of our car. This is unacceptable. No more camping!	Yes	05/28/23 6:30 AM
451	Thomas Fawell	Support	It's time to work towards eliminating the cruelty of street and RV camping we now allow. This proposal is a good first step in that direction. It's inhumane to allow people to live in these horrible conditions. Please vote for Mayor Wheeler's proposal. Thank you.	No	05/28/23 7:22 AM
451	Linda B.	Support	The rampant camping, drug use, and damage to the environment need to be stopped. This is helping nobody. Support the mayor's proposals.	No	05/28/23 7:57 AM
451	Char Pennie	Support		Yes	05/28/23
451	Lisa Fithian-Barrett	Oppose	Homelessness is a complex and confusing issue that needs likewise complex solutions. Forcing our most vulnerable neighbors into ever more dangerous situations is not an answer. The folks most impacted by this ordinance will be those who are unsafe sleeping on the street at night [mostly women] and those who cannot physically move what meager possessions they own from place to place [elderly and disabled folk]. This ordinance would make sense if there was some safe, accessible alternative to camping but there is not, despite the dedication of significant public funds and years of effort. Instead those who are least able to comply will be jailed and/or fined for being poor.	No	05/28/23 8:56 AM
451	Concerned resident	Support	This measure should be passed in order to protect persons and property. Unrestricted camping ruins the environment in which it occurs with garbage and debris. Public access and thoroughways are frequently blocked. Personal safety of campers and the citizens that encounter them are threatened by the unpredictable behaviors that arise from these conditions. Especially, when the campsites are in the vicinity of schools, businesses, parks, and neighborhood streets. Campsites on busy streets present additional risks to campers and drivers when structures create vision and road hazards.	No	05/28/23 10:59 AM
451	Amy Lynn Caplan	Support	Most downtown residents feel so unsafe around all the mentally ill and drug addicted people with erratic behavior who have full reign of our streets. Portland has a horrible reputation now and we are losing businesses so quickly due to street camping. Downtown will become a ghost town if the city, county and state don't clean up the city once and for all. While I can't imagine where homeless folks will store their personal items and tents during the day, this is a step in the right direction to rebuild our city into someplace safe, clean, and a desirable place to live, work, and visit.	No	05/28/23 11:44 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	We LOVE this measure. Non tax payers having no place to sleep is one thing. But erasing the livability of the city of roses, harming our tourism industry, encouraging migrant drug addicts to come live in/on portland is quite another. ruining the skyline and businesses is not okay. business operates during the day, people need to move around and enjoy the city they paid for. please please pass this measure!!	No	05/28/23 11:55 AM
451	Laura Bussey	Support	Please, please enact these two measures to begin to regain livability in the Portland. I have seen an improvement in recent months (much overdue and most welcome) which has allowed me some hope that Portland can become a moderately safe city that I am not embarrassed to invite friends to visit and that doesn't depress me so much that I have to consider moving. Please enact the measures that consider the homed residents of Portland who pay your salaries as well as for the services homeless and homed residents need.	No	05/28/23 12:18 PM
451	Robert Davis, MD	Support	I was just in Philadelphia, where they ended camping and stepped up humanitarian services last year. Not only is Center City Phila. making a robust post-pandemic comeback, but Center City crime, drug overdoses, trash and graffiti are also much diminished. There is a strong presence of walking police patrols, private security (Allied Universal), homeless outreach (Ambassadors of Hope) and City livability workers (CCD staff, "Here To Help"). All are collaborating by walkie-talkies and a dedicated call center. Public spaces are vibrant and bustling, even late nights during the week. The word is getting out that people taken to shelters and treatment facilities are thrilled with their new safe and comfortable lives. It worked in a larger city like Philly, and it can work for us here in Portland. The troubled souls on the street will be the first to benefit, and happy residents, business owners and tourists will follow. Evidence-based practices work, and we can do this! Amending city code to update public camping restrictions is a good start. It is vital that this measure passes, followed by sensible changes to housing opportunities, civil commitments, and sanctioned campsites with robust wraparound services.	No	05/28/23 1:29 PM
451	Marianne Nelson, SMILE Housing Solutions Committee	Oppose		Yes	05/28/23 1:33 PM
451	Community Alliance of Tenants	Oppose		Yes	05/28/23 3:36 PM























I am in support of Item 451. The city code NEEDS to be updated to restrict street and sidewalk camping throughout the City of Portland between the hours of 8AM-8PM. In order to reclaim Portland and make it a safe and livable city again we need to start taking serious steps to clean up the permanent structures, accumulated garbage and hazardous waste on our sidewalks and city streets. After spending 3 hours cleaning a small area of the sidewalk and streets around Lents downtown it is quite clear that the homeless situation is out of control and we can no longer support and endorse this type of living conditions on our streets. Starting here is hopefully a step forward.



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451	J Friedrick	Support	<p>I support Item 451 but would like unsanctioned camping restricted around the clock.</p> <p>The sprawling camp on the sidewalk, adjacent to my home, is sort of an AirBNB for street folks—they stop in, check out the accommodations and either stay a few days or move on. The other day a guy was out sharpening a huge axe while also grinding serial numbers off bikes. Hostility is increasing amongst the campers and loud arguments can be heard day and night.</p> <p>There is a preschool across the street. Many visitors, locals and families with children in the neighborhood now are forced to walk in the busy street to avoid the camp on the sidewalk.</p> <p>The problem really isn't a shortage of affordable/low income housing, it's mental illness, drug addiction, and unwillingness by these individuals to seek help or even live in shelters.</p> <p>Imposing a "no camp" from 8am until 8pm is a well intentioned idea but seems an unsustainable theoretical bandaid. How will this rule be enforced?</p> <p>Our taxes some of which are paid for support homeless services could allow the city to buy property away from residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, and businesses and establish sanctioned areas for tent/vehicle camping with sanitary facilities.</p> <p>Offer services for those willing to seek treatment but enforce a "no camping" within the city, day or night. These inner city camps are unsanitary, unsafe, and a blight on our highly taxed neighborhoods.</p>	No	05/28/23 5:21 PM
451	Charley Liljequist	Oppose	<p>The bill that Wheeler is proposing has bans that will ultimately result in criminalizing our most vulnerable neighbors. People that live outside need support not punishment. They aren't living outside just for the hell of it. There are more preventative, collaborative, and holistic approaches to caring for our neighbors outside. These bans will only push these individuals into further crisis and create more problems for everyone in the end. If you actually care about the people of portland, and I mean ALL the people of portland, then you wouldn't support this ban. Dig deeper and try harder, do not give up on our neighbors outside.</p>	No	05/28/23 9:29 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>It is unacceptable that people be allowed to leave tents up 24/7 anywhere they choose. This proposal is a good start at reversing a trend that has brought Portland to the brink of collapse. Those tents and their associated trash block the right of way for others, generate highly unsanitary conditions, ruin nearby businesses, cause multiple fires, etc. Randomly chosen 24/7 camping must not be permitted if Portland hopes to have any healthy future. Thank you.</p>	No	05/28/23 10:59 PM
451	Michael Rosa	Support	<p>I fully support passing agenda item #451 and urge the entire city council to support this as well. This is a common sense and necessary policy for any large city to provide public safety in all public spaces in Portland for both housed and unhoused, until we can enforce a total ban. Our city is in a dismal state because there has been a complete failure in regulating and enforcing where and how our unhoused folk can and cannot camp. Public spaces, such as parks and surrounding habitats, wetlands along our rivers, sidewalks by our commercial and business districts, streets, etc. were never meant to accommodate nor resourced as living spaces. Our unhoused folk often make poor decisions that might be right for them (at the time), but are wrong for public safety and overall livability expectations that we all must abide by as residents all sharing the same spaces. I've personally lived along a large 60+ homeless encampment by a park, directly across from family homes, that went on for over 2 years where the city council tolerated and was not able to address:</p> <p>Open air drug use and dealing with piles of used drug paraphernalia left behind being the norm</p> <p>Individuals with mental crisis and/or drug overdoses, as well as aggressive and violent individuals acting out against residence and park goers</p> <p>Rampant petty crimes, large scale theft rings, along with stolen vehicles</p> <p>Make-shift and often unattended open air campfires burning materials that were other than wood, blocked sidewalk and street access</p> <p>Human waste and biohazards</p> <p>It's safe for no one to tolerate ad hoc camping, including RV camping, where it was not meant to be. Although activists and advocates will have you think otherwise, there's nothing at all compassionate about our most vulnerable unhoused folk randomly camping where they want in often dangerous spaces. I hope that all of you, Mayor and Commissioners, will strongly support #451, resource this effort with unwavering enforcement, and bring common sense back into running a city whose residents have lost a lot of hope that our city council is acting for us voters.</p> <p>As a reminder, the majority of Portlanders agree: a poll commissioned by the Portland Business Alliance and conducted by DHM Research, surveyed 400 Portlanders from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1, 2022. Found that 79% of respondents strongly support or somewhat support a camping ban, and 82% of respondents support building massive sanctioned campsites with sanitary services and security to support up to 500 people each.</p> <p><a href="https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/homeless/portland-poll-camping-ban-homeless-approve/283-2351d116-5162-4e03-a5ac-1a3452ddeb8">https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/homeless/portland-poll-camping-ban-homeless-approve/283-2351d116-5162-4e03-a5ac-1a3452ddeb8</a></p>	No	05/29/23 5:56 AM



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451	Jenna Goldin	Oppose	<p>My name is Jenna Goldin. I've been in Portland for over 20 years. I am a small business owner, community organizer and homeowner.</p> <p>The facts show that the main driver of homelessness is housing affordability. We also know that paying to house people is less expensive than paying to incarcerate and sweep people from their camps. Criminalization is not only expensive and inhumane, but folks who have limited rental history and a police record that is generated from the "camping ban" plan, have even more barriers to getting housing in the future, thereby leading to chronic homelessness.</p> <p>If the point is to get people housed, then house the people! PSUs Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative have the data to prove that rental assistance programs and permanent supportive housing have been proven to reduce homelessness over time.</p> <p>The housing crisis was CREATED BY POLICIES that favor developers and investment companies. Perpetuating the idea that unhoused folks are to blame for their circumstances ignores the fact that decision makers chose the conditions that led to housing insecurity and displacement in the first place.</p> <p>Let's be the City where housing is a human right, not the City that punishes those experiencing poverty with forced internment in unsafe, overpopulated outdoor "campuses" and criminalization.</p> <p>What would be a better way to spend the funds already allotted to address homelessness?</p> <p>Invest in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Community-based organizations in the city</li> <li>* Hotel/motel conversions</li> <li>* Landlord incentive programs like Move In Multnomah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* In just 4 months, 214 homes paid for to move people from homelessness to housing through Move In Multnomah program</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Long term rent assistance programs, like Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* 260 people in Multnomah County received permanent housing with this program in a year</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Tiny home villages, like Dignity Village, a community that has thrived for over 20 years in Portland</li> <li>* Support creation of a new regional revenue stream dedicated to construction and preservation of affordable housing that is affordable to people living on 0-30% AMI.</li> </ul>	No	05/29/23 7:15 AM
451	Michael Anton	Support	Save our city. This new law would be a good start. If you can't fix this problem, we will probably move away.	No	05/29/23
451	Michael Anton	Support	Save our city. This new law would be a good start. If you can't fix this problem, we will probably move away.	No	05/29/23
451	Bill and Joan Truncali	Support	Allowing tents to be constructed on our streets is not only inhumane for the people living in them, but also a health hazard for the general population of the city. The amount of trash generated by the homeless requires constant maintenance by both the city and community volunteer groups. I am part of one of these teams. In many cases these tents infringe on public sidewalks preventing access for people with disabilities, putting their safety at risk. We live in the Pearl District and the business community continues to face many daily challenges and we have lost many local businesses as a result. Other problems which can and do occur include drug use, vandalism and mental illness. This is having a significant impact on the quality of life for the tax paying residents and we have seen it get progressively worse. We would like to see a compassionate solution to this problem but allowing the status quo is not working for anyone. We support item 451 and urge the city to take action.	No	05/29/23 9:32 AM
451	Becky Garvey	Support	<p>Dear Mayor Wheeler &amp; Council,</p> <p>I applaud your effort to codify this into our city's code so that our various bureaus have full authority to humanely redirect individuals to sanctioned camping, parking, shelters, or other resources.</p> <p>Everyone knows that rehabilitation works best when the individual in question makes the autonomous choice to do so. However, we've moved the needle so far in Multnomah County that we're full on enabling street living instead of making people work a little bit harder to receive handouts. We've made it so easy to stay put on the side of the road there's never going to be the 'rock bottom' required to get to that point of wanting help. We've seen countless interviews in the media at this point where people are saying that yes, of course it's awful out on the streets, but it's essentially 'easy' to be living there. Free tents, food, needles, naran - you don't even have to go to the soup kitchen at certain hours, because volunteers will drop off (mostly unasked for and uneaten) food right to your tent.</p> <p>We pay exorbitant amounts of taxes in this county willingly because we thought that money was going towards alleviating these issues for those who live under the poverty level. But handouts without any expectation of rehabilitation or job training or signing up for social security disability benefits is not the answer. We absolutely cannot allow people to keep refusing help, refusing shelter, refusing hope to keep on partying in the streets because Portland makes it easy to do so. We have to turn off the 'welcome' sign to jobless drug addicts moving to Oregon for free healthcare and easy long-term street camping.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	No	05/29/23 10:17 AM



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451	Kodee Zarnke, Street Roots	Oppose		Yes	05/29/23 10:18 AM
451	Matthew Holt	Oppose	<p>Not knowing where you are going to sleep is one of the most stressful experiences of my life; it destroys my mental health in a few days or less. Banning camping in the city is inhumane. Housing people is the most effective way to help people. The next most stressful times in my life were living with abusive people. Not feeling safe where you live is terrible. I am so grateful that I can rely on my family to live alone as a disabled adult that has been unemployed for a year and cannot get a job in the career, I spent 20 years of my life in.</p> <p>There are organizations and service workers in our city that have effective solutions. There are empty offices and other buildings that can hold people.</p> <p>The \$15 Million dollars for Urban Alchemy can be used to pay 833 people's rent of \$1,500/month for one year. I used to pay \$650 (utilities included) for a room in a house in 2015.</p> <p>City of Portland is leveraging this information in an attempt to funnel millions of SHS funds into temporary, dangerous solutions such as mass encampments and daytime camping bans.</p> <p>How will it be decided whether someone is enjoying their outside time picnicking, laying in a hammock, watching the swifts at Chapman.</p> <p>I wish for once the elected officials of this council will listen to the people as Over 350 of us have sent letters for living wages for social service workers.</p> <p>I worked as a contractor for BES to maintain stormwater parcels and in our contract, we are supposed to clean up trash; but we were tricked into performing a camp sweep near the Broadway bridge. We were there to remove invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberry, mow, and provide functional drainage of rainwater. For \$14.50/hr (no benefits) picked up trash for 8 hours including over 50 hypodermic needles, condoms full of semen, at the time it was ok that we didn't pick up human feces (current crews now do). I cried that whole day for those people and that they had to live like this and wish we could provide the support they actually need instead of shuffling them around. We can do better!</p>	No	05/29/23 11:48 AM
451	kelly lanspa	Support	Stop the inhumanity on our streets and the flow of millions of taxpayer dollars to the ineffective and unaccountable homeless industrial complex of Portland. No more camping in Portland.	No	05/29/23 12:01 PM
451	Leslie Kay	Support with changes	Please consider disparate impact of these proposed amendments to our City Code on people with disabilities, seniors, people facing safety concerns who sleep during the day and not at night, and for those who would be unable to comply.	Yes	05/29/23 2:37 PM
451	Kerry Duff	Support	<p>I fully support time and place restrictions on camping in the city. I live near Couch Park, and my child goes to school there at the Metropolitan Learning Center. Until recently, when neighbors and I made an enormous effort to get the tents clear, there were sprawling encampments full of garbage blocking the sidewalk on the "Safe Route to School." My child was chased all the way from the school to Fred Meyers by a homeless man who was either high on meth, mentally unstable, or both. A year ago, a naked homeless man came onto the playground when the kindergartners were playing. This is only one of hundreds of violent incidents occurring near the school and my family's home (we've had fires set within 5 feet of our living room and in December were attacked in our home by a homeless man on meth).</p> <p>I believe we should help people into housing, but I also think it is beyond belief that we have allowed this to occur around school children, the only vulnerable population here who cannot vote or make decisions.</p> <p>When asked about whether he should be doing drugs near the school, one homeless man replied that "they should just move the school." "Just move the school"!!!! To me and the majority of Portlanders, this encapsulates the lack of common sense at work in the city and county and the way we have bent over backwards to accommodate this population. Frankly, we're sick of it.</p> <p>I urge you to support these new camping rules as a compromise that makes sense to most people. If you don't, sooner or later, it will be a child that is murdered to add to the murders of elderly men, Uber drivers, and others. How will we all explain that to the children of this city?</p>	No	05/29/23 2:59 PM
451	PDX Saints Love	Oppose	Please reconsider this proposal while the city focuses on increased supports to house and care for individuals experiencing homelessness.	Yes	05/29/23 5:01 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	As a frequent user of green spaces (and occasionally the Willamette), appreciate the ban on camping near rivers and docks. It is a shame so much money has been spent on cleaning up the river only to have the likelihood of sewage and contaminants coming from derelict boats. I support all the measures proposed	No	05/29/23 5:37 PM
451	Jasmar Reddin,D.C.as small business and as resident Jasmar Reddin	Support	As a resident home owner and small business owner in the same general Hazelwood neighborhood, I am sick of what Portland's city government has done to my neighborhood and still expects me to pay taxes, increase taxes and survive in this environment.	No	05/29/23 6:27 PM





Dear Portland City Council,

May 29, 2023

My name is Kodee Zarnke, and I am writing to express my opposition and deep concern regarding the mayor's anti-camping ordinance, which proposes to ban camping from 8AM-8PM, and will certainly exacerbate the over-arrest of homeless residents. I work at Street Roots, an organization that provides low-barrier income opportunities for folks experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Through my relationships with unhoused and previously unhoused vendors and community members, I have an intimate knowledge of the devastating and compounding toll that instability, unpredictability, and displacement play on a person's sense of security and physical and mental wellness.

The state of our country's homeless crisis reflects a fractured society that is deeply unwell. We have an obsession with enforcement instead of a solutions based mindset, and I am urging you all, City Council Members, to shift the conversation to how we end homelessness, and abandon this cycle of managing its ongoing existence.

Our choices define our community, and we have an important one to make. We want a government focused on proven solutions, not ones based on hate and criminalization of those who simply don't have a place to live. That's bad for our whole community.

This camping ordinance is about penalties, fines, and jail time. Obviously, the city does not need an ordinance to sweep people and upheave lives, because sweeps are happening constantly, ordinance or not. We cannot fine or incarcerate our way out of this problem. We need to put people first, and we absolutely must take a housing first approach.

And if the human cost of this crisis does not strike a nerve, put it in terms of dollars. It will *always* be more cost effective to house someone with supportive services than it will be to incarcerate them or force them into a mass camp.

Please, we need leaders to guide us out of this humanitarian crisis with compassion and proven solutions.

Respectfully,  
Kodee Zarnke  
Community Partnerships Coordinator



To: Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Commissioners  
Re: Item 451: Amendments to City Code re: public camping  
Date: May 29, 2023

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

I have lived in Portland for over 35 years and would like to voice my overall support of the proposed attempt to address one aspect of our homeless crisis with some significant changes.

The daytime camping ban will disproportionately impact the most vulnerable of the homeless population. The proposed policy needs to be modified to accommodate 1) the elderly 2) people with disabilities and 3) people with safety concerns who cannot sleep at night and 4) those who would be unable to manage this daily disruption in their housing. Additionally, we should not criminalize the status of being homeless which almost no one chooses.

An urgent commitment to getting enough temporary alternative shelter sites with adequate support services online needs to be achieved immediately. If there are adequate housing alternatives, enforcement of daytime camping bans becomes mostly unnecessary. For the long term, we need to have adequate housing resources whether that is in the form of rent vouchers or assistance or dedicated affordable housing and support services.

I live on the outskirts of downtown in lower Goose Hollow and have witnessed the proliferation of tent sites in downtown and Northwest for the last three plus years. I have also witnessed the seeming increase of people in crisis. Our response has been inadequate.

We are facing a humanitarian crisis and I am perplexed why there hasn't been a more impactful response. If there was a major earthquake, would we spend the next three years before opening adequate temporary shelter?

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the people at the city and county and in the non-profits who have been striving to address this enormous challenge for the last few years. I would like to prod you to do more and now. We should focus our efforts on proven approaches – prevention of homelessness, and providing housing and services to people who have been forced into living outside.

Sincerely

/s/

Leslie Kay  
Lower Goose Hollow



I am writing with concerns for the City's proposed ban on camping between the hours of 8am and 8pm.

I have grown up in East Portland. I have watched my city go through ebbs and flows of prosperity and poverty, although my family always fit closer to the later of the two.

I will admit that my heart is broken over the current state of our communities and that of this city, and that there is evidence of the severe state of emergency we are in on every street corner, along the trails, on sun scorched black tops, our parks, and our forests.

It's hard to look at and I recognize the impact on poor neighborhoods, especially like that of the area I grew up in East Portland. Families who are struggling, and have no choice to leave the homes they are in, are having to experience the worst of this human crisis, but -

This proposed ban is coming from a reactionary place based on the heartbreak that we are all experiencing as a community. As a collective we are experiencing the trauma in our city, but we must stop and regulate those emotions towards thoughtful solutions that are sustainable and support every human. Those solutions must be holistic and collaborative.

I know that we are all aware of some of the following statistics and reports in Oregon, and more specifically Multnomah County, but I feel led to share them here:

**Oregon ranks 50th in the US for providing access to addiction treatment.**

**Oregon ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in the US for providing access to mental health and behavioral health care.**

**Oregon ranks as the worst in the U.S. when it comes to youth mental health illness prevalence and access to care, according to Mental Health America.**

And we have now recently found that Multnomah County's Joint Office of Homeless Services underspent their supportive housing services funding by more than half.

**Through three-quarters of fiscal 2023, the agency's new report shows, the Joint Office planned to spend \$83.4 million, but it has actually spent only about \$40 million.**

When we are willing to take a deep look, we realize that there are severe systemic issues that need to be addressed in order to make any kind of lasting impact in the crisis we are facing and while community health outreach workers and activists are down here just trying to hold the God damned seams together, you are wasting time proposing we erase humans from sight during the days.

I want to tell the story of one of my current clients, while leaving out their personal details and changing the name for anonymity.



“Hugh” is at 60-ish years old man, released from active duty due to an injury in basic training. He doesn’t qualify for Veteran’s services. He currently has Melanoma skin cancer and Cirrhosis of the liver, both excluding him from the use of any kind of congregate shelter due to being immunocompromised. Hugh also has severe Complex PTSD that inhibits him from seeking services with lots of hoops to jump in order to enter, long intake processes and multiple interviews.

We came along side Hugh and began to walk out the process for a regional long term housing voucher to give him some stability. He was approved, thankfully, but the provider that he was referred to decided he couldn’t qualify for hotel shelter because of his need for additional medical supports, so while he waits for this long process to find him another provider – he camps.

He is broken and traumatized. His body is tired and ill. Just the act of finding a meal every day and staying hydrated is enough to exhaust him, but then he needs to also make sure he stays ahead of the sweeps, away from the crime, safe from upset neighbors, able to keep his body clean, see his doctor, and so on.

I wonder where in Hugh’s broken body that he can now find the strength to get up every morning, load up his tent and everything he has left to own, toss it on his back and “disappear” for the day?

We, as a city, failed the people.

And now, rather than taking the time to build infrastructure for substance use treatment service, pay livable wages to peer support, housing specialists, and social workers, rather than bolster up our behavioral health care system, invest in programs and rapid rehousing of our youth, find out why the JOHS underspent \$43mil that could have housed over 2,000 people for up to a year... We are sitting here talking about how to erase the visibility of those very people.

Rather than take responsibility for the ways our systems have continually failed poor people, you are proposing to further traumatize poor people with a threat of criminal action.

I am hopeful for our future in Portland. I feel like we can get to a new garden, a place where every person is valued and begins to flourish, but I am not hopeful in the current reactionary politics that do not consider the grave impact on human lives.

I ask that you reconsider implementing any ban on public camping while we take a hard look at why and how we allowed this to happen in the first place.

Kristle Delihanty, Community Health Worker  
Founder/Executive Director of PDX Saints Love



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451	Emily M	Oppose	<p>Hello City Council,</p> <p>I am submitting written testimony for the agenda item 451: proposed changes in Portland's current public camping laws.</p> <p>I have lived in Portland since 2012, and in Lents with my spouse since 2018. We own our house and we have considerable privilege. We love our neighborhood because it is a mixture of working and middle class families, of neighbors and community, many of whom are immigrants, and many of whom are houseless.</p> <p>We take our twice daily dog walks to Bloomington Park, or Lents Park via the SE Harold I-205 overpass and/or the Steele Street pedestrian bridge. Our neighbors on Steele have young kids and they organize a Lents bridge painting twice per year. We support the city cleaning public walkways of trash, glass, and other hazardous materials. Of course I'm tired of seeing needles near the elementary school, and we're disheartened when natural areas are damaged or overused by unhoused people.</p> <p>But 6000+ people have nowhere else to go. We oppose these proposed changes to the City's camping ordinance, which would further harm (and criminalize) a population that only needs resources, understanding, grace and compassion - not more criminalization disguised as progressive policy.</p> <p>This change to the ordinance is both illogical and unsustainable. I'm wondering if you have paused to consider where you would keep all of your belongings if you lived in a tent, but had to break down your entire house every day between 8am and 8pm? There are only 1540 shelter beds in Portland, 6000+ unhoused people, and "many shelters don't allow pets or a large number of personal belongings." (<a href="https://www.portlandmercury.com/news/2023/05/25/46525836/portland-city-council-will-consider-public-camping-ban-ordinance-that-would-fine-jail-unhoused-residents">https://www.portlandmercury.com/news/2023/05/25/46525836/portland-city-council-will-consider-public-camping-ban-ordinance-that-would-fine-jail-unhoused-residents</a>). If I lived on the street, it's not like I can call up my buddy (daily?) to keep my stuff for me.</p> <p>How are you going to enforce the proposed ban on "climbing trees"? Or "sitting on railings"? There are surly teens who hang out on railings all over the city - best of luck kicking them off. Does this mean my niece can't climb her favorite tree in Lents Park, or are you only selectively enforcing this clause?</p> <p>We can - and should - do better for our unhoused neighbors. We are saddened and dismayed by the homeless crisis in this city and across the U.S. But this does not exempt us from staying human, and recognizing the humanity of our unhoused neighbors.</p> <p>I'm asking that you please reconsider and vote NO on these implausible changes to our camping ordinance.</p> <p>The people of our communities have so much strength and so much capacity to help one another, through organizing and crowdfunding and mutual aid groups. Weekly, daily, I see people who I cherish showing up for the unhoused through grassroots efforts. Keep talking to the unhoused folks themselves and the neighbors and friends, the mutual aid groups who live near and support unhoused folks, who affirm that they are people with dreams and families and stories just like us. That they are simply trying to survive in a capitalist and unjust world which rewards and accommodates wealth, maintain structures of power, and punishes the poor.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Respectfully, Emily M</p>	No	05/29/23 7:11 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I fully support this! The current regulations allow for the persistence of completely inhumane circumstances under the guise of personal freedom. We're doing a huge disservice to very vulnerable people and holding the rest of the city hostage in the meantime.	No	05/29/23 7:38 PM
451	Cathy Miller	Support	I support the daytime camping ban (8am-8pm) because I do not believe that allowing people to camp wherever they want and for however long they want is helping houseless individuals. We must work to get people off the streets, as it is not safe for them there. Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good -- support sanctioned camp sites now and continue to work toward housing for all. But don't let your constituents languish on the street in unsafe environments. You know that houseless people are victims of crime and are being killed as pedestrians at a high rate. You can't keep enabling this.	No	05/29/23 7:56 PM
451	Emily Lofquist	Oppose	The city's daytime camping ban will only increase the burden on people living outside and the number of people cycling through the criminal justice system. We oppose the criminalization of homelessness. We urge our city leaders to invest in solutions that are long-term, sustainable, and offer the dignity and safety of house keys as the primary goal - not handcuffs.	No	05/29/23 9:24 PM



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451	Anonymous	Support	Item 451 has my endorsement but with questions about its enforceability. For instance, if it is 8am and a homeless camper gets up and goes away, leaving garbage, sewage, unwanted items, how can that person be identified to enforce this ban? We residents of our street have had the dangerous, awful job of cleaning up after homeless campers for many months now. Even after the city's eventual help of moving out the broken RV's and cars and tents we still deal with daily cleanup of unwanted items, fast food debris, foil bits, needles and human waste left after their fast food meal. This code change is a start. Portland needs guidance and support from its city leaders. Please provide the funds necessary to fully make these code changes successful.	No	05/29/23 11:03 PM
451	Pablo Nakamura, Portland Party	Support	<p>Agenda Item 451 - Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115</p> <p>FYI - HB 3115 is the state bill that 'codifies' Martin v Boise - but we can still set time and place restrictions, which every other jurisdiction does except Portland/Multnomah County</p> <p>Dear Mayor Wheeler &amp; Council,</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to review this first reading of Mayor Wheeler's proposal to amend city code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with HB3115. My understanding, as is every other jurisdiction in the 9th Court of Appeals Martin v. Boise ruling, is that you have the authority to set reasonable time and place restrictions on camping while not making it outright illegal to camp while Multnomah County is still lacking in enough shelter beds to enforce Portland's normal street camping ordinances.</p> <p>It is long overdue that we enact and enforce these policies, and I applaud your effort to codify this into our city's code so that our various bureaus have full authority to humanely redirect individuals to sanctioned camping, parking, shelters, or other resources.</p> <p>Everyone knows that rehabilitation works best when the individual in question makes the autonomous choice to do so. However, we've moved the needle so far in Multnomah County that we're full on enabling street living instead of making people work a little bit harder to receive handouts. What is meant by this statement is that folks generally have to hit 'rock bottom' in order to want to receive the help they deserve and need, but we've made it so easy to stay put on the side of the road there's never going to be the 'rock bottom' required to get to that point of wanting help. We've seen countless interviews in the media at this point where people are saying that yes, of course it's awful out on the streets, but it's essentially 'easy' to be living there. Free tents, food, needles, narcan - you don't even have to go to the soup kitchen at certain hours, because volunteers will drop off (mostly unasked for and uneaten) food right to your tent on the side of the road.</p> <p>People need and want a purpose. Yes, of course it's hard to be poor. You have to make a lot of phone calls, get on waiting lists, etc. We pay exorbitant amounts of taxes in this county willingly because we thought that money was going towards alleviating these issues for those who live under the poverty level. But handouts without any expectation of rehabilitation or job training or signing up for social security disability benefits is not the answer. We absolutely cannot allow people to keep refusing help, refusing shelter, refusing hope to keep on partying in the streets because Portland makes it easy to do so. We have to turn off the 'welcome' sign to jobless drug addicts moving to Oregon for free healthcare and easy long-term street camping.</p> <p>Thank you for moving this proposal forward and making this a permanent part of Portland's city code.</p>	No	05/30/23 6:17 AM
451	Ruth Alexander	Support	I absolutely support the efforts of Mayor Wheeler to stop the destruction of our public and private areas within the city of Portland and Multnomah County. The tents, mounds of garbage, crime, and trashing of a once beautiful city needs to stop. People who are arguing that the homeless have a right to these behaviors are not living in the real world. The enabling of these behaviors is doing the people in question no favors either. Getting people onto areas where they can receive help should be the first step. To refuse help and remain on the streets is not an acceptable lifestyle and the it is Portlands refusal to take action that has resulted in the present situation.	No	05/30/23 7:21 AM
451	Helen Gross	Support	<p>Dear Mayor Wheeler &amp; Council,</p> <p>I fully support Mayor Wheeler's proposal to amend city code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with HB3115. I am sure you will be met with a lot of resistance from those non-profits who have a vested interest in keeping people on the streets, but Multnomah County is dying.</p> <p>Friends, neighbors, family and businesses are leaving due to the drug addicted homeless campers. We need to stop enabling and determine who wants help and provide services to get them back on their feet. We need to focus on making Portland livable again for all of us and stop catering to those who are destroying the city.</p> <p>Please implement HB3115.</p> <p>Regards, Helen J. Gross Beaumont-Wilshire</p>	No	05/30/23 7:35 AM



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451	Ally	Support	Hello! I support this effort - because allowing camping does not solve homelessness. Allowing camping has diverted resources from long term housing strategies, caused friction between neighbors & houseless residents, has created biohazard and positioned the city to be ripe for an ADA lawsuit. Camping is not a human right - HOUSING is. We need to spend city time, resources and strategies focused on increasing short and long term sustainable housing - not people having to sleep in tents, cars, RVs and make shift shelters. Many housing activists will rightfully say that we need to pursue multi-modal strategies to meet people where they are at- I agree. But camping is not a strategy - its not communal, its not accountable, its not humane. While there will surely be public displays of protest against this policy, I encourage legislators to think of the people who are at bars, BBQs and playgrounds supporting this policy but either don't have the bandwidth or civic knowledge to speak up. Please think about the mother walking her child to school who sees a half naked man- because the city has said its okay for him to change on the street. I want a bathroom, a kitchen and a private place to change for this man. Think about the woman in a wheelchair who has to ride onto unlit Morrison at 9PM because she is avoiding riding into someone's tent. What if she gets hit by a car? What about her rights? Think about the man who walks up and down Belmont each night trying to find a quiet, safe and dry place to sleep each night - who gets to the Battery Shop at 37th/Belmont at 10PM and has to leave at 5AM before they open. Doesn't he deserve a real bed? 8 hours of sleep? Think about all the residents who wake up in the middle of the night hearing someone screaming. Think about the person have an active mental health crisis who is yelling at 3AM on the street. Camping is not a solution. Please move forward with this measure and work toward short term, long term and sustainable solutions that will support and provide healing for ALL people in the Portland community.	No	05/30/23 8:02 AM
451	Stan Penkin	Support	<p>Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,</p> <p>Until we free our streets of encampments, accumulated trash and hazardous waste, which will allow people to once again feel comfortable walking our streets and allow businesses to thrive, we will not be able to return to being the vibrant city we once were.</p> <p>Continuing to allow public camping across our city is inhumane and dangerous. The use of our public spaces as a waiting room for shelters, detox and mental health treatment centers and permanent housing is a cruel and deadly policy. We must get people safely off the streets. I support the ban on camping in public places from 8 am to 8 pm every day of the week and to ban public camping around schools and daycare centers and trust that the City will appropriately enforce this provision should it pass.</p> <p>Thank you all for your work to bring back our city.</p> <p>Stan Penkin</p>	No	05/30/23 8:48 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	I feel very strongly about this agenda item and fully support its implementation. I've been living downtown for over a decade and have been witness to this growing problem. Lately, the problem is out of control. Sidewalk campsites, and the problems that come with them, have been taking over our community. So-called 'activists' that seem to deny the issues at hand arrive at council meetings to protest and disrupt and possible proposal to address public camping and I'm so tired of it. I've been chased, screamed at, and threatened numerous times by campers. I've witnessed countless drug deals, I've seen more than 1 shooting, and a baker's dozen of overdoses. During the heat dome, I asked the folks camping in front of my home if they needed a ride to a cooling shelter - all of them said no, and when pressed, it was because they couldn't do drugs there. The streets are covered in trash and human excrement, vandalism is out of control, and somehow letting people live on the streets and threaten the safety of the rest of us is considered humane. Please pass this item and enforce it before even more taxpayers leave this city.	No	05/30/23 9:09 AM
451	Keiler Beers	Oppose	This ordinance is misguided at best and cruel at worst. It may (or may not) accomplish the narrow goal of keeping unhoused people out of sight so that people can feel better about the issue and not have to engage with meaningful solutions, but it does less than zero to actually solve the reasons why people are camping on the streets. It will cause trauma, incarceration, further impoverishment and physical harm, all to satisfy the desires of a few to remove a visual blight that makes them uncomfortable.	No	05/30/23 9:18 AM



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451	Catherine L Fine	Oppose	<p>As a Portland taxpayer and Homeowner living in the Montavilla area, I oppose this plan, because it really does not address the root causes of the problem. The plan has been designed solely with the needs of property owners in mind, and the voices of the unhoused people have been conspicuously absent in designing this plan.</p> <p>I'm a member of Saint Peter in Paul's Episcopal Church and have met a number of unhoused neighbors via our ministries. It strikes me as extremely inhumane to require people to pack up all of their worldly goods every morning, taking a great deal of their energy at a time when they need to be looking for sustenance, and a place to use the bathroom, require them to haul them around all day, without giving them a place to go; or be at even greater risk of losing what little they do possess.</p> <p>The idea of fining these people, who frequently tell us they have not eaten in the 2 or 3 days since we last served food, is appalling, because it more or less guarantees, they will end up in jail. What good is that going to do them? How will that advance the cause of their getting off the streets and back into housing and much needed mental health and addiction treatment?</p> <p>Well, I understand that it is a hardship to have someone camping in front of their home or business, this is not the right solution. There is no quick fix for this. Unhoused people are not just going to evaporate, because they are not wanted. If that was going to happen, it would have happened long ago.</p> <p>The real need is for increased access to housing, mental health, treatment, and addiction, treatment, and a framework of services to build trust so that these most vulnerable citizens can come to the point where they can accept these services. Please reconsider this very poorly thought out and inhumane plan.</p>	No	05/30/23 9:31 AM
451	Peggy McDaniel- HAND neighbor	Support	<p>Dear Mayor Wheeler &amp; Council, Thank you for taking the time to review this first reading of Mayor Wheeler's proposal to amend city code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with HB3115. My understanding, as is every other jurisdiction in the 9th Court of Appeals Martin v. Boise ruling, is that you have the authority to set reasonable time and place restrictions on camping while not making it outright illegal to camp while Multnomah County is still lacking in enough shelter beds to enforce Portland's normal street camping ordinances.</p> <p>It is long overdue that we enact and enforce these policies, and I applaud your effort to codify this into our city's code so that our various bureaus have full authority to humanely redirect individuals to sanctioned camping, parking, shelters, or other resources.</p> <p>Everyone knows that rehabilitation works best when the individual in question makes the autonomous choice to do so. However, we've moved the needle so far in Multnomah County that we're full on enabling street living instead of making people work a little bit harder to receive handouts. What is meant by this statement is that folks generally have to hit 'rock bottom' in order to want to receive the help they deserve and need, but we've made it so easy to stay put on the side of the road there's never going to be the 'rock bottom' required to get to that point of wanting help. We've seen countless interviews in the media at this point where people are saying that yes, of course it's awful out on the streets, but it's essentially 'easy' to be living there. Free tents, food, needles, naran - you don't even have to go to the soup kitchen at certain hours, because volunteers will drop off (mostly unasked for and uneaten) food right to your tent on the side of the road.</p> <p>People need and want a purpose. Yes, of course it's hard to be poor. You have to make a lot of phone calls, get on waiting lists, etc. We pay exorbitant amounts of taxes in this county willingly because we thought that money was going towards alleviating these issues for those who live under the poverty level. But handouts without any expectation of rehabilitation or job training or signing up for social security disability benefits is not the answer. We absolutely cannot allow people to keep refusing help, refusing shelter, refusing hope to keep on partying in the streets because Portland makes it easy to do so. We have to turn off the 'welcome' sign to jobless drug addicts moving to Oregon for free healthcare and easy long-term street camping.</p> <p>Thank you for moving this proposal forward and making this a permanent part of Portland's city code.</p> <p>Sincerely, Peggy McDaniel</p>	No	05/30/23 9:58 AM
451	Anonymous	Support with changes	<p>In support of the city completing sweeps. Recommendation to impose fines onto those who are in violation to assist with cost recuperation and deterrent. Recommend sweeps to include sidewalks, motorways, bicycles lanes including I-205 bike path, trails, and recreational areas. Recommend to extend the radius to within 15 feet of sidewalks, motorways, bicycles lanes including I-205 bike path, trails, and recreational areas. To be prohibited 50 feet of all public highways, interstates, and major roads. Purpose of to extend radius is to account for waste, trash, hazardous materials, and spillage from tent sites. To account for visibility concerns related to obstructions to improve a clear line of site in well trafficked areas.</p> <p>All persons to attend parks to be free of harassment, intimidation, lewd behavior, pan handling, and second hand drug use. Those who attend public spaces to conduct themselves in a respectful coherent fashion free of open public drug use. For the purpose of providing a safe and clean environment. No persons to remain in parks after closing unless otherwise permitted.</p> <p>All camping, camping structures, to be only acceptable in designated camping areas. No open flames, cooking fires, or bonfires to be permitted in city limits unless on private property or designated and permitted areas. All wood/vegetation fires within city limits private or not must be covered with a fire safe mesh or screen unless done so for farming purposes.</p>	No	05/30/23 10:34 AM



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451	Brittany Brock	Oppose	<p>Portland is not an accessible city already. For example, have you ever tried to wheel up the Tilikum Pedestrian Crossing Bridge? It is impossible.</p> <p>Moreover, " Oregon transportation officials plan to close 181 crosswalks around the Portland metro area, alarming some who say it will make already dangerous roads less safe for pedestrians, cyclists and people with disabilities." So please, this is just rhetoric to get rid of houseless people. City Council has done nothing to prove they care about accessibility.</p> <p>These people are not camping. The language needs to be updated. These are citizens surviving on the street, because there is no affordable housing or access to shelters. Banning tents does not represent Portland. It is cruel and inhumane. These are people simply trying to survive, stop punishing people for being poor.</p>	No	05/30/23 10:40 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>I fully support item 451 and all related measures to reclaim the safety of our city.</p> <p>Over the last five years we have allowed Portland to decline into filth and chaos under pressure from nonprofit groups that claim to advocate for the homeless. This is not compassion, it's cruelty. It doesn't help the homeless to allow them to decline treatment and remain in camps. It doesn't help the homeless to allow them to commit crimes and use street drugs instead of receiving mental health care.</p> <p>The current state of unsanctioned camping creates multiple safety hazards for our taxpaying citizens, discourages tourism, and harms our natural resources. As we head into fire season, the frequent explosions and fires started by camps represents significant risk for our entire city. Every day across our city, innocent people are threatened or attacked, and our personal property has been in constant jeopardy from theft and vandalism. It's time to change that.</p> <p>We must end the lenient policies that attract criminals and vagrants from other states, create a simple choice between treatment or consequences, and clean up our city before it's too late.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and I hope you choose a path forward that results in a safe, clean Portland for all.</p>	No	05/30/23 10:40 AM
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451	Forrest, Portland DSA/ Tenant's Organizing Against Displacement	Oppose	<p>I oppose the proposal to further criminalize being homeless in Portland. I urge the city to consider options that will actually lead to reductions in the number of people living on our streets. No one wants to have this crisis but we have to look at proven methods and not try to arrest and brutalize our way out of this. There is money available for programs such as legal aid for renters facing evictions who often become homeless. Let's fund programs like that, right to counsel for tenants has been proven to prevent homelessness. Making life even more difficult for people living outside has not.</p>	No	05/30/23 10:48 AM
451	Tegue S De Leon Resident	Support	<p>I fully support removing all street camping in residential areas. Living in Old Town has made me acutely impacted by the lawlessness, unsanitary conditions and violence caused by street campers. Not to mention property values plummeting.</p>	No	05/30/23 11:20 AM
451	Martha Fitzsimon		<p>I support 100% the updating of existing camping laws. We are not doing the campers any good by allowing them to live on the streets, they will not recover and heal living with the situation remaining as is.</p>	No	05/30/23 11:30 AM



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451	Anonymous	Support	Time for the progressive experiment of free range camping to end. Our beautiful city has been trashed by M110 and permissive exceptions to the homeless. It has just made things worse. Time to clean up the streets and get the homeless into shelters and treatment. If they don't want to comply, they can move or be arrested.	No	05/30/23 11:37 AM
451	Andrew Barker	Support with changes	It is important that any Portland ordinances regarding homeless camping clearly prohibit camping on city sidewalks and parks.	No	05/30/23 11:44 AM
451	Rosalind Lewis, Richmond homeowner	Oppose	I strongly feel that this proposed camping ban is a major step backwards in our city's approach to the housing crisis. I struggle to understand how fines and citations will help unhoused people find the stability and resources they need to find permanent housing. I am deeply concerned that this proposed ban will trap our neighbors in the cycle of criminalization and precarity that is a major contributing in our housing crisis. I am concerned that this ban will shunt people into an already overburdened criminal justice system that already cannot cope with its existing caseload. It is incredibly dispiriting to read testimony on this bill that buys into cruel and dehumanizing beliefs about the unhoused that our city government has done nothing to combat.	No	05/30/23 11:58 AM
451	Connor Irvine	Support	I encourage the city council to adopt measure 451. We need to take drastic measures to address the serious deterioration in Portland. It has been beyond heartbreaking to witness. Unfortunately, the time for moderate proposals is over. We don't have time for more businesses to fail, people to move out of the city, and tourists who don't want to visit our city. We have to stop the downward spiral fast! Please act boldly & courageously.	No	05/30/23 12:12 PM
451	Erin Fox	Oppose	This is not what Portland is about! We do not support criminalizing homelessness—we support compassion and care for all of our neighbors!	No	05/30/23 12:23 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Stop wasting time and resources on the criminalisation and the dehumanisation of houseless people and do something that will actually help them, LIKE HOUSING, maybe use some of the endless empty buildings in downtown.	No	05/30/23 12:28 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Criminalizing poverty is inhumane. City energy must be directed to preventative and supportive measures, not reactionary penalization of those with less than you and I.	No	05/30/23 12:41 PM
451	Elanor McKesson	Oppose	It is shameful to criminalize the homeless when we should instead be providing a place for them to go. We should be providing housing to homeless people—it's cheaper than endless policing and actually gives people the space and stability to turn their lives around.	No	05/30/23 1:19 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	This is inhumane and ridiculous. Better solutions can be made.	No	05/30/23



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451	Anonymous	Support	<p>It's time to make Portland safe, clean and accessible to everyone. No one has the right to claim public property as their own and set up a campsite. It's a matter of public access, equality and safety.</p>	No	05/30/23 1:55 PM



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451	Anonymous	Oppose		No	05/30/23
451	Jared Poole	Oppose	This camping ban is cruel and unnecessary. Housing first strategies work. Penalizing people existing when there are plenty of resources (if we eschewed profit) for all people here is so sad. Ineffective strategies like this just puts a marginalized group in greater harm. Please stop.	No	05/30/23 2:10 PM
451	Noah Hatz	Oppose	I am a homeowner here in Portland and have lived here for 39 years. This is the cruelest law I have seen introduced in that time. The houseless crisis is largely, city council, your fault. Did you build any housing? No. Did you create any temporary housing? No. Did you provide people experiencing houselessness a safe place to camp or park their car? No. You failed to do anything about this crisis in literally any meaningful way, every time you've had the opportunity to make things better you further criminalize poverty and work to push the most vulnerable further to the margins where they are unable to access the help they need and are subject to violence and exploitation. You are failures. The specific failure of this policy is monstrous. We already live in a city divided by unequal, biased policing. We also live in a climate that is getting hotter and hotter, a climate that already drives people to bring temporary shelters/pop up canopies/tents/hammocks to parks to escape the heat and enjoy the outdoors. My local park is Mt. Scott. Over the holiday weekend just past I spent several hours in the park, during that time I counted 3 groups of people peacefully enjoying themselves who would technically be violating this idiotic law. By criminalizing 'being outside with a tent like object' you are all but guaranteeing that an already biased police force will further enforce this law in a biased way. This will further decrease the public's right to enjoy public spaces without feeling like they might get harassed by an authority figure. You all have done enough by your incompetence to seriously damage the reputation of Portland as a friendly, welcoming place, and filling our jails with the unfortunate victims of this idiotic policy isn't going to help in any way. You morons bought the wrong ingredients, didn't follow the recipe, didn't ask for help, and then served the city a big old shit pie and now you're going to punish those you've made sick.	No	05/30/23 2:13 PM
451	Gregory J Larkin	Support	I strongly urge you all to unanimously support Mayor Wheeler's proposal to amend the city code regarding camping restrictions.	No	05/30/23 2:15 PM



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451	Anonymous	Support	<p>Portlanders are fed up of being compassion guilted by those advocating for the homeless/unhoused. They demand more affordable housing, yet they fail to comprehend that housing is a decades long process and quite possibly out of reach for most of our unhoused...unless they acknowledge and address the drug epidemic that is fueling our crisis. And while they wait for more affordable housing and a response to our drug epidemic, under the guise of personal freedoms, they're okay with the inhumane and random camping that is currently the state of our city.</p> <p>Portlanders are a compassionate bunch. They've readily opened their purses and voted special taxes. Since 2015, our city has invested \$1.7 billion into the homeless crisis many areas and we are far, far worse off. Yep, residents and the business community, are the very people who support all the social programs and these are now the very people who are picking up an leaving because it's not working for them.</p> <p>Mayor and Commissioners, we voted you into office to run the city, not activists and advocates. Support #451.</p>	No	05/30/23 2:25 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>Please pass 451. We've allowed random public camping and most of our homeless individuals see it as their preferred option to seeking out resources even when offered them (service resistant). This proposal, 451, will establish a personal responsibility for individuals to work towards helping themselves. If you don't add enforcement and boundaries of some kind, any effort will fail....it's human nature</p>	No	05/30/23 2:42 PM
451	Cameron Herrington	Oppose	<p>I own a home in the St. Johns neighborhood. I have benefitted from my privileged position within an unjust economy and exclusionary housing market. People who have been left homeless by those same systems are already victimized to the point of literally living outside on the streets of Portland. It is morally unthinkable to then criminalize them for simply trying to survive in our city.</p> <p>Passing this ordinance would be a mark of shame on the City of Portland. Please address the root causes of homelessness – the lack of affordable housing and inadequate tenant protections – rather than scapegoating the poor for our failures as a society and as a city.</p>	No	05/30/23 2:46 PM
451	Jane Miramontes, Tenant's Organizing Against Displacement	Oppose	<p>Mayor Wheeler's proposed changes to the city code clearly amount to further criminalization of homelessness. I believe they are not in line with the intention of HB 3115 and are unnecessarily cruel and harmful to homeless people.</p> <p>First of all, these changes will ban camping between 8 AM and 8 PM. Can you imagine the burden of packing up everything you own every morning as the sun is still rising? Wheeler wants to ban people from camping in parks and on sidewalks, or too close to construction sites, schools, high-traffic roads, and rivers. These each sound somewhat reasonable on their own, but taken together, where in the world can the homeless go? If people cannot travel to increasingly scarce legal camping spots, they risk being fined or jailed. I can only assume that people with disabilities, families, and BIPOC folks will be most at-risk. Furthermore, our city seems indifferent to creating more shelter, affordable housing, or eviction prevention. Without an accessible alternative, the only affect these rules will have is to further harm people for doing what they can to survive. It's simply not fair.</p> <p>The key phrase in HB 3115 is "objectively reasonable". Wheeler and his staff have designed a law that feels reasonable to them. We cannot find objective truth without stepping into the perspectives of those whose lived experiences are different than ours. These changes to the city codes are not reasonable for homeless people, and therefore they are not objectively reasonable. I urge Portland City Council to reject these changes.</p>	No	05/30/23 2:48 PM
451	Member of the Menlo Park Business Association	Support	I am in full support of the program.	No	05/30/23 2:55 PM
451	Member of the Menlo Park Business Association	Support	I am in full support of the program.	No	05/30/23 2:57 PM
451	BOMA Oregon	Support		Yes	05/30/23
451	Saskia Hostetler Lippy MD	Oppose		Yes	05/30/23 3:11 PM





To: Mayor Ted Wheeler

May 30, 2023

Commissioner Dan Ryan

Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Commissioner Rene Gonzales

Commissioner Mingus Mapps

Re: Portland City Code provisions regulating public property – 2023

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Oregon (BOMA) represents over 50 million square feet of office, medical and industrial space within the state, primarily within the metro area. We provide this testimony today to register our support to amend the City Code regulating public property.

BOMA strongly feels our public spaces should be preserved for all people within our community to use in a clean, safe manner. We also feel the enforcement of this amendment will create more opportunities for supportive interaction between our homeless population, city officials and service providers. Portland has been too slow to reclaim our public spaces and this amendment is a positive step in providing a more livable city for everyone.

Therefore, BOMA is in support of amending city code provisions for public property and adopting reasonable time, place, and manner regulations for our public spaces.

Most Sincerely,

Wade Lange, RPA, FMA, CPM

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Dear City Council Members:

I am writing in opposition to Item 451 to amend city code to update existing public camping restrictions policies. Passing this item would in effect criminalize being houseless in the streets of Portland. While I understand the sentiment behind bringing our city code into compliance with HB 3115, this bill also states that “keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property must be objectively reasonable”. Item 451 is not reasonable by any standard of humanity or empathy. Passing this measure would broadcast to the national stage, that once again in Portland we are unable to come together as a community to creatively problem solve.

Solving systemic problems that we all create together by punishing individuals makes no sense and it makes all of us worse off collectively. We create our society. Us. The people of Portland. Criminalization will make houselessness worse because it creates even more barriers to getting off the street and it will exacerbate our carceral state. This is not something that is line with the progressive values that Portlanders espouse. It is simply put, not just. It is also not fiscally responsible. It creates a houseless to criminal justice system pipeline that is a revolving door that costs the taxpayers even more money.

Please don't take my word for this. As a mental health activist and psychiatrist, I would prefer that you listen to the voices of people with lived experience who can tell you in their own words what I am telling you now.

What works has to come from humility, kindness, empathy and hope. Item 451 falls short of all these. Please Portland-let's heal our wounded community together and without more shame and punishment.



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451	Ann Naughton	Support	Ted Wheeler and Commissioners, I am IMPLORING you to ban tent camping on public spaces around the clock and include RVs and cars that are not road worthy per law. East Glisan, Burnside and Stark along 122nd are one of the gun violence and crime epicenters. The small businesses in the area are paying for their own security, garbage pickup, experiencing thousands of dollars of vandalism and theft. Our businesses have decreased patrons because they are too scared to come to the area. The past four years have seen wave after wave of tents. We just had 3 shooting deaths. One of those deaths was at the 2 tents within the Safe Rest Village Buffer Zone at Burnside/122nd. This past week yet another group of tents arrived digging out steps, leveling and destroying the hill along Burnside. Open drug dealing and use, graffiti, fires, needles, poop, garbage, stolen shopping carts, aggressiveness, fighting with each other have been the norm. I used to approach and check on the tents, now it is too dangerous. It is important to consider all points of view based on what is actually happening at the street level. Continue your current positive efforts addressing the root causes and solutions for homeless, drug and mental health issues. At the same time, we need short term action NOW. I believe you are on the right track by banning camping 8a – 8p. Enforcement will be an issue. My hope is that the changes in law will shepherd people in tents toward accepting the offers of assistance by advocates, nonprofits, medical and shelters instead of the routes of citations and jail. Thank you for trying to help our City.	No	05/30/23 3:18 PM
451	Ann M	Support	It's time to stop holding the rest of the city hostage while a small percentage of very vocal community members and their advocates continue to refuse to consider and implement alternative solutions, beyond just Housing First, to get people off the streets immediately. While more affordable housing is needed, what advocates fail to comprehend that housing is a decades long process and quite possibly out of reach for many of our unhoused. Which leaves unhoused people to suffer publicly on our streets incurring more trauma every day. As long as camping is permitted there is no impetus to change the current status quo which has become untenable for all community members, regardless of housing status. It's past time to acknowledge and address the other prevalent variables that are fueling our homeless crisis such as the drug epidemic and mental health issues. Since 2015, our city has invested almost billion dollars into the homeless crisis and yet the issue continues to grow by over 20% every year. It's time for the city to stop supporting the status quo and the JOHS too, if the county won't come to the table and start collaborating for solutions that can be implemented immediately to help people get off the streets with whatever services they need to assist them on their path to stable housing – which does not include a tent on the sidewalk.	No	05/30/23 3:32 PM
451	Adam Mamrak	Support	I strongly support these changes and think that they will be a positive step towards balancing the rights of all users of city resources and ending the current situation of long term camping that leads to dangerous and unsanitary conditions for everyone.	No	05/30/23 3:38 PM
451	Marissa Internicola, Deering Management Group	Support	I am a commercial property manager with a number of properties in Portland and I am also a homeowner within the city of Portland. Many of my clients, tenants, and their customers have been negatively impacted by the lack of regulation with urban camping and related issues. Many businesses have closed or moved out of the city due to these issues. I currently have multiple tenants ranging from small businesses to large national corporations who have stated their intent to relocate outside of the city of Portland when their leases expire. Their main reason given to me by these tenants is the inadequate response from the city to address the rampant threat to health and safety of employees, customers, and damage to property. We need our city leaders to make changes so that businesses and the public can feel safe living and working in our community. I am strongly in support of amending the city code provisions for public property and adopting reasonable time, place, and manner regulations for our public spaces. I believe Portland has the potential to return to its former self—a place that attracts businesses, residents, tourists, and talent; a place where people feel safe and proud to call home. I urge the city council to make this their top priority.	No	05/30/23 4:04 PM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/30/23
451	Rhea Hannon, Sisters of the Road	Oppose		Yes	05/30/23 4:17 PM



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Portland City Council

1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 130, Portland, OR 97204

Re: Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115

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451	Hawthorn Rasmusson	Oppose	Hateful and cruel. This is injustice towards people with less than us.	No	05/30/23
451	Caleb	Oppose	I STRONGLY oppose this. Please have some humanity.	No	05/30/23
451	NE Portland Resident	Support	Thank you for finally giving me a shred of hope that Portland can recover from its disastrous and inhumane approach to dealing with the homeless problems our city faces. If we stand any chance at restoring our beautiful, vibrant and unique city this type of measure must be implemented. Portland was once a shining example of the type of place families wanted to raise their children. Now so many neighborhoods have become trash-filled, open air drug markets where mentally ill and addicted people do whatever they please. Including harassing young kids like mine. My kids no longer want to live here. Unless we want to continue seeing businesses flee and our tax base depleted, we need to take real action now. Let's grow a backbone and deal with what is undeniably a threat to the future of Portland.	No	05/30/23 4:48 PM
451	Thomas Fischer	Support	I strongly urge the council to amend the City Code as outlined in the explanatory document. The city must continue to take steps to contain the damage and threats to citizens and businesses caused by unrestricted camping on public property and rights of way.	No	05/30/23 4:55 PM
451	Liz Sauer	Oppose	I'm vehemently opposed to the criminalization of people simply because they are houseless. I don't understand how, as a mayor who is supposed to represent everyone, you can even consider something that will harm a sizable part of the population even further. People will be suffer a lot as a result of this. You could spend time and resources on actual solution which include housing, health care, job support and more. To do anything less is inhumane.	No	05/30/23 5:02 PM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/30/23
451	Cailin Moore	Oppose	<p>I live downtown and strongly opposed this item. This is not a solution to the problem of homelessness. This is a solution for housed people to no longer feel uncomfortable seeing tents and unhoused people. This item is an excuse to funnel more money towards cops criminalizing homeless people who need shelter. How much money and power will we hand to the police instead of putting it in support services to get people in houses? How much time will we waste and lives will we lose before we tackle this problem at the root?</p> <p>Daytime camping is a safety necessity for many people. Many unhoused people must sleep during the day and sometimes a tent is the safest place to do that. This measure does not consider the intersectional identities of homeless people and how they can and do experience violence everyday and threats of abuse. Removing the safety of their own shelter is extremely detrimental to POC, queer, disabled and women homeless people. Local homeless shelters and services were not considered in this measure and have expressed concern about being able to handle increased daytime populations. I cannot even imagine the increased difficulty and strain to have to pack up the only belongings I have and move EVERY DAY just because people are uncomfortable with my existence. This measure will not help anyone become housed and will only make it harder.</p> <p>This measure was concocted by people who only care about the value of real estate investments and private businesses' customers. Putting these concerns above the well being of residents is what is driving this city into the ground - NOT homeless people. This measure must not pass or things will only get worse - for the unhoused and housed in Portland.</p>	No	05/30/23 5:07 PM



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451	Diana Rempe, Street Books	Oppose	<p>Mayor Wheeler and members of the City Council:</p> <p>We do not support the 8 am-8 pm camping ban, proposed by Mayor Wheeler.</p> <p>Instead, we ask the city council to focus entirely on programs which create a wide array of housing possibilities, with an emphasis on permanent supportive housing, and including small safe rest villages, expanded transitional motel programs and programs to keep people housed. Research shows that the strongest correlation with the rate of homelessness in cities is the cost of housing (Colburn &amp; Aldern, 2022). There are a number of ways that the City of Portland can affect this—beginning with things like rent control, a vacancy tax on empty high-end units, and a real estate transaction tax. In the interim the city should implement a robust rental assistance program and provide eviction legal representation to keep people housed.</p> <p>For the last 13 years, Street Books has worked out on the streets of Portland. Every day we witness the struggle people face to meet their basic needs, especially as the city has expanded the daily sweeps, and increased displacement. People find safe shelter, only to be forced to move over and over again.</p> <p>We have yet to encounter a library patron whose first choice is to sleep in a tent in our city. But while that is their only option, they rely on it to rest during the day, and store their belongings while they go for food, find a shower, meet with a case worker or do any of the myriad tasks as they search for stable housing.</p> <p>Please do not support the proposed ban.</p> <p>Thank you, Diana Rempe, Laura Moulton and the Street Books team</p>	No	05/30/23 5:18 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>I fully support enforcing a day time camping ban and would be in favor for a 24 hour camping ban.</p> <p>I, my family, as well as my customers, have been severely impacted by camping in our public spaces that is tolerated in Portland. At times, we have not been able to access the business due to tents blocking the entrance. For months, we had people living outside our door on the sidewalk. They had weapons, were starting fires, doing drugs, scrapping cars, among countless other things. Additionally, I, my employees and my customers have had to walk into the busy street because the sidewalks were blocked by tents. My business is located across from a public park that is overrun with camping, drug use, littering, public defecation and urination. These are our public spaces that are meant for all to enjoy and safe, clean and orderly public spaces are an essential part of our civic fabric.</p>	No	05/30/23 5:20 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>Camping in the city, especially during the day, creates intense challenges for people looking to simply commute or walk around the city. There's not just regular trash but additionally dangerous items like human waste, used needles, broken glass, etc, making walking around the city unsafe and a hazard. This cannot continue, we must think of the city's safety.</p>	No	05/30/23 5:26 PM
451	Kimberly Menig	Oppose	<p>Please vote against Agenda Item 451. It does not meet the standard of "objectively reasonable." It essentially requires people—our neighbors who are among our most vulnerable fellow residents of Portland—to disappear for 12 hours a day. We don't currently have adequate resources to meet unhoused people's needs, even with shelters and libraries combined. This is a long game for which a quick fix will create more trauma than it resolves. My recent votes have been based on promises to not further criminalize homelessness. Please don't betray this trust.</p>	No	05/30/23 5:44 PM
451	Jessi Presley-Grusin	Oppose	<p>A daytime camping ban will only worsen the burdens placed on our unhoused neighbors, as well as increase the number of people being inhumanely cycled through the criminal justice system. This plan will further criminalize homelessness and will not solve the problem facing our community.</p> <p>While it is unacceptable that over 50% of our tax payer funds intended to address our homelessness crisis in Multnomah county were not used during the last fiscal quarter, leveraging this information to request 15 million for mass encampments run by an organization with NO record of success is not a viable answer, and therefore must be denied. Instead you must continue to invest in measures and services that have been proven to work, including providing rent assistance and funding a thriving workforce that actually disperses wealth back into our community. For example, providing more funds to the Move-in Multnomah pilot program would be a significantly better use of our tax dollars, as it is a measure that has actually succeeded in housing folks who were experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that I can count on you to do the right thing.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jessi Presley-Grusin</p>	No	05/30/23 5:47 PM
451	Sammi Teo, Oregon Food Bank	Oppose	<p>Please see the attached PDF.</p> <p>The City Budget Office's own analysis of this proposal notes that "fines and fees can perpetuate the cycle of poverty for people with low or no income." And yet the Council is on the precipice of passing an ordinance that would do just that. For a city that espouses values like equity and inclusion to consider adopting an ordinance that will push people in poverty further into poverty seems incomprehensible to us.</p>	Yes	05/30/23 5:50 PM





DATE: May 31, 2023  
FROM: Sammi Teo, Public Policy Advocate  
RE: Oppose Anti-Camping Ordinance (Agenda Item 451)

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***"From a policy perspective, CBO notes that fines and fees can perpetuate the cycle of poverty for people with low or no income."***  
– [Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis](#), Agenda Item 451

Oregon Food Bank's mission is "to eliminate hunger and its root causes... *because no one should be hungry.*" We pursue this goal in two key ways: we foster community connections to help people access nutritious food today, and we advocate to change policies that drive hunger and poverty. Far too many people in Portland face the impossible choice to pay for food or rent.

**Our communities need real housing solutions – not fines and jail time.**

Criminalizing extreme poverty will only worsen our housing crisis. [Each night in the Metro Region, more than 6,600 Oregonians are forced to sleep outside or in shelters.](#) It's an unconscionable number that has grown significantly in recent years – with more and more people making impossible decisions as the cost of food and housing continue to rise.

Spending taxpayer dollars on forcibly sweeping unhoused neighbors does nothing to meaningfully address our housing crisis, let alone support people on a path to longer-term stability. Fining and jailing Oregonians who are struggling to survive outdoors does nothing to help us find the jobs and healthcare we need to thrive – it simply punishes people for being poor. The City Budget Office's own analysis of this proposal notes that "fines and fees can perpetuate the cycle of poverty for people with low or no income." And yet the Council is on the precipice of passing an ordinance that would do just that. For a city that espouses values like equity and inclusion to consider adopting an ordinance that will push people in poverty further into poverty seems incomprehensible to us.

If the ordinance passes, people will be forced to understand complicated maps of where camping is prohibited, and face fines and/or imprisonment if they get it wrong. People with no other place to go will have to pack up and move their belongings each day in order to avoid fines and possible imprisonment.

We believe this amendment is inhumane. It will have a particularly harmful impact on people with disabilities, people who are elderly, and others who simply cannot physically carry and move all of their belongings and sleeping spaces each morning. It will also harm people who are unable to sleep during the night. For many people, the daytime is the only time it is safe to sleep – sleeping at night increases the risk of sexual assault and other crimes.

**As an organization that holds people experiencing hunger and poverty at the center of every decision we make, Oregon Food Bank cannot support any policy that we know will worsen the layered crises our communities face.** It is important that decision-makers focus on effective solutions to the challenges we face. We need a multi-pronged solution to the complex housing crisis in Portland and communities across the state. **That's why we advocate for known solutions to extreme poverty** like affordable housing, living wages, and eviction prevention services.

We know our government can do better for communities facing extreme hunger and poverty. We urge the Council's opposition to this amendment.

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451	John Bishop, CEO, Pendleton Woolen Mills	Support	I urge the council to take any and all actions necessary to end public camping, including adoption of Item 451. I am working to get all 180 HQ employees of Pendleton Woolen Mills to return to our offices in Old Town. The tents, with associated drug use, prostitution, trade in stolen property and violent crime create an environment incompatible with work and shopping. 451 will be an important step towards pulling downtown back from the abyss.	No	05/30/23 5:57 PM
451	Jay Nelson	Support	Respected members of City Council, I strongly urge you to support this measure. There is a tragedy and humanitarian crisis on our streets. We simply cannot enable a vulnerable population to remain in unsafe conditions that come along with tent street camping. We need to support getting people OFF the street, not keeping them there.  Thank you.	No	05/30/23 6:04 PM
451	Michael Nicholas	Support	Please for the love of god ban tents between 8 and 8. This is common sense and should be passed. Allowing rampant camping to continue will just continue the crisis. Please stop enabling the houseless.	No	05/30/23 6:08 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Getting rid of where they can and can't be doesn't fix the problem, it just hides it. Actually do your jobs and help these disenfranchised folks instead of trying to erase them out of existence!	No	05/30/23 6:09 PM
451	Olivia Belov	Oppose	This bill is cruel, unjust, and inhumane. Working to remove the only options houseless people have to stay alive and sheltered from the elements while neglecting and refusing to offer any sort of support for those same people in the form of public housing will nothing but increase pain and suffering for within our communities while pushing people towards death and imprisonment as their only options.	No	05/30/23 6:09 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support placing reasonable limits on camping in public spaces. Prolonged camping in these areas dramatically impacts the surrounding environment. Living as a human being is messy and eventually trash, human and pet waste, and other hazardous materials build up. Not only are our public spaces being contaminated, but it is clear that we are unable to meet the needs of an unhoused population that is spread thin across the city. This is a reasonable restriction on camping that will incentivize sanctioned camping without criminalizing survival behavior. Our current policies have left us with a human rights crisis and a bloated homeless industrial complex. Please pass this reasonable measure. We need to try something new.  You are going to hear testimony where untrained "advocates" argue that this measure strips unhoused people of their rights, replicates fascism at the city level, or has the potential to cause harm. I hope you see through these shadow arguments and choose to take this opportunity to try something new. Please stand up for your community and your city.	No	05/30/23 6:12 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Unhoused people need real resources and solutions that treat them humanely and help them get back on their feet long term. This bill criminalizes them and knocks them further down in the hard place they're currently in.	No	05/30/23 6:17 PM
451	Jake Dockter	Oppose	Hello council,  I do not know what to say. I am saddened and dismayed and ashamed of Mayor Wheeler, his staff, and those who are voting in favor of this policy. It seems we are here again, organizing impacted people to speak up and again, you do not listen. Your heads in the sand, you will applaud each other for doing something to help the houseless while houseless folks and their allies continue to be ignored by you. Arundhati Roy said, "There's really no such thing as the 'voiceless'. There are only the deliberately silenced, or the preferably unheard." That is your legacy.  I am not convinced you will listen. I am not convinced you will do the right thing. I am not even sure you will read this or listen to the words shared. Your pockets have been lined and your ears closed. These words can only share that we see you. We know you know. I will make no pretense to ask of your conscience to consider change. The past is prelude and you have consistently disregarded and sold the marginalized.  This written testimony isn't for you. It is letter in a bottle. It is hope against hope that staff reading this, staff hearing it, will take time to listen where you will not and resign, provide information to the media and organizations actively supporting our communities, and fight your continuous sale of Portland to the business interests that betray us.  Staff, please join your community and stand against the harms. Help build the community we hope for, not the community sold. We need you and hope you join us.	No	05/30/23 6:25 PM



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451	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>I understand the thought behind this ordinance. As a small business owner, I lose customers when there is a campsite outside of my store. I cannot hold special events/parties when there is an individual defecating right next to our windows. I have seen an increase in crime - not necessarily related to the houseless but because of the overall environment that is created by tents, garbage piling up, and individuals having psychotic episodes.</p> <p>I'm opposed to this because this doesn't solve anything. I do not understand the inability to get dollars out for rental assistance. I do not understand the inability to find housing - whether through tiny homes, hotels, or other creative approaches. The fact the city council and especially Mayor Wheeler are unable to even do politics well at this. Every single council meeting the houseless crisis should be the main topic with ya'll holding agency heads accountable for progress. Enough with proclamations taking up most of your time - get to work holding folks responsible whether they are nonprofits, government agencies, other government partners, or whoever else is responsible for making this work.</p> <p>Invest the dollars this work take in rental assistance, substance abuse prevention/intervention strategies, and whatever else research shows work. Simply moving someone from my storefront over to the next one does nothing but aggravate the situation and leave our most vulnerable even more so.</p>	No	05/30/23 6:29 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>Why should unhoused people be criminalized for existing in public space? People experiencing houselessness are in such a position because of systemic inequalities, not out of their own volition. These individuals are already experiencing instability and a lack of security—why should the city of Portland require them to uproot their settlements and all their possessions every morning, and fine them if they don't comply? I read many testimonies supporting the cause because the houselessness situation in Portland is affecting tourism, obstructing walkways, creating disturbances. They want to see a city without houseless people on the streets, but they want a vanishing act. They do not seem to care about what happens to these people, as long as they don't have to look at them during business hours. I wish the authors of these testimonies (and the city of Portland) would stop holding unhoused people responsible for what are clearly systemic flaws, and instead invest money and effort into fixing the root causes of urban poverty.</p>	No	05/30/23 6:32 PM
451	Amberlee	Oppose		No	05/30/23
451	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>As a longtime resident of north and ne Portland, I cannot overstate the degree to which I oppose this shameful criminalization of our houseless neighbors. I am appalled and furious (though not at all surprised) that y'all have chosen to spend millions of taxpayer's dollars to build concentration camps for houseless people (that money could buy housing and transition support!) and are now prepared to coerce compliance with a camping ban that is cruel, unnecessary, and possibly illegal. Currently, 60% of adults in the US live paycheck to paycheck. Those of us who weren't born with a silver spoon in our mouths live one accident, medical emergency, or mistake from homelessness - poverty is not a moral failing that needs to be punished. If we want to live in a city without being surrounded by human suffering, you elected leaders are going to need to locate some empathy and your reading glasses - IT IS FAR CHEAPER TO JUST HOUSE PEOPLE than whatever sadistic nightmare world you are trying to create.</p>	No	05/30/23 6:59 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>Mayor and Commissioners,</p> <p>I ask you to fully support 451. Our city has for far too long catered to the opponents who decry any efforts to deal with our homeless crisis unless it is on their terms. And here Portland is today in a worse crisis because our council has lacked the will and determination to create policy that serves all Portlanders. We need balanced compassion and a realistic approach to also running a city that serves all residents, housed and unhoused, as well as our small businesses. That is who we are as Portlanders. That has not been happening. Stop listening to the handful of opponents and run our city.</p> <p>Support 451.</p>	No	05/30/23 7:14 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>being unhoused should not be a crime. at its core, this proposal is cruel and inhumane. as a formally unhoused person i can give my firsthand lived experience by saying that the proposal will not have the effect you intend it to. unhoused folks will simply be further displaced. the proposal lacks compassion and foresight and creates hostility towards people that are already marginalized. i ask that you be more mindful of the domino affect this will create by causing further division between our government and its most vulnerable people.</p>	No	05/30/23 7:39 PM
451	Ivy	Oppose	Let people live	No	05/30/23
451	Nancy Casey	Support	<p>I am writing to support a ban on camping during the daytime hours in public spaces. I am also in support of the ADA settlement preventing homeless tents/living from obstructing public walkways.</p> <p>Multnomah County has unsuccessfully tried to allow people suffering from addiction and homelessness to manage themselves. The county appears to be blindly digging in to the stance on housing first and 1) they don't have the staffing or residences to support this and 2) they are willfully ignoring the addiction that contributes to many people's lack of housing. We have poured millions into this crisis and it is only getting worse. People need an incentive to help themselves. You can't put someone struggling with weight in a bakery and expect them to happily abstain from eating. Help people help themselves. The residents, small business owners and large business owners are paying the price of the county's failed management of the homeless crisis. What you have done doesn't work. Like countless people, news articles, news stories have recommend: DO SOMETHING. Be brave. Homeless advocates will get upset but you have tried it their way and it has not worked.</p>	No	05/30/23 7:52 PM



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451	Cory Pinckard	Oppose	<p>Hello,</p> <p>We need to make extant housing affordable and we need public housing as the failures of the market have proven with the scattered, shattered lives of millions upon millions of Americans here in the US. There is so much empty housing serving as financial assets in investment portfolios of hedge fund and permanent capital cretins instead of as direly needed shelter for Americans. These unnecessary anonymous office buildings and homogeneously hideous petrochemical yuppie kennel condos intentionally priced out of financial reach of the workforce aren't making housing more accessible by the developers of mediocrity (ever unhelpful and undesirable to the taxpayer residents of e.g. Portland) by "adding to supply" or affordability, but to the contrary and our collective detriment, are directly causing housing to be more expensive and , of course, less attainable as they artificially inflate the market that then causes cost of living to skyrocket. Actual houses should be affordable for everyone as a societal standard with an economy that isn't allowed to rob people of it. The supply and demand oversimplification is a known false narrative misrepresentation frequently used as a disingenuous ploy of parasitic, societally toxic, necrotic price gouging corporate slumlords and profiteering developers of blight who knock down our cherished structures and affordable housing stock to then exploit tenants mercilessly. Simply building more just isn't the answer whether the soft handed nut-jobs of unearned wealth that comprise the plutocracy like it or not. We cannot outbuild the greed of rentier capitalism. Allowing society to regress into another gilded age by allowing feudalism to exist in modern day America is pathetic and we need to evolve beyond an economy that cancerously consumes society. The entire city could be nothing but the tacky garbage housing being forced on us at infinite stories high and it'd still be unaffordable to most real people. Housing is supposed to shelter people, not exploitative profits. We need rent caps. Housing, in a humane and sane society, is for people having homes; the manifest purpose of housing is not for speculative investing, permanent capital, private equity or any of the other euphemistic titles of shady schemes and scams predatory sociopaths cloak their misdeeds masquerading as respectable careers under like so much bordello make-up. It's errant and always socially destructive to allow societal necessities to be commodified and exploited as consumerist products.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	No	05/30/23 8:15 PM
451	Jim Naughton. Naughton Dental Clinic	Support	Please act. Thank you.	No	05/30/23 8:23 PM
451	K.S. Whitley	Support	This has been something the city desperately needs to recover, however this ordinance will mean nothing without enforcement. I suggest requesting aide from the National Guard for at least a few months to get the ball rolling. Or relocate unspent homeless funds and set up a sweeping task force that specifically deals with enforcement. Either way, I strongly support the daytime camping ban.	No	05/30/23 8:40 PM
451	Darla Mottram	Oppose	We need to support our houseless neighbors, not create more barriers for them.	No	05/30/23
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Any attempt to criminalize the ways that homeless people in our city find ways to survive despite constant barriers to becoming housed is only going to make the situation worse and ensure that the problem grows. We need to be investing in programs that support people's ability to find housing rather than penalize them for systemic issues that they didn't create. This proposal demonstrates an incredibly short sighted perspective both on behalf of city government and business owners who support this proposal. Addressing the root causes of homelessness instead of penalizing individuals living outside needs to be the the top priority.	No	05/30/23 9:00 PM
451	Michael P Naughton, DMD, PC	Support		No	05/30/23 9:27 PM
451	Michael Corrigan	Support	I encourage all council members to vote yes. Robust action is needed and is our best protection against getting ourselves stuck in the tar pit of complacency. If this change reveals itself to be the horror that it's detractors claim, then have the confidence in our democracy that we can change things again. This agonizing over uncertainties, this denying of action as we await perfect solutions, is a disfunction that is borne of our denial of the urgency of this moment. We are living in a perilous time for the city. Enforcing norms isn't optional for a government, and ignoring them can be disastrous.	No	05/30/23 9:42 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	This proposal devalues human beings in favor of protecting property and commerce. Portland can do better than this.	No	05/30/23
451	Carrie James	Oppose	As a native Portlander I am saddened by the affects of homeless encampments on our streets, sidewalks and parks. However I am strongly opposed to this proposal. It offers no long term benefit, will waste tax dollars and man hours and is inherently cruel. Housing First. Keep up the great work of building affordable housing. Do not terrorize and criminalize our houseless neighbors.	No	05/30/23 10:16 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	This is the first step. Pass it, evaluate, and iterate. We went from 2000 unhoused homeless to 3000 now 4000 very quickly. Our deaths from overdoses, heat/cold, and violence are increasing. We need Gideon Street working, and iterating, the Safe Parking Village open, and 1000-1500 new Multnomah County beds each year. Multnomah County needs by-name being used and they need to expand that upstream to rent assistance.	No	05/30/23 10:17 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Real solutions won't criminalize people for being down and out under Ted Wheeler's administration. Figure it out. People need homes first to get their lives in order. This includes temporary campsites.	No	05/30/23 10:20 PM



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451	Anne Thielman	Oppose	I oppose agenda item 451. As much as we can all agree it's not fair on houseless people to be left to camp outside instead in safe housing, this measure will only make life harder for those who are struggling most. We need to listen to the people at the center of this problem, which are houseless people themselves. The rest of us just don't really know what they are going through and what they need. We can't assume we know what's best for people and force them into situations without their consent. The priority should be to get safe housing FIRST. Criminalizing people who are just trying to survive is not the answer and only causes further harm. Those who are houseless are incredibly vulnerable to violence and harm already and further policing them does nothing but harm them further. In fact it can make it even harder to attain safe housing in the future. You must center voices of houseless people and include them in decisions that affect their ability to survive.	No	05/30/23 10:25 PM
451	Tim Bergler	Support	I strongly support these sensible changes to end camping from 8am to 8pm. Permanent camping on our sidewalks and greenspaces is cruel and unsustainable. We need to encourage people to go to shelters rather than set up permanent and dangerous camps in our neighborhoods and in front of our businesses. I strongly encourage a unanimous vote to end permanent encampments. The county has sufficient funds to shelter our homeless population. The city should focus on the safety of our community and enforcement of existing laws. This is a good step for all Portlanders.	No	05/30/23 10:34 PM
451	Micky Ryan	Oppose	I began representing unhoused and under housed people in Portland in the early 1980s. As housing prices increased so dramatically in the last 40 years, more people were forced onto the street, unable to find affordable shelter. We must not return to criminalization of homelessness. It is wrong morally, legally and practically. It does not work to solve the problem, and directs resources in the wrong directions. The money that we have to produce housing must be spent immediately to provide more housing. We can not wait to pay housing providers until their projects are finished. We must provide housing for all, it is a basic human right. And until that time, we can not spend our resources moving people around and prosecuting them criminally.	No	05/30/23 10:38 PM
451	Brian M	Support	I support this. It's not like you are taking away a place for them to sleep if they need it. This still gives the opportunity for someone who needs to find a place to lay down for the night.  There are too many others who have taken advantage and built large structures or tents that collect large amounts of trash and stay up for months if not over a year. If properly enforced this will help keep trash and waste that these long-term campsites can produce from entering our storm drains and rivers.  I have heard from others that out of every 10 people that are offered help... only 1 out of 10 takes advantage of the help... The other 9 are not interested. I am curious if any proper data has been collected that supports this....	No	05/30/23 10:47 PM
451	Linda Nettekoven	Support with changes	RE: Changes to Time, Place and Manner in regard to those involuntarily lacking housing. I strongly support the proposed restrictions as to Place, i.e., places where camping is not allowed. I also support the restrictions on the Manner, i.e., behaviors associated with camping. However, the Time provision only perpetuates our current problems, with a lack of places or spaces to spend daytime hours, inadequate enforcement resources, penalties that perpetuate poverty or result in criminal records for those cited and don't lead to solutions for those camping during daytime hours. I know the City is facing a deadline for compliance with State law. However, forcing people to break camp each morning doesn't seem like the answer to the number of tents on our streets. Alternative approaches to enforcement also need to be identified that help move people toward housing & other services first, especially given the current level of enforcement resources available. Some of these approaches should also link to solutions for mental health or substance abuse challenges. As proposed, the Time provision is not acceptable. Thank you.	No	05/30/23 11:21 PM
451	PD	Support	This measure is LONG OVERDUE. Portland's tolerance of camping and squatting on public streets, sidewalks, parks and green spaces has created a livability disaster for everyone. Despite years of having a Homeless State of Emergency and spending untold millions of taxpayer dollars, things are as bad as ever. Portlanders are fed up with inaction on this issue: our downtown is in a death spiral, and the exodus of people who can afford to leave Portland is continuing unabated while the homeless population surges, lured by the all-carrot-no-stick approach of our City and County Governments. We cannot continue to be Mecca for drug the addicted and criminals who come to Portland to camp because it is so easy. Please pass this measure to stop enabling people living on the streets!	No	05/30/23 11:30 PM



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451	Xen Lapshina (he/they) - a student at Portland State University.	Oppose	<p>Dear city council members,</p> <p>My name is Xen Lapshina (he/they). I am 19 years old and a student at Portland State University. Currently, I live in downtown Portland (on campus), which is where I plan to stay for at least another two years as I finish my degree. Among my fellow students and faculty, I personally know at least four that have struggled with housing insecurity. I myself was scared I was going to lose shelter this winter due to a turbulent relationship with my family. All this being said, the issue of houselessness is close to home for me.</p> <p>Mayor Wheeler's proposition to amend city's so-called "camping code" deeply troubles me. Specifically, sections of concern are 3.18.020 through 14A.50.025, which will, essentially, make houselessness a crime. The police and the carceral system are not the right institutions to address a "humanitarian crisis", which is what the mayor himself labels the issue. These institutions are violent in nature and cannot provide a compassionate solution. Punishment is violence. People must not be forced into shelters, because many hold trauma associated with them; shelters can be unsafe and have restrictions that don't work for people. The mayor has also suggested that the police will be the ones doing the outreach about services (while simultaneously issuing fines). Most people, especially those holding marginalized identities, are scared of the police and distrust it, so that is a bad idea. Written warnings are also a bad idea, as it does not consider people who might be blind, illiterate, or who have any other barrier to understanding written language. A big part of this ordinance's advertising seems to be based around the accessibility of sidewalks, and while the concern is real, the mayor seems to have forgotten that, according to the "Homeless Statistics" at portlandoregon.gov, 57% of houseless people are disabled. The ordinance does not promote the interests of disabled people because it does not recognize how vulnerable the group is to houselessness, and it ultimately will harm those disabled folks who are houseless in Portland. There is a lot more I could say, but I want to end this with one more statistic, because people tend to trust numbers more than anything else. I want to remind us that police services and incarceration of persons cost money. According to the Vera Institute of Justice, in the year of 2015 the "average cost per inmate" in the state of Oregon was roughly \$44,000. Knowing recent trends, it is safe to estimate that that cost has increased. \$44,000!!! That is the annual income of someone who makes about \$20 per hour working 40 hours a week. One could literally live on that money. Imagine if instead of using all of that money to keep a houseless person in jail we could instead use it to pay rent for that person!!! Besides being inhumane, the ordinance is a waste of Portland's tax money. If you don't care about the houseless people, you must at least care about profit and saving money (YOUR MONEY!). So don't pass this ordinance :-)</p> <p>With much love, Xen.</p>	No	05/30/23 11:50 PM
451	Simone Wood	Oppose	I strongly oppose this. This is the kind of policy that makes mental health, violence, and community worse because it uproots people, criminalizes people, and disrupts services and community. Find better solutions.	No	05/31/23 12:07 AM
451	John C	Support	<p>Ban camping during the day. Allowing people to set up semi permanent camps reinforces service resistant behavior, enabling those who do not wish to seek services to continue their self destruction. In addition to the harm on those individuals, areas with mass camps have experienced elevated crime rates and disturbances for tax paying citizens who have no choice but to endure living next to them.</p> <p>We need to focus on policy that will deter service resistant behavior, and make seeking services, or leaving the more attractive choice.</p> <p>Last year's PIT demonstrated that nearly 25% of our entire homeless population has been in Multnomah County for less than 2 years. What will the 5 year number look like?</p> <p>When will we realize that our nationally unique combination of lax law enforcement, permitted camping, and decriminalized drugs provides an environment for homeless and addicts across the country to take advantage of our progressive ideals, and to set up semi permanent camps with no intentions to seek treatment or services? The city of Portland cannot be a beacon for this behavior, and we alone cannot solve a national homeless and drug addiction crisis.</p>	No	05/31/23 12:14 AM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Jerry Skyles	Support	Please no more camping in the city of Portland	No	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>After 15+ years &amp; millions of taxpayer dollars, Portland's homeless crisis is worse than ever. What you've been doing isn't working. PDX is more dangerous, dirtier &amp; less livable for ALL of us. We were told if they had tents, they could be helped, then if they weren't forced to move, outreach workers could find them... now we find out nobody has been auditing the outreach &amp; every time the homeless are questioned on the news— nobody has offered them anything.</p> <p>We need bans on camping wherever you choose so we can clean portland up.</p> <p>Get sanctioned camps up &amp; going- yesterday. Ban camping. Clean the city up of trash, graffiti &amp; poop.</p> <p>It has to be livable for everyone or all of those who can pay taxes, will move.</p>	No	05/31/23 1:20 AM



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451	Anonymous	Support with changes	#1 - the restrictions in 14A.50.020 C.2 should include alleys and bike paths. #2 - the only way this makes a dent is with aggressive enforcement. No one will pay the fine (assuming they even give a real name to begin with) so whether it's extended, required rehab, a mental health facility, or jail, you have to be prepared to truly follow through (and Schmidt can't just let them out 5 hours later). #3. During ticketing, effort needs to be made to find those who truly just need a hand up to secure housing & help them accordingly.. #4 another testimony mentioned having the national guard help the first couple months. This is a great idea.	No	05/31/23 2:12 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	At this point, all the adults left in Portland realize the truth. The camping free for all only ends, when we start enforcing common sense laws again. I support mayor wheeler. Please let him lead, and vote for his proposal. Thank you  David.	No	05/31/23 2:26 AM
451	Greg schramm	Support	I support the ban on day time camping. Our city has been overrun by drug addicts creating unsafe and unsightly spaces. We need to consider the impact the current situation has on law abiding citizens. We've made it too comfortable to be a full time addict.	No	05/31/23 5:57 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	I support 451 and so should Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Rubio, Ryan, Mapps and Gonzalez.  Critics of 451 keep dredging up the age old issues of cruel, inhumane, "that's not who we are in Portland", "where's the compassion", affordable housing, mental illness treatment, etc. Yet these critics fail to live in reality that all of these things take time and money, if they ever in fact become a reality. Until they do, we need to establish basic norms of city living or we all fail....and that is exactly what we are leaning towards if we continue down the path of NOT passing 451 and listening to the minority of critics.  Other cities contending with the same issues Portland is are now restricting camping. Portland must pass 451.	No	05/31/23 6:36 AM
451	Austin S	Oppose	Please do not further criminalize homelessness. Where are unhoused people supposed to disappear to for 12 hours during the day? How can they survive with only the supplies they are able to carry around with them? This is absurd and cruel and does nothing to address the actual problem.	No	05/31/23 6:51 AM
451	Daniel Fuller	Oppose	As a resident of Portland's Old Town/Chinatown, I witness daily the results of the city's ineffectual response to homelessness. Tents and camps are removed and re-appear days later. I am sure this ongoing circus does nothing to help unhoused residents find stability, let alone permanent housing. A mere 500 feet from where I live is an entire block owned by the city that could be used to build permanent supportive housing for those most in need (see attached file). It is currently used as a parking lot.  Criminalizing homelessness does not make it go away or increase safety, least of all for unhoused people. Women will be particularly harmed, since many are homeless due to domestic abuse and must sleep during the day so they can protect themselves at night. Existing day shelters are not adequate to accept the thousands of unhoused residents of Portland and Multnomah County that must go indoors under this policy.  Even the Portland Police realized long ago that "we're not...arresting our way out of this problem" ( <a href="https://revealnews.org/article/homeless-unhoused-police-arrests-west-coast-cities/">https://revealnews.org/article/homeless-unhoused-police-arrests-west-coast-cities/</a> ). I urge Councillors to reject this transparent and blatantly unconstitutional bit of political theater designed to cynically appeal to public fears. Instead the city should deploy a Housing First approach, which has proven to be "most successful in getting people off the streets and into housing" ( <a href="https://nlhc.org/sites/default/files/Housing-First-Research.pdf">https://nlhc.org/sites/default/files/Housing-First-Research.pdf</a> ).	No	05/31/23 6:57 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	I am writing to strongly urge you to support these proposed time, place and manner plan guidelines for unsanctioned camping. I am trying to raise a family in NE Portland and have dozens of examples, as do most Portlanders, of how rampant unsanctioned camping has significantly degraded our quality of life on a daily basis. We know many wonderful friends and families who have left Portland for WA or the suburbs because of the widespread camping which often prevented them from enjoying a park, or walking safely down a street, a right they should have as tax-paying citizens of Portland. Unsanctioned camping is a total failure that is cruel and inhumane to the housed and unhoused alike. Our city will not recover until plans like this are implemented.	No	05/31/23 6:57 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	This is a step in the right direction. Forcing camps to move during the day will hopefully help stop large sprawling camps from forming and getting out of control. Neighborhood streets should not be lined with garbage, used needles, and human waste.	No	05/31/23 7:04 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	I support the camping ban. Please vote yes.	No	05/31/23



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451	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>These people need health care, food, water, and above all access to HOUSING. Punishing these people for being houseless will not solve anything. If they don't already have a record, now they will. And how will that help with trying to get better? It will not. Finding work is already hard enough, especially with housing insecurity. And for those unable due to mental and or physical issues, on top of houselessness... fines, tickets, jail, more to run from, the last things these people need.</p> <p>Again, these people need help. Services. Use the funding you are asking for the camps to put towards permanent solutions and services. Not temporary camps and punitive action for a problem these people cannot solve alone.</p> <p>Have a heart.</p>	No	05/31/23 7:46 AM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	We do not need to criminalize humans trying to survive. Criminalizing daytime camps is cruel. Our city does not have enough affordable housing, full stop. Our focus and efforts need to be on making it easier for people to find permanent shelter (which should be subsidized), not on punishing people who need somewhere to stay. Do better, Portland.	No	05/31/23 7:48 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	This item has my full support, and the same should be said for every individual who cares for the city and all of its inhabitants. It's time to stop putting the rights of the houseless before the rights of other citizens. It's time to stop enabling the behavior of the permanently and by-choice homeless population. It is not caring, to anyone, to keep status quo.	No	05/31/23 7:50 AM
451	Scott K	Support	I support this because something needs to be changed. People living on the streets are suffering and neighbors who live near large encampments are also suffering and the only thing I see from advocates is shaming and attacking community members who don't agree with them and a rigid adherence to Housing First and Autonomy at Any Cost. I don't see any solutions offered from advocates that would help people get off the streets immediately. In fact advocates oppose any alternative that either doesn't include Housing First or allowing people to remain on the streets with their situation remaining unchanged – sometimes for years. Advocates more oppose shelters, claiming they're unsafe, despite the shelter system evolving to include pets, partners and allowances in some instances for culturally specific populations. They oppose city sanctioned outdoor encampments, calling them "Concentration" or "Internment" camps. They universally derided the high barrier shelter Bybee Lakes when it came online. And since there aren't enough housing units, let alone housing units with supportive services to help people living on the streets get off the streets and into stable housing, their only answer seems to be "Leave them on the streets to fend for themselves" and everyone else will just have to accept the negative impacts of leaving a vulnerable and desperate population unsheltered outdoors and the negative impacts of that failed strategy for all community members, regardless of housing status. Mobile hygiene stations and free sandwiches are simply triage, a Bandaid – not a strategy to help folks get back into housing. So until the JOHS gets its act together and begins to mobilize and refocus its vast array of nonprofit contractors on getting people connected to case workers and services and empowers all of their partners building trust on the ground to refer unhoused people into some form of shelter or housing, we need to do something else.	No	05/31/23 7:54 AM
451	Lents Resident	Support	I strongly support restricting camping in the city. As a residents of the Lents neighborhood, public camping is an ongoing issue that needs to be resolved. Too many neighborhood kids exposed to open drug use that goes on in these camps	No	05/31/23 8:14 AM
451	M. Jenkins	Support	<p>Please note that I'm autistic.</p> <p>Please follow through and pass this. It is impossible for me to have a regular life in this house I've bought with the camping that is rampant across the street from my house ... I stay awake all night watching and during the day I have to clean my property because there is a giant rat problem due to the camps across the street. Please and thank you from an autistic human who would like to hear BIG TIME on This situation. Please pass this. 1000% SUPPORT !!!! Thank you for reading this and taking it serious. The camping situation ruins my quality of life by causing arguments amongst my family and making my nights sleepless. PLEASE LOOK AT THE PICTURES ATTACHED FOR MY DAILY VIEW. it brings me down to where I don't even enjoy my life. Let me say type that again: it brings me down to where I don't even enjoy my life... Please pass. Thank you very much for your time.</p>	No	05/31/23 8:17 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>I support this because we must make our streets safe. Everyday people suffer for policies proven to be ineffective. If it was your child pushed onto Max train tracks, you on the city council would take immediate action to address the daily anarchy and human suffering in our streets.</p> <p>Banning daytime "camping" will help dis-incentivize street crime and prevent criminals from maintaining an indefinite presence in public sidewalks.</p>	No	05/31/23 8:22 AM
451	Richard E Anaya II	Support	These changes allow Portlanders to travel freely during the day to pursue work and business without fear, disturbance, or interruption. These changes also prevent accumulation of trash and illegal structures. I am in full support.	No	05/31/23 8:24 AM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	The city's daytime camping ban will only increase the burden on people living outside and the number of people cycling through the criminal justice system. We oppose the criminalization of homelessness. We urge our city leaders to invest in solutions that are long-term, sustainable, and offer the dignity and safety of house keys as the primary goal - not handcuffs.	No	05/31/23 8:27 AM
451	Olivia Buscho	Oppose	Criminalizing houselessness, fining and imprisoning people for being unable to pack up and move each morning, is wrong. This city is responsible for all its residents, and this proposal in no way considers the health and safety of unhoused Portlanders, but merely prioritizes business and the pretification of Portland, as usual. No interests are balanced with this proposal. It's time to invest in housing for all.	No	05/31/23 8:30 AM



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451	Anonymous	Support	I support a ban on campsites. I have had to walk into the street with my disabled students to get around campsites. We are often put in danger by violent people who inhabit these campsites. We have been chased by people with tree branches and others items. Allowing people to rot in tents on the side of roads or wherever they wish to pitch their tent is not the answer to the homeless crisis beleaguering our once great city. Support a ban... for the safety of everyone	No	05/31/23 8:37 AM
451	Melissa Beach	Support	I live in NW Portland and have been reeling with the impacts of homeless camping outside my house. I have had to hire a therapist to help me deal with the PTSD of watching a dead body of a homeless camper get loaded to an ME truck. I don't feel safe in my own home. Please ban daytime camping for the mental health, humanity and safety of Portlands residents.	No	05/31/23 8:40 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the proposed camping ban in the city of Portland. As a long-time resident of this vibrant community, I have personally witnessed the numerous challenges and negative impacts associated with unregulated camping in our public spaces. I firmly believe that implementing a camping ban is a necessary step towards improving the overall well-being of our beloved city and its residents.</p> <p>I understand and empathize with the importance of addressing homelessness and providing support to those in need. However, allowing camping in public spaces has proven to be detrimental to both the unhoused population and our broader community. It saddens me to see the unsanitary and unsafe conditions that often result from unregulated camping, which only worsen public health concerns. It creates a vicious cycle of dependency and neglect, preventing us from finding lasting solutions for our fellow citizens experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>By implementing a camping ban, we can tackle these concerns head-on and ensure that our public spaces are safe, clean, and accessible for everyone. Our parks, sidewalks, and communal areas should be places where residents and visitors can enjoy the beauty of our city without worrying about the negative consequences of unregulated camping.</p> <p>Furthermore, a camping ban would allow us to redirect resources towards more effective and compassionate solutions for homelessness. Rather than perpetuating the current cycle, we can focus on providing adequate shelters, affordable housing, and comprehensive support services. This approach not only addresses the immediate needs of individuals experiencing homelessness but also empowers them to regain stability and rebuild their lives with dignity.</p> <p>I want to emphasize that a camping ban is not a means to ignore or neglect the struggles faced by those experiencing homelessness. On the contrary, it serves as a catalyst for change by encouraging a more coordinated and strategic approach to tackle the root causes of this complex issue. By adopting this ban, we can create an environment that fosters collaboration among government agencies, nonprofits, and community organizations, allowing us to work together towards long-term solutions.</p> <p>I implore you to consider the proposed camping ban as a crucial step towards enhancing the livability of our beloved city for all residents. Let us come together and strive for a Portland that prioritizes the well-being of both our unhoused population and the broader community. By implementing this ban, we take a significant step forward in our collective journey towards a compassionate and sustainable future.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely, Michael P</p>	No	05/31/23 8:45 AM
451	J. Shaver	Oppose	<p>Where are unhoused neighbors intended to go from 8am - 8pm? Is the city providing storage for people to keep their things during the day? Additional day centers to support folks?</p> <p>I strongly oppose this proposed camping ban, and City Council's continued campaign to dehumanize unhoused Portlanders. This moment of intense inequality in Portland should be met with wisdom and innovation, yet none of that is happening. This Council's insistence of furthering the divide between communities, stoking the flames of homeless hate, and using unhoused Portland residents and neighbors as fodder in that division, is appalling. Evidence shows that by criminalizing homelessness you increase economic inequality and disenfranchise those with the fewest resources, yet Ted Wheeler and this Council refuse to consider evidence based solutions rooted in the dignity and humanity of unhoused Portlanders. They also refuse to take the advice given to them from local organizations that are on the ground everyday, and have been urging them to shift tactics, and offering evidence based solutions for YEARS.</p> <p>The city should be working to fix zoning issues, working with developers to build public housing, and doing the infrastructure pieces that they continue to drop the ball on, and which are solely in their wheelhouse to create action on.</p>	No	05/31/23 8:46 AM
451	Justin I Kupec	Support	I vehemently support these policy changes. It's too late to stop my wife and I from relocating our business and it's \$400,000 of yearly revenue out of Portland, but you may be able to stem the tide if you turn things around now. You need to send the signal that you are listening to the tax PAYING members of the community. Not the inverse.	No	05/31/23 8:46 AM



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451	Katie Tanner	Oppose	At best, this proposal shows a lack of understanding, compassion, and empathy for the situation of the houseless community of Portland. Rather than inevitably funnel funds into policing and enforcement of these policies which will, in essence, criminalize lack of stable housing and, per your own agenda "perpetuate the cycle of poverty for people with low or no income" instead, consider why this vulnerable population is increasing and seek to mitigate the reasons why one might be forced into these circumstances. Improve access and availability to resources and organizations which seek to break the cycle, rather than create additional, unnecessary hardship, including incarceration which is itself both traumatic as well as expensive for the city. The daytime ban allows those with the privilege to ignore the larger issue, as it is out of sight and out of mind while they go about their daily tasks. Houseless people are community members, too, not an eyesore. The city should support them as such.	No	05/31/23 8:50 AM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	A. Saldana	Support	Please approve 451 and other similar solutions to liberate our Rose City. We miss walking downtown. We miss the smell of the Rose City instead of feces. Involuntarily commit the people who need help and don't be afraid to take some out-of-context social media heat. Don't let a few Facebook Warriors alter your decisions.	No	05/31/23 8:59 AM
451	A. Saldana	Support	Please approve 451 and other similar solutions to liberate our Rose City. We miss walking downtown. We miss the smell of the Rose City instead of feces. Involuntarily commit the people who need help and don't be afraid to take some out-of-context social media heat. Don't let a few Facebook Warriors alter your decisions.	No	05/31/23 9:00 AM
451	Michele Gila, Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors	Support		Yes	05/31/23 9:05 AM
451	Vicki Smith	Support		No	05/31/23
451	20 year Portland citizen	Support	I support this measure. Tents blocking the sidewalk have decreased the livability of the city and discourages foot traffic. We need our downtown to recover and this is a step towards that.	No	05/31/23 9:07 AM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Anonymous		There is substantial support to reduce the tolerance of unchecked houseless camping. The vast majority of Portlanders support providing help for the drug addicted and houseless community, however us citizens deserve to enjoy our city as well. The ability to do so is being drastically impacted by the need to navigate camps and threatening people while simply trying to be in the city	No	05/31/23 9:26 AM
451	Adrienne Ellis	Oppose	The kafkaesque nature of this ban is... well absurd. We tell people who have nowhere to go that they can't go anywhere. If we ban day camping, we just create an even bigger problem. People who are repeatedly dehumanized are not going to engage in productive activities. Here is the actual thinking behind this, in spite of all of the double speak: we don't care about the people without homes, we just don't want to see them. Here is what is going to happen, our already overworked police, and social services systems will be increasingly overwhelmed. We will lose our first responders. Our jails will become even more overcrowded. The cost of doing this is so very much more than finding housing and treatment centers and detox centers. If you think Portland is bad now, just wait until people who are facing addiction and mental health issues aren't able to sleep. They sleep during the day because it's dangerous to sleep at night.	No	05/31/23 9:27 AM
451	casey hopkins	Support	There are drug addicts blocking the entire side of my street and the entire sidewalk. Its absolutely insane and certainly a problem for people in a wheelchair. 10000% for camping restrictions.	No	05/31/23 9:50 AM



May 31, 2023

Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Commissioner Rene Gonzalez  
Commissioner Mingus Mapps  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio  
Commissioner Dan Ryan

Dear Portland Mayor, City Council, and Staff,

On behalf of the more than 8,000 members of the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors® (PMAR), thank you for your continuing efforts to resolve the housing crisis in the City of Portland. Item 451 on the May 31<sup>st</sup> agenda is one such step in the process as it clearly defines the Time, Place, and Manner regulations for camping within the City limits. This is a necessary step not only to remain compliant with State law, but also to clearly identify to all parties what is expected.

The ordinance set forth is consistent in time, place, and manner regulations with the majority of ordinances that neighboring cities have already adopted or are in the process of doing so. We hope that passing this ordinance is just one of the many steps you will take in the near future to continue reducing the barriers to shelters and housing production.

PMAR is dedicated to promoting a safe, healthy business environment with adequate housing to meet the needs of all residents. We look forward to working with you as we continue to work for all Portlanders present and future.

Thank you for your consideration,



Michele Gila  
Director of Realtor® Advocacy



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451	Claire Turner	Oppose	<p>Do not make homelessness a crime. They are suffering enough, have been facing onslaught of city actions and have had to live through constant adaptations and disruptions—in lives that are already immensely destabilized.</p> <p>There is abundance of money to offer plenty of options to help people and bring the heart back to this city. That's where all focus and energy needs to go. The rest of the social and visual implications will fall away when we address the needs of the homeless a population.</p> <p>Listen to your street teams and the advocates of people living through difficulty most of us will never need to face.</p> <p>It is our job to find the safety nets. Yes it is. Your inaction is hardening once hearts of this community—to your leadership and any hope that you will do the right thing by the vulnerable in our city.</p> <p>Without solutions while we are creating &amp; living with the effects of more suffering, teetering people more deeply into their existing or potential mental health crisis.</p> <p>Do not create laws addressing symptoms such as camping on sidewalks, etc.</p> <p>Create solutions that change lives. Yes, it's hard...you can do it.</p> <p>Also, keep funding street teams and keep them out of political antics that put them at odds with their advocacy role (ex: including them in sweeps). That's a breach of trust on so many levels.</p> <p>Thank you for listening -</p> <p>Claire Turner</p>	No	05/31/23 9:50 AM
451	Brent Hedberg	Support	I'm a lifelong Portland resident who fully supports this ordinance. Non-profits related to houselessness comprise the bulk of my charitable giving and I recognize this is a complex issue, but it has become quite obvious the status quo is flat out not working. There is an abundance of funding and no measurable progress. Drastic action is necessary and this is a decent start.	No	05/31/23 9:50 AM
451	Anonymous	Oppose		No	05/31/23
451	Rachel Roberts	Support	I support city council in amending the city ordinance around homeless camping. Unsanctioned camping has ruined the city core and it needs to end as soon as possible.	No	05/31/23 9:54 AM



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451	Sermin Yesilada	Oppose	<p>Dear Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Rubio, Mapps, Ryan, and Gonzales,</p> <p>I am writing in opposition of agenda item 451, updates to existing camping restriction policies. While I support certain camping restrictions, I do not believe this version complies with HB 3115's requirement that such restrictions be reasonable for persons experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>First, despite our herculean efforts to open more shelter beds, open Safe Rest Villages, and establish the temporary alternative shelter sites, we do not yet have enough beds/pods/rooms. As an architect focusing on this area of housing, I am deeply involved in all of these efforts. Zoning reforms through the Shelter to Housing Continuum and Residential Infill Projects 1 and 2 have cleared many hurdles to establishing a variety of transitional and permanent housing types needed for our community. I look forward to having all our planned Safe Rest Villages and Temporary Alternative Shelter Sites up and running. We will not have enough beds to house everyone living on the street before these camping restrictions are adopted. Right now, Multnomah County has about 800 women and children waiting for family shelter beds. I'm working with a Church and community group on developing a micro village with hopes to serve women and children. At best, it would open by the end of the year. We hope to serve 30-50 people.</p> <p>Second, the proposed ordinance effectively makes it impossible for someone who is houseless to set up a living situation in city limits. I also volunteer in my neighborhood to support the Multnomah Safe Rest Village and through direct outreach with people living on the streets in the area. Some of the people we serve are disabled. They are resistant to shelters because they have not been well served with their disabilities in the past. One person is autistic and cannot be in congregate care due to sensory sensitivities. For them to pack up their belongings every day and reset their camp at night is undoable. Imagine being able bodied and camping at a National Forest. How long does it take to set up camp? Can you imagine undoing it every day? Now what if you use a wheelchair? What if you have bags of cans, which is a way of earning income for many Portlanders in the lowest income brackets. How will you store all your belongings, or bring them with you while you wait for hours in line at the DMV to get documentation, wait in line at the free clinics for medical care, at soup kitchens, and to turn in your bags of cans?</p> <p>Many vulnerable houseless Portlanders sleep during the day and are awake at night. This is because they are not safe at night from violence and theft. Some work graveyard shifts and have to sleep during the day. The time restriction for camping does not account for these situations.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the informal settlements that are community supported with services or are established and self-sufficient. What effect will this ordinance have on those sites? Sweeping them without having permanent housing available for the residents would have a destabilizing and devastating effect on the people living in those communities. It would put them back at square one in their path to housing.</p> <p>I support restricting camping in dangerous or environmentally sensitive areas. We need access to rights of way and safe paths to schools. We need buffers around Safe Rest Villages and Temporary Alternative Shelter Sites so that those programs can best serve their participants. It is already illegal to camp or squat on private property. The remaining restrictions are too restrictive at this point in time. We need more time to bring housing and shelter spaces online first. Please delay adopting this ordinance, or remove the onerous time limits, time of day limits, use of space limitations, and fire limitations. They infringe upon a person's right to basic survival.</p> <p>Thank you, Sermin Yesilada Resident, Multnomah Village</p>	No	05/31/23 9:56 AM
451	Daniel Konowal	Support	Testimony provided in attached PDF.	Yes	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Support	I support item 451 and believe that a time-boxed camping ban in public areas will go a long way towards revitalizing our city, particularly downtown areas. It may not be a perfect solution, but we shouldn't let perfection get in the way of incremental progress. Thank you.	No	05/31/23 10:02 AM
451	Matt McCorry	Support	Please, let us begin reclaiming our clean and safe city that we once loved. We have support for the homeless and we want them to have the shelter and mental health resources they need. Enablement and free-reign camping has been an utter failure. Our city deserves better than heroin needles and human feces all over our sidewalks.	No	05/31/23 10:06 AM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Covid is over and so all urban camping.	No	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23



Good morning,

The Portland City Council has the full support of our family to amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115. Portland was once the most beautiful city in the country that unfortunately has been overtaken by tents, tarp structures, endless garbage piles and illegal bicycle chop shops. Our houseless neighbors need meaningful assistance and services to rehabilitate and regain their footing. Enabling our houseless neighbors to live in unsafe, unsanctioned, and unsanitary conditions helps no one.

The proliferation of unsanctioned camping has brought an explosion of public drug use, theft, violence, and environmental crimes. Portland cannot allow the continuation of the status quo as residents and business are fleeing the city in droves to seek public safety and clean streets.

We do not intend to demonize our houseless neighbors. They have personal demons that need outreach and assistance. However, there is nothing compassionate in allowing our houseless neighbors to continue the destruction of themselves and public property. We beg the City Council to take the first steps to restoring Portland by updating the camping restrictions.



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451	Neighbors For Safe Smart Shelters	Support	<p>We support banking encampments on sidewalks and streets. It has been far too long that citizens have been assaulted simply for walking in their neighborhoods. It has been far too long where encampments - full on drug dens, prostitution rings, with fires, filth, debris, feces, spent needles, and deaths are perpetrated against businesses, residents and homeowners. As Rene Gonzalez as said, "If you live in a neighborhood with an SRV you should be petrified." We have been and are. NW Naito has been ignored repeatedly by all the signatories of the GNA for the Harbor of Hope Navigation Center - including the city, police, county, Jt Office of Homeless Services, HOH, and Transition Projects.</p> <p>To this day, numerous encampments, tents even right on the HOH property, loitering, drug dealing and worse remain a constant violation of the mayor's own declarations. Daily phone calls and email and protestations by Neighbors For Safe Smart Shelters, a coalition of 1000 petition signers go unheeded.</p> <p>Enough is enough. Portland is in a full spiral death loop. You can and must do better. Save our neighborhoods, save Portland. No and low barrier shelters must not be in neighborhoods. Replicate Bybee Lakes and have required treatment and accountabilities. Build a long term drug and mental illness facility. Accountabilities must be in place.</p> <p>Sincerely, Volunteers for Neighbors for Safe Smart Shelters</p>	No	05/31/23 10:11 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	This is a step in the right direction, and our city should support it.	No	05/31/23
451	Jane L.	Support	I support public camping restrictions to mitigate the impact of unregulated (or loosely regulated) camping in public spaces. The cost to the public in terms of debris, accumulated trash, fires, infrastructure degradation (fires under bridges, etc), is profound. The status quo is not leading unhoused people to much needed services. I support this change.	No	05/31/23 10:12 AM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Matt O'Meara	Support	I support these new camping ban ordinance updates proposed by Mayor Wheeler. The city is in shambles and the tax paying citizens who haven't moved out want to see real change.	No	05/31/23 10:19 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	Time, place and manner camping restrictions are needed to restore safety and order to our beautiful city.	No	05/31/23
451	Justine Pope	Oppose	This proposed camping ban and exclusion is inhumane, senseless, and will only exacerbate the needs of people who live outside. Humans have a right to rest. Until and unless there is safe and secure housing for all, the actions of the City will inflict great harm on individuals who have been denied that basic right. As a public health practitioner, harm reductionist, and researcher who is devoted to compassionate and evidence-based approaches to addressing houselessness and substance use, I can confidently testify that this proposition is unreasonable. As a human, it is important for me to express great concern over the cruel and unnecessary tactics proposed by Mayor Wheeler and Council member Gonzalez. Your actions demonstrate a lack of compassion for all residents of the city you claim to represent. I invite you to reflect deeply on your motivation for these amendments. Who are you in service to?	No	05/31/23 10:20 AM
451	Stephanie Buckner	Oppose	Government is to provide for people. The houseless are also people. Provide us housing, the right to housing, the right to be. Resources should go to people first, then businesses.	No	05/31/23 10:22 AM
451	Sara Love Sanderson, Boulder Care	Oppose	Criminalizing homelessness while not providing services to sleep and rest during the day is cruel and inhumane. As someone who works with this population, having to load and transport belongings is just one more barrier for people who are desperately struggling. What resource for day time sheltering is the city or county providing for these community members? Alternative services and resources need to be made available to all that will be displaced, this proposed ban is inhumane.	No	05/31/23 10:25 AM
451	Logan OBrien	Support	Continually turning a blind eye to the pervasive squalor that festers on public streets and sidewalks isn't an act of compassion, like the "oppose crowd" seems to think. It's neglectful cruelty that creates victims out of the homeless population as well as the rest of us who live here. These camps not only prevent the intended usage of the spaces they occupy, but are detrimental to the safety and cleanliness of the city and its inhabitants.	No	05/31/23 10:26 AM



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451	Claude F Burgoyne	Support	<p>My name is Claude Burgoyne. I am a Physician and Research Scientist and have lived in the China Town portion of Old Town in the Old Town Lofts Building since 2006. I strongly support all services necessary to provide those who are homeless the treatments and support necessary to return to work and earn a living. Those are not the people living in Old Town because they all left upon the onset of COVID. It was far too dangerous for them to live on the streets in Old Town then and they have not yet returned because it is still not safe for them to do so.</p> <p>I support strong social services for those addicted and/or suffering mental illness or PTSD (I am also a veteran). For this portion of the homeless community, it is reasonable for society to assume they will not be able to work and live in a stable fashion off drugs or until their mental illness is adequately medically treated.</p> <p>However, it is absolutely unacceptable that this city concentrates social services in our neighborhood AND allows those who are addicted and mentally ill to live on the street where they are a danger to themselves and to others. Society cannot function in this manner. It is irresponsible for the City to ignore this truth.</p> <p>To be a stable neighborhood, (which I argue is also an important goal for the city), Old Town needs to attract market rate and mixed market/subsidized housing (as the Old Town Lofts Building was - in some form - when first constructed). Old Town Lofts is a stable community of modest condominiums ranging in size from studios through two bedrooms. China Town/Old Town Needs more buildings like this so that it builds a larger group of residents that have enough stability in their lives to advocate for their buildings and for China Town.</p> <p>TO THIS POINT, BUILDING MORE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING TO GET THE ADDICTED AND MENTALLY ILL OFF THE STREETS IS NOT A GOOD SOLUTION FOR OLD TOWN UNLESS MARKET RATE HOUSING IS BUILT IN A LARGER PROPORTION. It is understandable and even admirable that the social service agencies, (which are very strong voices in Old Town) are effective advocates for their constituents. However, allowing their constituents to live in tents or advocating only for subsidized housing in China Town undermines the neighborhood's ability to be an advocate for itself and its inhabitants. At present, the citizens who live in China Town and pay (high) taxes to the City, State and Federal governments - have been abandoned by these governments - because they are too small in number to have a large and effective voice. It is convenient- but not wise - for the social agencies and Portland City Government to keep it this way.</p>	No	05/31/23 10:27 AM
451	Brian Stephen Ellis	Oppose	Public camping needs no more restrictions than it already has. Even if the stated goal is to reduce the number of people visible on the street, this is the worst way to go about it. Worst of all this three strikes policy is terrifying similar to war on drugs era California law, which helped created a permeant criminal class. Like that law, Portland City Council is trying to create a group of permeant homeless people , as out of state tech companies privatize homelessness.	No	05/31/23 10:28 AM
451	Basis Point	Support	I am in full support.	No	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Support	The city should amend the city code on public camping and eliminate daytime camping and also enforce rules on fires and camps that are oversized and not tidy	No	05/31/23 10:33 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	I no longer feel comfortable or safe walking downtown. the current atmosphere the sidewalk camping has created is unsafe and dangerous for all parties involved.	No	05/31/23 10:34 AM
451	Barbara Coombs Lee	Support	Please act today to stop promoting illegal camping in the city and stop enabling dysfunctional, self-destructive behaviors that cause misery, death and the degradation of civil society.	No	05/31/23 10:35 AM
451	Olivia Bakke	Support	Camping impacts my children by creating physically dangerous situations on sidewalks and making parks unusable for tax paying citizens. My child deserves to walk to school without running a gauntlet of drugs and mental health issues. Protect our children and ban daytime camping and setting up of settlements on our streets, sidewalks and parks.	No	05/31/23 10:37 AM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Stephen Lee	Support	Council needs to everything possible to deter illegal camping in the city. This resolution is a good start. Return common areas to serve the public good.	No	05/31/23 10:43 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	Please force the homeless off our streets. I 100% support this ban. I only wish it was for 24 hours instead of just the daytime. The homeless will not change unless we force them to.	No	05/31/23 10:45 AM
451	Benjamin Holtzman	Oppose	This restriction on daytime camping is not a solution like it claims to be. It is a neo-liberal attempt to paint over the structural problems our city is facing. Until we address the roots of homelessness by: providing quality public housing, offering free and comprehensive mental health services, and treating addiction as a mental health disorder, we will not be able to stop the problem that you all acknowledge is affecting our city. As a gen-z homeowner myself, I can not only say that this is essentially impossible to attain for most people but, I now realize the immense socialist benefits that come with owning a home. A 30-yr mortgage locking in housing cost, tax breaks for paying mortgage interest, for example. Yet what I see before me are these same home/business owners pressuring the city council into this decision and advocating for similar socialist benefits to be denied to our houseless population. Please consider investing in long term strategies to tackle homelessness instead of trying to avoid responsibility by using state sanctioned violence against our most vulnerable members of society to simply "hide" the problem you are too afraid to truly address.	No	05/31/23 10:46 AM



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451	Haley Atherton	Oppose	I volunteer for the Portland Street Medicine team, I have had the opportunity to work alongside some of the Portland community members who are living outside & unhoused. Witnessing folks work diligently to maintain their environment & their immediate needs (tent, food, drinks, hygiene supplies, safety & support pets) is beyond humbling. Having to watch folks have to dismantle their lives to appease those who are uncomfortable witnessing the ways in which our federal, state and local government have failed vulnerable community members is beyond devastating. Enforcing a policy that keeps unhoused folks off the streets of the community in which they live, assuming that fixing the problem by building camps to create a "out of sight out of mind" sense of ease for privileged community members, and assuming that this will not ultimately create an even bigger humanity crisis is so short-sided. Please err on the side of humanity, require that those who are uneasy (because of their privilege) to sit with the fact that their discomfort pails in comparison to what our less-privileged and vilified unhoused community members experience on a minute by minute, day by day, month by month, year by year basis. Do the work to prioritize those who are ultimately affected by this policy, make their lives the priority.	No	05/31/23 10:48 AM
451	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support a complete ban of camping on streets all hours of the day and night. So no camping at all at any time.	No	05/31/23 10:51 AM
451	Personal	Support	Now is the time to make progress on the homeless problem. As a homeowner we are tired of the public safety issues, the human waste, the needles and the harassment. Please vote YES to ban camping. Now is the time.	Yes	05/31/23 10:53 AM
451	hugh scollan	Support	I urge a yes vote to stop camping .	No	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Support	The experiment of letting the homeless drug users run rampant and destroy our city has failed. It's time to enforce the existing laws around camping and return our city to normal.	No	05/31/23 10:55 AM
451	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support a complete ban of camping on sidewalks/streets at all hours of the day or night. Camping on the sidewalks/streets at any time causes disruption whether day or night.	No	05/31/23 10:56 AM
451	none	Support	STOP blocking my sidewalks. Stop illegal camping. Get the homeless to Bybee lakes and other facilities that will help them. Not to useless SRVs. Support the camping BAN.	No	05/31/23 10:56 AM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	We support a complete ban of camping on public sidewalks and streets. We do not support any type of camping on the streets and sidewalks.	No	05/31/23 11:02 AM
451	Stephen Litster	Support	We fully support this street camping ban and would like to see it progress to a full time ban (24 hours a day). The issues here are not 'homelessness' but rather lawlessness, mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse. The inability and/or unwillingness on the part of the city to deal with the anarchy that is ruining neighborhoods throughout the city is unacceptable.	No	05/31/23 11:03 AM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Support a complete ban of camping on public streets/sidewalks. Any type of camping at any hour of the day or night is disruptive.	No	05/31/23 11:03 AM
451	Cole Merkel / HereTogether coalition	Oppose	This testimony is on behalf of the HereTogether coalition.	Yes	05/31/23 11:14 AM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	This ban will harm us without offering any solutions or recourse. None of us want to be on the street, but there is no accessible housing available for most of us. Additionally, this ban will put increased pressure on Multnomah County courts and jails so unnecessarily. Homeless people deserve to be housed, not incarcerated. It also makes me afraid of additional harassment from people who are violent toward us on the streets. We've already seen emboldened "vigilantes" take it upon themselves to harm marginalized people (especially unhoused people) all over the country this year. I am afraid that this ban will make me a bigger target for assault and harassment at the hands of civilians who will see it as their right to attempt to enforce it. There are better solutions than this extreme and unnecessary ban.	No	05/31/23 11:17 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>I support agenda item 451. Given Portland's decline the last few years (increased violent crime, increased property crime, visible trash), I feel that this day time camping ban is a step in the right direction.</p> <p>More importantly, though, I believe that homeless people need supportive services and housing ASAP. This daytime camping ban, though welcome, is a bandaid over a bullet hole. We need to amend Measure 110 YESTERDAY and start actually using the money allocated for it. I voted in support of 110, but I had no idea that we would outright decriminalize all drug use before standing up the mental health and addiction facilities beforehand. In what world does that make any sense? I believe that much of the city's problem with the homeless population stems from those battling addiction, so if we can fix that, I think we'll see improvements. While I still don't believe criminal charges for personal drug use should ever ruin a person's ability to get housing or a job, allowing people to overdose in public, at best, and violently harm others, at worst, is not humane.</p> <p>Another step in the right direction would be to streamline the building and development process. The Portland Residential Infill project is amazing in theory, and I know a number of individuals who would love to build an ADU, but have found it intensely cost and time prohibitive. Want more housing? Make it easier to build housing.</p> <p>Enacting a daytime camping ban while failing to address the housing aspect of the homeless problem is shortsighted. But, since it is one of the few options for improving the city at the moment, I support it.</p>	No	05/31/23 11:19 AM







**HereTogether testimony in response to agenda item 451: Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115 (amend Code Sections 3.18.020, 14A.50.020, 14A.50.050, 17.43.120, 20.12.010, 20.12.030, 20.12.100, 20.12.230, add Code Section 14A.50.025, and repeal Code Sections 20.12.070 and 20.12.150)**

May 31, 2023

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

The HereTogether coalition firmly stands against policies that criminalize homelessness. The proposal very clearly rests upon criminal sanctions and expensive fines to achieve its goal. Ultimately, this ban punishes individuals based on their actions of survival and does nothing to end the crisis on our streets.

We are concerned that without efforts to mitigate the impact on those experiencing homelessness who have no viable options for shelter, enforcement of this policy could disproportionately harm individuals with physical disabilities, forcing them to shoulder the burden of packing and carrying their belongings for half the day. Over a quarter of Portland's homeless population experience a physical disability, and many are elderly. Furthermore, this policy proposal adds safety concerns for many homeless women and gender nonconforming folks, who often find it safer to sleep during daylight hours.

Our 250+ member coalition of businesses, advocates and service providers live and work across the Metro region and care deeply about real solutions to homelessness. Punishing people for camping when they have nowhere else to go will not achieve our goals.

The current situation in our community is untenable. No one should have to live in an unsanctioned tent without access to services or a safe place to sleep— this is unacceptable for our neighbors experiencing homelessness and the broader community. However, adopting policies that do not change the underlying conditions of those on the streets is in no way the answer.

We need immediate action to speed up the delivery of services and help move people to safe—and ultimately permanent—living situations. We continue to be dismayed at the Joint Office of Homeless Services's (JOHS) pace of programming and distribution of available funding. We are hopeful that new leadership at the JOHS will improve performance. We must ramp up the rollout of resources for proven solutions, both short and long-term, that prioritize the health, safety and well-being of our most vulnerable neighbors and our community at large.

The direction of this proposal raises concerns. The following recommendations would mitigate some of our most significant reservations:



- **Increase access and funding to day shelters.** If the policy compels those experiencing homelessness to vacate their resting spot during the day, they will naturally seek refuge in day shelters and meal sites, which are already stretched to their limits.
- **Create more safe, designated parking areas** for those living in their vehicles.
- **Eliminate criminal sanctions and fines.** It's unjust to penalize individuals when our community lacks ample safe and legal sleeping options.
- Finally, with its intricate set of rules regarding time and place, the city's policy **demand**s **a coordinated and transparent system** to inform individuals where they can legally rest during all hours of the day.

As a large, regional coalition, we look forward to working with all stakeholders, the City of Portland and Multnomah County as we strive to address the pressing issue of homelessness in the region. We are committed to implementing both immediate and lasting solutions for this crisis and firmly believe that viable solutions exist that not only minimize harm but also have a positive impact on everyone in our community.

Sincerely,

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451	Lynn Ford	Oppose	Dear Commissioners, I share many Portlanders' frustration with sidewalks being blocked by homeless people, but this resolution is the wrong thing to do. It is immoral and it won't work. It's immoral because sleep is a biological necessity and a place to do it is a basic human right, unlike the real estate price gouging which your proposed action protects. Furthermore the plan of putting people in large encampments with armed security amounts to concentration camps. Doing so will put you in the same historical category as great liberal FDR who put did the same thing to Americans of Japanese heritage during WWII. It will not work for the same reason no other governmental action has ended homelessness, because it continues to avoid addressing the root cause, which is rent gouging and other forms of land profiteering by individuals and organizations who support the political establishment of which you all are part.	No	05/31/23 11:21 AM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Allison Menzimer	Oppose	The ban on camping between 8am and 8pm specifically impacts homeless women and femme presenting people because they are more likely to sleep during the day in order to protect themselves from assault at night. Additionally this amendment provides no support for the daytime shelters which will experience a significant strain on resources. Criminalizing houselessness with fines and prison time is not a solution and further endangers an already vulnerable population, and emboldens property owners and business owners to push houseless neighbors to the edges of society to assuage their own discomfort or fear of lost profits. Wheeler is a shill for the PBA and white neoliberal homeowners and his cruel agenda has no place here.	No	05/31/23 11:37 AM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Mercedes Elizalde	Oppose		Yes	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Support	Portland has become a beacon for homeless individuals looking to take advantage of lack enforcement. This change will motivate those willing to seek out treatment or support to make changes to improve their situation. This change will also make clear to those that only here to prey on vulnerable individuals that they should move on to somewhere else.	No	05/31/23 11:42 AM
451	regina g winkler	Support	It is not compassionate to let homeless deteriorate and die on our streets in the midst of addiction. Ted Wheeler's plan is a step in the right direction.	No	05/31/23 12:02 PM
451	Jessie Burke, The Society Hotel	Support	<p>This is an important step for Portland. I care about our most vulnerable living on the sidewalk, but I also know there are two distinct groups living outside - the predator and the prey, and most people cannot tell the difference between the two. We must recalibrate what is acceptable in the public realm - the spaces that belong to everyone. And that includes compassion for those living outside, but also everyone else too. This is not a matter of one option or the other - you can work toward solutions for our most vulnerable AND limit the impact on the public realm. We must get to a place of symbiosis on our neighborhoods and community, and city infrastructure never intended for humans to live on the sidewalk. Nature is taking over, and nature doesn't care - people are being eaten or infested by rats. This is not humane, and we must do everything we can do urgently create policy to solve these issues.</p> <p>Too many Portlanders fear appearing judgmental. No one is judging how anyone got to the circumstances they are in, but we must be able to discern with accuracy the methods with the highest success rate in solving these problems. All carrots and no sticks has never proven to be a successful method. And what's more, families are pleading with leaders to get involved - to set boundaries and rules to force their family members toward a consequence meaningful enough to bring them back into the fold as a contributing member of society. The people that love these most vulnerable citizens are begging not for more enabling - they are begging leaders to lead. Everyone living on the street did not just lose their housing or their jobs. The solutions are not easy, but A decision is better than no decision, so you can then make another decision.</p>	No	05/31/23 12:09 PM
451	PDX Saints Love	Oppose	Please give us real solutions to end this crisis. I have attached my written Testimony.	Yes	05/31/23
451	Katie Warden and Laura Golino de Lovato on behalf of Northwest Pilot Project	Oppose		Yes	05/31/23 12:28 PM
451	Ken Rosenzweig	Support	I am in support of these proposals. In addition to compassion and support for the homeless, we must have an equal balance of accountability and adherence to the law. Without liveability for the taxpayers that fund the support services, residences and businesses will continue to leave, which will leave the city without a tax base to fund such endeavors. It's time to draw a line on acceptable behavior and liveability.	No	05/31/23 12:29 PM
451	Grant Huling	Support	This is the least we can do to maintain civilized order in Portland. We have created every incentive imaginable to draw "vagabonds" from around the country like a whirlpool. It is time to plug the whirlpool and communicate that all residents of Portland, housed or not, are expected to comply by the same norms of civil society.	No	05/31/23 12:29 PM
451	Jenn	Support	We're considering moving out of Portland due to livability and public safety crises that are directly related to homeless encampments taking over public spaces with drugs, fires and chop shops. We support this ordinance and implore the city to start enforcing common sense restrictions on camping. There should be no chip shops and no vehicles parked in camps in public right of way. The city has let things get out of control.	No	05/31/23 12:40 PM



I remember a few years ago they got very aggressive in enforcing the ban against camping during the day. This was after the Occupy movement where everyone was protesting downtown and camping there. They wanted to "clean up the city" This was in 2013-2015 and I had family living out there at this time.

There was a lot of finger pointing and frustration with people living houseless at that time, just like now.

I had a young niece out there at the time. I remember her and her Boyfriend getting harassed by police in the morning to pack it up and move. She called me crying one morning as she didn't move fast enough and was maced. Her boyfriend taken off to jail.

They often tried to get a bed at night with New Avenue for Youth but there was always more need than beds and after standing in line for a bed would be turned away because there just wasn't enough capacity.

I remember seeing them carry their bed rolls on their back and all their belongings everywhere they went.

Their bed rolls were so large almost bigger then Angel

I wondered how heavy that must be to carry all day long. I watched Angel struggle and he was a young strong man.

I saw just how hard it was just to use facilities somewhere. How nobody welcomes you into their business like that. How they would have to take turns to go into a business while one watches their belongings. Carrying their belongings with them would often lead to being judged harshly, and treated like they didn't matter.

I remember loading them and their belongings in my car and going to my house for a few days just to get a break from it and try to not let them forget they were cared about and loved.

To not let them forget how life isn't always a struggle just to survive. I did not want them to lose that connection.

Not everyone has that out here and it gets pretty discouraging and hopeless if you don't have support and just someone to care.

I remember my brother stashing his tent and bed roll someplace only to come back at night to get it to sleep, and someone had taken it so there he was at night ready to lay down with nothing to protect him against the elements. I remember when he would be swept and how demoralizing it was for him and his friends. I remember taking him to my house and offering him a bed and him declining "because he didn't want to get used to it". There is a hopelessness that comes with living out there.

It is very demoralizing to have to keep being on the move everyday with no spot to just be.

It is so hard to carry your belongings with you everywhere you go. It also impacts your ability to get services. It impacts your ability to just be able to use a public restroom.

This ban doesn't help anyone and when we don't care about people and dehumanize them it only creates a downward spiral.



It would be nice if they city provided real solutions to help.  
They have used this crisis to raise taxes to solve it and have yet to make any real change.  
We need housing, we need mental health and substance use disorder treatment.  
We need to address the root cause.  
Our energy should be directed at the city not the people suffering  
The city needs to be held accountable for not doing their jobs

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May 31, 2023

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**Re: Agenda Item 451**

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Agenda Item 451 on behalf of Northwest Pilot Project (NWPP) – a social service agency with over five decades of experience in providing housing stabilization services to low and very low-income older adults, age 55 and over, experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Multnomah County. As a service provider for older adults, who are the fastest growing age group of people experiencing homelessness<sup>1</sup>, we have serious concerns about the proposed public property camping ban ordinance causing further harm to our unhoused community members.

The first area of concern is the immense effort involved with packing up and moving one's shelter and belongings on a daily basis. In addition to a growing number of unsheltered seniors, many unsheltered community members have disabilities and are medically fragile. Forcing these vulnerable populations to continuously relocate is extremely inaccessible and traumatizing. Another harmful impact of constant relocation is that personal belongings, such as medications and identification documents, will get lost or misplaced, putting people at increased risk of illnesses and affecting one's eligibility for permanent housing placement and other social service benefits.

The second area of concern is the enforcement mechanism for the camping ban ordinance serving as a pathway to criminalizing homelessness. This ordinance will likely exacerbate the alarming rate of annual homeless resident arrests in Portland beyond the 52% of all arrests in 2017 as reported by

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<sup>1</sup> The Emerging Crisis of Aged Homelessness (2019), Dennis Culhane, PhD et al.  
<https://aisp.upenn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Emerging-Crisis-of-Aged-Homelessness.pdf>



The Oregonian.<sup>2</sup> Due to systemic racism and decades of racially discriminatory housing practices, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities are over represented among the vulnerable seniors that NWPP serves as well as in the overall populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness throughout the state. Based on the over representation of BIPOC community members in our unhoused population and Portland having one of the highest racial disparities in policing in the country<sup>3</sup>, it is evident that unhoused BIPOC community members will likely be disproportionately impacted by police enforcement of the camping ban.

It is also imperative that the City fund day shelters, meal sites, and other shelter operations with the resources to increase their ability to accommodate more people seeking daytime services. Additionally, easily accessible and no cost storage options must be made available to homeless people in multiple areas of the city. Lastly, bus and transit tickets, and free taxi services should be provided to homeless older adults and those with disabilities.

We urge the council to commit the resources cited above before voting on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Laura Golino de Lovato  
Executive Director  
Northwest Pilot Project

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<sup>2</sup> "Portland homeless accounted for majority of police arrests in 2017, analysis finds," The Oregonian.

[https://www.oregonlive.com/portland/2018/06/portland\\_homeless\\_accounted\\_for.html](https://www.oregonlive.com/portland/2018/06/portland_homeless_accounted_for.html)

<sup>3</sup> "Portland has 5th worst arrest disparities in the nation, according to compiled data," Oregon Public Broadcasting.

<https://www.opb.org/article/2021/02/07/portland-has-5th-worst-arrest-disparities-in-the-nation-according-to-data/>



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451	Dean	Support	I live close to St Peter and St Paul Church in Montavilla off 82nd Avenue. I support daytime camping ban and the prohibition on sidewalk camping. These issues have been bad next to the church which gives out drug use paraphernalia and attracts the worst of the worst who leave trash, needles and break into our home.	No	05/31/23 12:42 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I fully support this ban. We need to get real on the homeless issue. These are not just people down and out on their luck. These are mentally unstable and drug addicts. They have taken over the streets and our city. We are losing businesses. We are losing money. Clean up this mess. It starts with getting firm and getting REAL.	No	05/31/23 12:43 PM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Ashley Henry	Oppose	<p>This proposed ordinance criminalizes homelessness, and will exacerbate our homeless situation, not solve it. It is unreasonable for a government to refuse to provide adequate resources, services, treatment, and housing, and then criminalize people forced into homelessness as a result.</p> <p>People with disabilities, people who are elderly, and others simply can't physically move all of their belongings and sleeping spaces each morning. For many people, the daytime is the only time it is safe to sleep – sleeping at night increases the risk of sexual assault and other crimes.</p> <p>Our choices define our community, and we have an important one to make. We want a government focused on proven solutions, not one based on hate and criminalization of those who simply don't have a place to live. That's bad for our whole community.</p> <p>We should focus our efforts on proven approaches – prevention of homelessness, and providing housing and services to people who have been forced into living outside.</p> <p>To make Portland a place where all of our families can thrive, we must rewrite the rules - arresting the homeless isn't the answer. Let's rewrite the rules to make sure everyone has a place to call home.</p>	No	05/31/23 12:53 PM
451	Fair Housing Council of Oregon	Oppose	Please see attached written testimony from the Fair Housing Council of Oregon in opposition to the city's anti-camping ordinance.	Yes	05/31/23 12:55 PM





May 31, 2023

RE: Testimony in Opposition to Agenda Item 451 Updating City Camping Restrictions

Dear Mayor Wheeler and the Portland City Council,

As the legal director at the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO), we are writing in opposition to the City of Portland's planned revisions to the ordinance that enables the city to sweep homeless camps. The targeting of homeless individuals through the city's anti-camping ordinance, particularly when coupled with the proposed settlement of the Tozer lawsuit, undermines the City Council's obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

Federal regulations require governments to promote fair housing choice, eliminate disparities in housing opportunities, and foster inclusive communities. However, the amended ordinance and the proposed settlement agreement undermine fair housing choice, increase disparities in housing opportunities, and foster less inclusive communities.

The settlement and ordinance undermine fair housing choice by directing city resources away from the actual provision of permanent, supportive, accessible, and affordable housing. Both of those actions, if taken by the City Council, would target Portland citizens most in need of housing with the prospect of monetary fines and possible imprisonment.

It is likely to increase disparities in housing opportunities because persons of color and persons with disabilities will be disproportionately and negatively impacted by the enforcement of anti-camping laws. Both persons of color and persons with disabilities are overrepresented in the homeless population. Persons of color particularly are more likely to be targeted by law enforcement, based on less evidence of wrongdoing.<sup>1</sup> Similarly, persons with disabilities are more likely to struggle with the ordinance's requirement that involuntarily homeless individuals pack up their stuff and presumably carry it around with them between the hours of 8am and 8pm. With nowhere to store the property and diminished capacity to keep it on their person, individuals with disabilities are more likely to violate the ordinance.

In turn, criminal history related to violations of the city ordinance will become yet another barrier to finding housing, as landlords regularly deny applications based on criminal history. The revised ordinance may also lead to an increase in fair housing complaints, because denials of applications due to criminal history must have a reasonable connection to the prospective tenancy. The crime of camping has little if any association to an individual's behavior as a tenant, although landlords will use it as a pretext to disqualify applicants. The real reasons for disqualifying applicants based on that pretext may be related to their protected class characteristics. In other words, landlords will use anti-camping violations as a pretext to discriminate against persons of color and persons with disabilities.

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<sup>1</sup> See Ortiz, Erik. NBC News, "Inside 100 Million Police Traffic Stops: New Evidence of Racial Bias" (March 13, 2019) (Available at <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/inside-100-million-police-traffic-stops-new-evidence-racial-bias-n980556>)

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The actions proposed by the City Council in amending the anti-camping ordinance and increasing enforcement through settlement of the Tozer lawsuit take the focus away from creating permanent, supportive, accessible, and affordable housing. The resources set aside are almost entirely geared toward homeless sweeps, instead of redressing the underlying issues that lead homeless individuals to camp on public spaces. The city should rather look at how to make housing available to anyone, instead of how to target those for whom housing is not available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Serres".

Matthew Serres

Legal Director

Fair Housing Council of Oregon



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451	Dan Handelman Portland Copwatch		<p>Date: Tue, 30 May 2023 16:23:45 -0700  From: Portland Copwatch &lt;copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org&gt;  To: Mayor Ted Wheeler &lt;mayorwheeler@portlandoregon.gov&gt;,  Commissioner Dan Ryan &lt;commissionerryanoffice@portlandoregon.gov&gt;,  Commissioner Carmen Rubio &lt;comm.rubio@portlandoregon.gov&gt;,  Commissioner Mingus Mapps &lt;mappsoffice@portlandoregon.gov&gt;,  Rene Gonzalez &lt;gonzalezoffice@portlandoregon.gov&gt;  Cc: cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov  Subject: TESTIMONY on item 451: Criminalizing houselessness</p> <p>Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Gonzalez, Mapps, Rubio, and Ryan</p> <p>Portland Copwatch has been around since 1992 and has seen various incarnations of the City's anti-camping and sit/lie laws. Nearly all of them have been deemed unconstitutional for one reason or another. It's shameful that the City Council is trying to institute the most draconian version of such laws in these 31 years claiming it is to come into compliance with state law and a court decision saying you can't sweep houseless people unless they have somewhere to go.</p> <p>Instead the new law basically will let enforcers-- probably the police-- try to move houseless persons from their resting places and ask them to move to a mass encampment or non-existent shelter or affordable home. The wholly new class of people listed in the code as "involuntarily homeless" will have some reprieve, but it seems that if an officer asks a person to move and they say they want to stay, they'll be considered "voluntarily homeless" and jailed. The arrest will then complicate their future efforts to obtain housing. To add insult to injury they will also be fined money that they likely need for their basic survival needs. A hundred dollars may not seem a lot to you, but it is when you're struggling to find something to eat.</p> <p>We join our allies who are testifying Wednesday afternoon in raising concerns that the rewritten code, instead of lifting up the dignity of all people including the housed and unhoused who live with disabilities, is trying to punish people for the economic conditions of our city and our society. What makes this effort even more cruel is that those who have perpetuated those conditions who are part of the business and political community are the ones pushing for such laws.</p> <p>The Council should have given more time for this discussion, since it amends items other than the camping ordinance to address issues including parks, bodily fluids and more.</p> <p>The City has claimed for years that it's not trying to criminalize houselessness, but this ordinance reveals that is just not the case.</p> <p>It's more likely than not that the revised ordinances will face legal challenges just on their face. It seems the best path forward is to take this back to your offices for more work, involve the people who will be most affected, and come up with a better plan.</p> <p>Thank you  dan handelman and other members of  Portland Copwatch</p>	No	05/31/23 1:05 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	Yes, please! Thank you for finally supporting change that prevents a small set of people to control the city and its facilities!	No	05/31/23



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451	Cox (she/they)	Oppose	Dear council, I am speaking as a housed member of this community who has a background in mental Health. I would like to express my opposition to the Mayor's proposed agenda item 451 due to the impacts it would have on unhoused community members. I believe criminalizing poverty and being unhoused during a recession and in the wake of a pandemic would be a form systemic harm and state violence. The city has not fortified existing shelter systems to support the population they serve. There are no shelters in Portland where and individual who is unable to care for self can go. Shelters must be ADA compliant and provide CNA's to care for cts who cannot transfer from wheelchair to shower/toilet or care for self. The city banning camping 8am-8pm is criminalization which is not a solution. It is not services or a plan it is a juvenile attempt to erase people experiencing houselessness. Portland should not make policies of simply disappearing people who are experiencing houselessness this is a form of genocide, social cleansing and fascism that the people of Portland should not tolerate. this is a failure of the city to use its resources effectively. This cost tax payers more, this cost the city more to enforce. This will cause harm to houseless individuals who are going to have to deal with a criminal record for simply living. This is not a trauma informed practice and studies show that these types of bans and move along have negative outcome for a populations mental health leading to drug use to cope. We as a city would be creating the conditions we wish to address and solve. Please do not vote to make this agenda item a city ordinance.	No	05/31/23 1:07 PM
451	Atticus J Daniel	Support	Hello,  I am deeply concerned about the rapid decline of Portland due to the homeless crisis. First and foremost, our current approach, or lack thereof, to address this issue has created a terrible environment for homeless individuals. They are facing horrendous acts of violence such as rape, robbery, and physical assault from predators within their midst. Moreover, many are succumbing to addiction and tragically dying on the streets. The impact of this crisis is not limited to the homeless population alone; the entire community is suffering as a result.  Children are no longer able to ride their bikes to the park and enjoy safe playtime. Access to natural spaces has been compromised, depriving everyone of the beauty and solace they once provided. Additionally, home values have experienced a rapid decline in the most affected areas. It is evident that the current approach has been an abject failure, and it is high time for a new approach to be implemented.  I am a staunch supporter of agenda 451, as I believe it offers a promising starting point for addressing this crisis. I implore you to advance this agenda and work towards its implementation. It is crucial that we take immediate and effective action to rectify this dire situation and restore safety, dignity, and stability to both the homeless population and the wider community.	No	05/31/23 1:11 PM
451	ACLU of Oregon	Oppose	The ACLU of Oregon strongly cautions the City of Portland that the proposed ordinance likely violates ORS 195.530 (HB 3115), and may well violate constitutional requirements set out by <i>Martin v. Boise</i> , 902 F.3d 1031 (9th Cir. 2018). In creating a framework that ultimately relies on criminal enforcement, the ordinance perpetuates a costly, ineffective, and inhumane response to this humanitarian catastrophe.	Yes	05/31/23 1:14 PM
451	Melynda Jackson - east portland resident ( you know, the area you don't care about because you don't live here, but we pay as much or more in taxes than more affluent areas?)	Support	The camping just anywhere needs to stop. You need to also use the funds to get these people into sanctioned areas/ connected to services. There needs to be enough shelter beds and low income housing with actual oversight and planning. Stop paying money to your buddies who happen to be consultants and contractors who make a living off the homeless crisis. We see you. I will vote no on any new tax since you guys can't even use the appropriated funds to help the problem, wasting billions on bandaides when the issue is to house these people, and get folks who need it into long term care. ESPECIALLY disabled and seniors stuck on the street because of the absolute greed that makes a 1 bedroom apartment 1600 dollars a month in this town. We are sick of living this way. the city of portland and multnomah county need to figure a working relationship and a plan to deal with the actual issues. how much money has been collected from tax payers that you have duped into thinking it would go to treatment for addicts and help for the homeless /destitute? you are failing and we are not going to stand for it much longer.	No	05/31/23 1:16 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	Please pass and actually enforce it! So excited to be able to use the sidewalks again. As a small business owner - this bill gives me hope.	No	05/31/23 1:22 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I run a business and pay taxes here in Portland. My family is here. The degradation of the city over the past few years has been dreadful, and has cost my business and threatened the security of my family. Tents everywhere, needles everywhere, filth everywhere. I and other members of my family have been threatened by transients multiple times.. This situation must be remedied. Please remove these addicts off the street, enforce basic laws, and apply common sense to restore Portland.	No	05/31/23 1:29 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	This is a great step in the right direction. The houseless should be able to sleep in peace but they banning daytime camping prevents the development of permanent camps which disrupt the safety of the rest of the community.	No	05/31/23 1:30 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I've been attacked as has my small business staff. It's negatively affected the value of my business and this city is in huge trouble.	No	05/31/23 1:36 PM





May 31, 2023

City of Portland  
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**RE: City of Portland's Proposal to Restrict Camping**

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Gonzalez, Mapps, Rubio, and Ryan:

Thank you for the opportunity to share testimony in opposition to this draft ordinance on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon (ACLU of Oregon). The ACLU of Oregon is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing civil liberties and civil rights, with more than 28,000 members statewide.

This written testimony regards the City's proposal to: amend City Code Sections 3.18.020, 14A.50.020, 14A.50.050, 17.43.120, 20.12.010, 20.12.030, 20.12.100, 20.12.230; add Code Section 14A.50.025; and repeal Code Sections 20.12.070 and 20.12.150. We refer generally to these changes as the City's proposal to ban daytime camping.

**We strongly caution the City of Portland that these proposed changes likely violate ORS 195.530<sup>1</sup> (HB 3115). These expansive prohibitions further risk unconstitutionality under *Martin v. Boise*, 902 F.3d 1031 (9th Cir. 2018).**

Specifically, ORS 195.530 requires that when local jurisdictions regulate certain types of conduct on public property – such as “sitting, lying, sleeping or keeping warm and dry outdoors” – the regulations “must be objectively reasonable as to time, place and manner with regards to persons experiencing homelessness.” ORS 195.530 also states that “reasonableness shall be determined based on the totality of the circumstances, including, but not limited to, the impact of the law on persons experiencing homelessness.”

*Martin v. Boise* held that “as long as there is no option of sleeping indoors, the government cannot criminalize indigent, homeless people for sleeping outdoors, on public property, on the false premise they had a choice in the matter.”

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<sup>1</sup>ORS 195.530 Noncamping use of public property by homeless individuals, [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_195.530](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_195.530).



It is likely that the City's proposal to ban daytime camping and expansive restrictions on camping locations violates ORS 195.530. The proposed regulations do not appear to consider their likely impact on people experiencing homelessness. The ambiguity and overbreadth of these regulations may violate state and constitutional law.

- **Any policies regarding the houseless community must center and include the experiences of the houseless community**

**We urge the City of Portland and all other cities and jurisdictions to deeply engage members of the houseless community when developing any policy geared towards or that will have significant impacts on the houseless community.**

This is particularly important now because local regulations must comply with ORS 195.530. Engaging the houseless community and incorporating their experiences into regulations will increase the chances that such regulations will be considered reasonable “based on the totality of the circumstances, including, but not limited to, the impact of the law on persons experiencing homelessness.”

Indeed, even without the requirements of ORS 195.530, the voices of the houseless community are essential to ensuring that proposed solutions actually work — that they are effective. Listening to and including the voices of the houseless community is important to our basic values as Oregonians; we should and must recognize the humanity, dignity, and civil rights and liberties of all people including unhoused people and low-income people.

In keeping with this recommendation, we share with you the stories of two houseless Oregonians, whose experiences show the foreseeably harmful impacts that this ordinance will have on the health and well-being of houseless residents:

Here is the story of Ibrahim, a houseless Portland resident, who hopes to impact future policy-makers:

*“They wake you up in the dead of sleep and you have to walk around in the cold and rain trying to find a new place. When you finally get settled, an hour later, they move you again . . . When you have no sleep like that, you don’t really know what is going on around you. Your whole body is telling you it can’t go anymore. It’s screaming. Your legs won’t move. Your eyes won’t open. You start developing mental issues. I was so exhausted.”*

Mel, a houseless Eugene resident also shares her story:

*“I was teaching kids, working in the school district. Having to wake up in the morning, find a shower somewhere and get to work on time was an obstacle every day. Having to be productive was even harder. I was so sleep deprived . . . There were too many predators providing shelter to women, offering a place to shower and wash their clothes,*



*and then sexually assaulting them . . . You would finally start to create a safe space with people you trust. The police would break us up.”*

As we discuss in more detail below, the draft ordinance clearly lacks input from and consideration for our houseless community. This proposal’s foreseeable harmful impacts likely make this ordinance objectively unreasonable.

- **According to homelessness experts, criminalization approaches like that proposed by the City is expensive, inhumane and ineffective, and such approaches continue the cycle of criminalization and poverty that exacerbates homelessness and prevents solutions**

As drafted, this ordinance ultimately relies on criminal enforcement. In imposing an impossibly restrictive constellation of places to rest and impractical limits on when an unsheltered person may do so, the City has once again turned to incarceration as the central response to houseless individuals seeking to exist in Portland.

For multiple years, 50% or more of Portland Police’s arrests were of houseless folks.<sup>2</sup> Obviously, this penalization and criminalization approach has not been effective in addressing homelessness in Portland.

It is extraordinarily expensive and inhumane to incarcerate and punish people for merely trying to exist in the public space. We would remind commissioners that it costs around \$150 to jail a houseless person each night, far more than the cost of providing housing for that same individual.<sup>3</sup> If a legal battle arises over violation of the individual’s statutory or constitutional rights, this cost to taxpayers expands exponentially.

This policy inevitably imposes new costs on desperately poor individuals, another foreseeably harmful impact of these sweeping prohibitions. It continues an ugly societal cycle of criminalization and poverty, and one that perpetuates the racial disparities embedded in Oregon’s carceral system. The over-representation of BIPOC Oregonians in poverty and living without

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<sup>2</sup> Allison Frost, Data show about half of Portland police arrests are people who are unhoused, OPB, July 6, 2022, <https://www.opb.org/article/2022/07/06/data-show-about-half-of-portland-police-arrests-are-people-who-are-unhoused/>.

<sup>3</sup> Issue Brief, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, DOC/OC: 3/2022 <https://www.oregon.gov/doc/Documents/agency-quick-facts.pdf>. Housing options used in Oregon include a \$16,636/year program, a \$20,000/year permanent supportive housing, and a \$28,000/year program. See Nicole Hayden, “Multnomah County experiment that asked landlords to rent to homeless individuals succeeded — but quickly ran out of money”, The Oregonian, November 14, 2022, <https://www.columbian.com/news/2022/nov/14/multnomah-county-experiment-that-asked-landlords-to-rent-to-homeless-individuals-succeeded-but-quickly-ran-out-of-money/>; Nicole Hayden, “Portland homelessness: Mayor Ted Wheeler, interest groups promote competing ideas to lessen crisis”, The Oregonian, March 19, 2022, <https://www.oregonlive.com/portland/2022/03/portland-homelessness-sifting-through-competing-proposals-costs-to-lessen-the-crisis.html>; Rebecca Ellis, Portland homeless advocates, providers want to house 3,000 people by year’s end, OPB, March 3, 2022, <https://www.opb.org/article/2022/03/03/portland-homeless-advocates-goal-house-3000-people-by-end-of-year/>.



shelter means this policy will continue the devastating and disparate impact of our carceral system on BIPOC communities.<sup>4</sup>

Also, criminalization is ineffective. A carceral response to homelessness worsens the very issue it aims to address and creates yet another barrier between people trying to get help and those providing it.<sup>5</sup> It distracts from effective, humane approaches that work: providing these at-risk communities housing and support.<sup>6</sup> Working to provide housing and safe rest for our houseless community is the evidence-based, economically justified, and humane approach to this issue.

The City's proposal is further likely to divert police resources away from serious crimes. As stated before, Portland Police Bureau's own records show that approximately 50% or more of its arrests have been of low-level violations by houseless people over recent years, even though houseless people make up less than 1% of the Portland population. At a time when Portlanders across the City have expressed significant concerns about Portland Police's failure to respond to and investigate and solve serious crimes — including violent crimes against houseless people — it is ill-advised for the City to put even more of its policing resources into harassing houseless people for low-level non-violent incidents.

Portland Police's own data shows that arresting and jailing people living on the street doesn't measurably curtail crime or decrease homelessness. The City's cycle of arresting and rearresting unsheltered people is costly and takes resources away from services that housed and unhoused Portlanders need across the City.

In 2020, Mayor Wheeler said, "It's important to remember the data demonstrate that housing and services reduce arrests and recidivism. Many of the people cycling in and out of jail are the people best served by a combination of housing and services."

Police Chief Chuck Lovell expressed thoughts similar to the Mayor. In 2020, he stated, "The Portland Police Bureau agrees arrests and jail are not answers to our city's homeless crisis."

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<sup>4</sup> "Domicile Unknown Deaths, Oregon Occurrences, Preliminary Data", Oregon Health Authority, <https://visual-data.dhs.oha.state.or.us/t/OHA/views/Oregonpreliminarydomicileunknowndeaths/Dashboard>; Latisha Jensen, "Black Residents of Multnomah County Face a Greater Risk of Homelessness 'Homelessness is best described as a collection of all massive systemic failures in society'", Willamette Week, January 6, 2021, <https://www.wweek.com/news/2021/01/06/black-residents-of-multnomah-county-face-a-greater-risk-of-homelessness/>.

<sup>5</sup> Jeff Olivet, "Collaborate, Don't Criminalize: How Communities Can Effectively and Humanely Address Homelessness," United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, October 26, 2022, <https://www.usich.gov/news/collaborate-dont-criminalize-how-communities-can-effectively-and-humanely-address-homelessness>; Greg A Greenberg (PhD), Robert Rosenheck (M.D.), "Jail Incarceration, Homelessness, and Mental Health: A National Study", Psychiatric Services, February 2008, Vol. 59, No. 2, <https://homelesshub.ca/sites/default/files/attachments/Greenberg.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> Cohen, Elior, "The Effect of Housing First Programs on Future Homelessness and Socioeconomic Outcomes," Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Research Working Paper no. 22-03, March 2022, <https://doi.org/10.18651/RWP2022-03>.



What Mayor Wheeler and Chief Lovell stated in 2020 remains true today. The City needs to focus on solutions that work — housing and supportive services — not ineffective and expensive criminalization and penalization tactics that will waste millions more of taxpayer monies, divert even more policing resources away from serious crimes, and treat houseless people with inhumanity.

- **The deeply problematic aspects of the City's daytime camping ban with regards to time restrictions**

The draft ordinance bans all camping between 8 am and 8 pm. If a houseless person without an alarm sleeps until 8:15 am, they are presumably eligible for their first citation. The draft ordinance's rigid day-time camping ban neglects the obvious realities and experiences of unhoused people in our communities, creating a burdensome and harmful imposition on Portland's houseless community.

There are many reasons a houseless person may require sleep and rest during daytime hours. For some houseless individuals, sleeping at night can be particularly unsafe.<sup>7</sup> That means that the City's daytime camping ban is likely to have particularly negative impacts on women, transgender individuals, and people of other identities who are disproportionately targeted by physical and sexual violence and may remain awake and alert during the night for safety reasons.<sup>8</sup> Some individuals are houseless due to dangerous situations in their homes because of situations such as domestic or relationship violence; these individuals, in particular, may be impacted by this regulation.

There are other reasons why some houseless individuals may need to sleep during the day. Some individuals may experience insomnia during the allotted night time camping hours. Some may work night shifts or irregular hours.

The expansive definition of campsite makes the City's time restriction even more concerning. The definition of campsite includes "any bedding, sleeping bag, or other sleeping matter . . . placed, established, or maintained for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a temporary place to live." This definition raises the alarming possibility that an individual sitting next to their life's possessions — including their bedding — may run afoul of this ordinance. It could grant cause for

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<sup>7</sup> Individuals who are homeless are significantly more likely than the general population to be victims of violent crimes. Molly Meinbresse (MPH), Lauren Brinkley-Rubinstein (MA, MS), Darlene Jenkins (DrPH, MPH, CHES), et. al.. "Exploring the Experiences of Violence Among Individuals Who Are Homeless Using a Consumer-Led Approach", Violence and Victims, Volume 29, Number 1, 2014, [https://nhchc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/vv-29-1\\_ptr\\_a8\\_122-136.pdf](https://nhchc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/vv-29-1_ptr_a8_122-136.pdf); Kyle Swanson, "Serial murders, beatings and beheadings: Violence against the homeless is increasing, advocates say", Washington Post, January 24, 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/01/24/serial-murders-beatings-beheadings-violence-against-homeless-is-increasing-advocates-say/>.

<sup>8</sup> "2015 United States Transgender Survey," National Center for Transgender Equality, 2015, <https://transequality.org/sites/default/files/docs/usts/USTS-Full-Report-Dec17.pdf>, pg. 217; "No Safe Place: Sexual Assault in the Lives of Homeless Women," National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 2006, <https://vawnet.org/material/no-safe-place-sexual-assault-lives-homeless-women>.



enforcers such as the police to uproot an unhoused person from one spot to the next, constantly dislocating individuals for the offense of sitting next to their bedding.

The research is clear that sleep deprivation poses serious short, medium, and long-term consequences on human physical and mental health.<sup>9</sup> It is difficult enough for houseless people to get sufficient sleep while leaving on the streets. It is very likely that the City's proposed camping ban will worsen the ability of houseless people to obtain the sleep they need to function effectively.

- **The deeply problematic aspects of the City's daytime camping ban with regards to place restrictions**

The proposed ordinance would ban camping in locations like parks, docks, and pedestrian sidewalk areas, and in ill-defined areas near construction sites, schools, daycare facilities, existing shelters, high-crash corridors, and environmental overlay zones.

This list is so expansive that it leaves one wondering what places remain for houseless people to exist. Here, we note that people and our physical bodies and possessions cannot simply disappear from public spaces because the government orders us to do so — if we do not have the places where we can go.

It is objectively unreasonable to expect a person without shelter or sufficient resources — like Ibrahim or Mel, members of a community who are overwhelmingly exhausted and traumatized — to locate and identify a place that is not on the City's list of the places they cannot be. The requirements are further complicated by stipulations around an ever-changing tapestry of construction sites.

Portland's houseless community is, by definition, our least resourced. Yet this ordinance would require a complicated day-to-day analysis to determine a safe, legal place to rest that night — not to mention one that can provide shelter during inclement weather or proximity to one of the City's few public toilets.

This requirement is particularly harmful and unreasonable for houseless individuals with disabilities and those experiencing mental health crises. It is foreseeably harmful, unduly burdensome, and unreasonable for the City to create such complex and ever-changing "place" restrictions especially given the high rates of disability and behavioral health issues among our unhoused community.

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<sup>9</sup> Institute of Medicine (US) Committee on Sleep Medicine and Research; Colten HR, Altevogt BM, editors, "Sleep Disorders and Sleep Deprivation: An Unmet Public Health Problem", Washington (DC): National Academies Press (US); 2006. 3, "Extent and Health Consequences of Chronic Sleep Loss and Sleep Disorders", <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK19961/>; Blackwelder A, Hoskins M, Huber L, "Effect of Inadequate Sleep on Frequent Mental Distress", CDC: Preventing Chronic Disease, Volume 18 — June 17, 2021, [https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2021/20\\_0573.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2021/20_0573.htm).



Furthermore, the constant dislocation that this ordinance will likely create will make it even more difficult to connect individuals with the resources they need to escape houselessness – creating even higher barriers for those seeking assistance and those trying to provide it.

- **The deeply problematic aspects of the City's use of and emphasis on "involuntary" houselessness**

The ACLU of Oregon is particularly concerned by the City's emphasis on "involuntary" houselessness.

First, this "voluntary" and "involuntary" distinction raises alarm that this ordinance is intended to compliment the City of Portland's plan to force unhoused individuals into city-sanctioned mass encampments, a plan that the ACLU of Oregon has already warned is likely unconstitutional.

It is a callous and inaccurate term that spurns the many legitimate reasons an individual may not be sheltered – one of the reasons being that the available shelters may not be safe or negatively impact the ability of people to survive their lived experience of houselessness.

For houseless persons with marginalized identities, including transgender people and women, shelters can exacerbate harms they experience. In a national study, nearly one quarter of transgender respondents reported verbal or physical mistreatment in shelters due to their gender identity.<sup>10</sup> Cisgender women also face heightened risks of abuse and mistreatment in shelters.<sup>11</sup>

Some houseless people have shared that they are not able to use short-term spaces because spending even one night indoors can negatively affect a person's ability to survive the colder temperatures, rain, and other inclement weather. Many short-term shelters have no guarantee of that space being available the next night, so some houseless people choose to spend their time outdoors in order to maintain their ability to survive outdoor conditions.

We urge the City to engage in significant consultation with members of our houseless community to understand the real and legitimate reasons why individuals may reject shelter options. We also ask that a future draft of this ordinance reflect greater understanding and inclusion of those who cannot or choose not to rely on traditional shelters, as well as explicit accommodations for houseless residents who are disabled or at risk of discrimination. Indeed, ORS 195.530 likely requires a more nuanced and considered approach that is not currently reflected in the City's proposed daytime camping ban.

- **The deeply problematic aspects of the City's daytime camping ban with regards to the Eighth Amendment**

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<sup>10</sup> "2015 United States Transgender Survey," *National Center for Transgender Equality*, 2015, <https://transequality.org/sites/default/files/docs/usts/USTS-Full-Report-Dec17.pdf>, pg. 217.

<sup>11</sup> "No Safe Place: Sexual Assault in the Lives of Homeless Women," *National Resource Center on Domestic Violence*, 2006, <https://vawnet.org/material/no-safe-place-sexual-assault-lives-homeless-women>.



The ACLU of Oregon urges the City of Portland to tread cautiously in creating an ordinance that risks violating the Eighth Amendment rights of one of our state's most vulnerable populations. The Eighth Amendment states: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."<sup>12</sup>

The Cruel and Unusual Punishments Clause places an essential substantive limit on what the government may criminalize. *Ingraham*, 430 U.S. at 667. We also would note that, if the City's daytime camping ban is found to violate the Eighth Amendment, the procedural addition of civil citations before criminal penalties will not cure the ordinance. "A local government cannot avoid this ruling by issuing civil citations that, later, become criminal offenses." *Johnson v. Grants Pass*, 50 F.4th 787, 807 (9th Cir. 2022)

- **The City's legal responsibilities to viewpoint neutrality with regards to public input**

The First Amendment requires that the government remain viewpoint neutral in regulating public comment spaces and ensures that the public be able to hear the diverse viewpoints of all Oregonians.

When a government body opens its meetings to public testimony, it creates a limited public forum in which government actions must remain viewpoint neutral. See, e.g., *White v. City of Norwalk*, 900 F. 2d 1421, 1425 (9th Cir. 1990) ("Citizens have an enormous first amendment interest in directing speech about public issues to those who govern their city."). Additionally, a policy or practice that permits viewpoint amplification that misleads public perception is like a book ban's sneaky cousin as it similarly limits access to information. See, e.g., *Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School Dist. v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853, 866-67 (1982) (holding a book ban violated the First Amendment right of access to information supported by its free speech and free press guarantees and recognizing that the First Amendment prohibits government actors from "contract[ing] the spectrum of available knowledge.").

**Dominating public forums with a single narrative restricts the information available to the public just as if the non-dominant viewpoint were expressly excluded.**

We would urge the Council to remain mindful of their obligations to viewpoint neutrality under the First Amendment with regards to spaces such as City Council meetings.

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**We urge the City of Portland to use a process that centers the experiences and voices of the houseless community in developing local ordinances that will significantly impact this community. This is the best way of ensuring compliance with the law and aligning with the values of Portlanders and Oregonians.**

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<sup>12</sup> U.S. Constitution, amendment VIII.



Sincerely,

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451	Erin	Support	<p>I whole heartedly support the daytime camping ban. With the significant net migration of homeless folks to Multnomah county based on the 2022 PIT count, the most recent with full data available, we can see that we have become a destination since we've made it far too easy to be homeless here. From 2022, 80% of homeless folks were not from MultCo. Of that 80%, 45% arrived here already homeless. And segmenting to those who have been here 2 years or less, a full 69% arrived here already homeless.</p> <p>When we look at the summary data released from the 2023 count, we can see that while Washington and clackamas counties saw declines, MultCo saw an increase of .20% in total homeless and +29% in unsheltered homeless. It wasn't due to the new counting methods as Washington county enacted those as well. It's entirely due to permissiveness and tolerance.</p> <p>We need to bring back a sense of safety and security to our city, and this is the first of many steps needed to do so. It long past time to stop listening to the very very small but vocal minority and actually get back to a city that works for everyone. Please vote YES on the ban. We desperately need the change.</p>	No	05/31/23 1:44 PM
451	Em	Oppose	<p>As a teacher and parent in Portland, I strongly oppose this inhumane, cruel, violent and ridiculous proposal. Trying to push unhoused people out by making it functionally illegal to be homeless is stupid, cruel and not what the people of Portland want. People will not stop being homeless because you arrest or fine them. People will not stop being homeless because you harass or move them. The unhoused CITIZENS of our city deserve their rights. This camping ban is a clear violation of Martin v Boise, a ruling that has been upheld over and over, which says that you cannot enforce camping bans when you don't have accessible shelter beds available for everyone. We don't have even a fraction of shelter beds we'd need to comply with this, so this ban will effectively criminalize homelessness. I am so disgusted by this proposal and how unwilling you have been to listen to the advocacy by unhoused folks who have provided lots of really functional solutions and policies you have ignored. Stop criminalizing homelessness and invest in actual solutions.</p>	No	05/31/23 1:49 PM
451	Kyle Steinhauer, social worker	Oppose	<p>The policy regarding camps in the city is a dangerous and destructive precedent this city should not set. While we may not find homelessness to be slightly or admirable, illegalizing it during the day is a comically bad idea. Homelessness is a real and active problem that this city is failing to address on even a basic level - with Mayor Wheeler's fumbling attempts to hire a scandal-ridden organization to create homeless internment camps being a non-starter.</p> <p>This policy, if enacted, would actively punish the most vulnerable members of our society. These homeless individuals are our veterans, our citizens struggling with mental disorders and addiction, struggle with physical disability, and now must face a city that tells them that their daily life is being illegalized. It wasn't that long ago that Tom McCall stood in front of the Oregon Legislature and stated: "Quality of life is the sum total of the fairness of our tax structure; the caliber of our homes; the cleanliness of our air and water; and the provision of affirmative assistance to those who cannot assist themselves. True quality is absent if we allow social suffering to abide in an otherwise pristine environment."</p> <p>Are we going to pass this policy and allow social suffering?</p>	No	05/31/23 1:51 PM
451	Kate E. M.	Support		No	05/31/23
451	Baxter Armentrout	Oppose	<p>I live and work area in an area where lots of people experiencing homelessness camp. From the people I've spoken to, most are not there out of choice, but because it's the safest option. This is due to poor conditions in shelters and a lack of other accessible resources for things like mental health and addiction. By forcing people to fully dismantle their camps during daylight hours, this essentially criminalizes their right to own property as they would have no where to store it. I simply don't think increasing policing and further restricting people in extreme poverty's resources will do anything to help the problem. Instead, we should increase funding to programs to support people, like safer shelters and psychologically researched and proven methods to treat addiction instead of zero-tolerance policies to drug use. I would far rather deal with having neighbors than having police constantly sweeping my community.</p>	No	05/31/23 2:01 PM
451	Emily	Oppose	<p>I am a Portlander with a lot of unearned privilege, as are the people who are coming up with terrifying ideas like this bill. I absolutely cannot believe that it would be constitutional to force people to move every single day. Can you imagine trying to gain stability when that is happening to you? Can you imagine your community being torn apart daily? Can you imagine the daily stress? I am nearly finished with a master's degree in public health, and one of the things we learn about over and over is how stress literally accumulates in the body over time and takes years off of people's lives. Combine that with the discrimination and difficulty accessing insufficient services (which will only get worse if you pass this bill) and we will be killing people. It seems to me that those who hold power in the city see our unhoused neighbors as disposable or less than human. There is a simple solution to this. Please build and subsidize more housing and stop suggesting policies that will terrorize people who have been through so much. Those of us who are comfortably housed can imagine only a fraction of it.</p>	No	05/31/23 2:03 PM
451	Stephanie Wendell	Oppose	<p>Expecting individuals to pack up their tents and camps during the day only adds to the never ending list of barriers to individuals getting out of houselessness. What job interview have you had where it would be appropriate for you to bring all of your belongings in? The goal is to get individuals housed correct? The goal is to get individuals self sufficient correct? How does that possibly happen when they're needing to pack up entire camps every day and inevitably bring their belongings everywhere? How do people make change when they are already so often exhausted, and now we're making rules to make it even more difficult? At the core, I believe we all want to help all individuals in our community, this measure is not reflective of that. We do not have enough resources including shelter beds for the need in our community and instead of criminalizing houselessness we should work towards helping. I know we can do better.</p>	No	05/31/23 2:08 PM



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451	Sage Davis, Community member who works with both housed and homeless/unhoused community members throughout Multnomah County	Oppose	My name is Sage Davis, and I have been a resident of Portland since I was a pre-teen. I currently do public facing work that serves residents of Multnomah County, both housed and unhoused, and I am in opposition to item number 451. Criminalization does not create systemic change, nor does it help to solve the problems that have led to increasing numbers of homeless/houseless people. Criminalization does not fix the housing and cost of living crisis, it does not help provide mental health care, it does not help people struggling with substance use, it does not stop overdose death, and most of all it does not provide the most important resource we need: Housing. Criminalization disappears people, and re-traumatizes them in the same systems that created the conditions they exist in. To quote Angela Davis, "Prisons do not disappear social problems, they disappear human beings. Homelessness, unemployment, drug addiction, mental illness, and illiteracy are only a few of the problems that disappear from public view when the human beings contending with them are relegated to cages." We have an opportunity as Portlanders to face systemic issues head on, and follow evidence-based solutions such as Housing First, Harm Reduction, and safe usage sites. Criminalization will only perpetuate the cycles we have been stuck in and disproportionately harm the most marginalized, instead of moving forward in compassionate ways that can serve us all. We can be a city that turns away, or a city that turns towards. We can be a city that is fine with suffering as long as we don't see it, or we can be a city that creates real change.	Yes	05/31/23 2:12 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	As a Portland resident, I oppose the ban on public camping. The number of folks experiencing homelessness exceeds the available shelter space in Multnomah County and causes further harm to an already vulnerable group of people.	No	05/31/23 2:16 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	I oppose criminalizing homelessness. This is not a criminal matter, and we need root cause solutions. This will only cause more problems for people already struggling, and is an unnecessary measure. As a resident of Portland and living in inner SE, I am fully aware of the impact of camps surrounding business and my home, but criminalizing this is not the way to solve this issue. I am very disappointed by this lack of clear thinking, and frankly, there is plenty of research that proves this creates more problems than it solves. There are well researched solutions that move us in a forward, compassionate and humane direction. That's where we need to start.	No	05/31/23 2:16 PM
451	Stephanie Phillips Bridges, Urban League of Portland	Oppose		Yes	05/31/23 2:22 PM
451	Eruch McCoy	Oppose	Criminalizing camping does nothing to address the underlying issues, and it in fact makes them worse by exacerbating the difficulty of life for those who are experiencing homelessness and further perpetuates inter-generational trauma. Adding a criminal record for those who are already experiencing financial and / or mental difficulties makes it all but impossible to achieve job security and rehabilitation. We need affordable housing. We need more and better mental health services. We need to de-stigmatize drug use and provide safe use sites where people can be cared for where they are at in their healing process. We need programs to help support and protect and heal and those who are in pain and in need. This bill does the opposite of that. It is regressive in the extreme.	No	05/31/23 2:23 PM
451	Lauren Carrigan	Support	Enough is enough. We need our city back.	No	05/31/23
451	Margaret McRoberts	Support	Thank you for your recent action items to rid the city of wastelands/unsanctioned campgrounds. There is an exodus from our once beautiful city that can be stalled or halted, IF we act now to clean up our streets, parks, public areas.	No	05/31/23 2:28 PM
451	Dennis	Support	No camping 8 am to 8 pm.  No camper ever is even better.	No	05/31/23 2:29 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I support the changes and think it's a step in the right direction. I believe that there should be a log with the name of each individual as well as a count of how many times they have been contacted. This information can help give a clearer picture of the population size which would in turn help give more concrete numbers to the amount of funding that will be needed to provide support for these individuals. I love Portland and i want to have access to basic services like sidewalks and to keep my city clean.	No	05/31/23 2:33 PM
451	Erik Cole, Revitalize Portland Coalition	Support	Written testimony is attached.	Yes	05/31/23 2:33 PM



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My name is Stephanie Phillips Bridges, and I am a Senior Policy Analyst at the Urban League of Portland. I am submitting testimony regarding the proposed amendment to the City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115. We have concerns about the proposed camping restrictions.

Public camping is the visible symptom of the underlying crisis of historic and systemic underinvestment in shelters and affordable housing in this city and county. Portland is a city where the median income of a Black-led household keeps us priced out of every single neighborhood. This injustice has continued unabated for decades, worsening with the pandemic. To further restrict camping in a city where the chasm between market rents and median incomes for Black-led households is to effectively exclude Black residents from our city; to criminalize them for living the consequence of decades of poor planning and weak policy decisions by local government is unjust and inhumane. It is unreasonable for a government to refuse to provide adequate resources, services, treatment, and housing, and then criminalize people forced into homelessness as a result. Homelessness is traumatic. We know that the stresses of homelessness make individuals more susceptible to mental health, behavior disorders, substance abuse, and domestic violence; these compounding problems cannot be effectively addressed while someone is experiencing the trauma of homelessness. The criminalization of homelessness will cause more trauma. This is more acutely felt if you are Black and homeless.

Studies and statistics show that Black people are disproportionately affected by criminalization. "Nationally, 40% of all homeless people are Black, though they are 13% of the U.S. population. They are more likely to be homeless because they are more likely to be poor, unemployed, or earn lower incomes than whites. A 2015 study in New Jersey found striking racial disparities in arrests for criminal trespass. That's a charge police increasingly use against homeless people. And a study two years ago found that Black people are arrested for vagrancy at twice the rate of whites. In Florida, for example, Blacks represent 17% of the population but 37% of those charged with criminal trespass in the past 15 years, a Howard consortium analysis of state court data found. Not everyone charged with trespassing is homeless, but a spot check of the 50 defendants charged most often found that all had a history of homelessness."<sup>1</sup> Criminalizing homelessness is not the answer, it only harms people in crisis, especially Black people.

According to the 2022 Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities in Oregon report, "Black Oregonians are represented in homelessness more than three times their share of the total state population. Black Oregonians make up 1.9% of the total population with 3.7% of Black Oregonians experiencing poverty and 5.7% experiencing homelessness."<sup>2</sup> Once homeless, Black people are more likely to encounter law enforcement as well as more likely to be arrested. "During a 12-month period ending in June, Portland officers arrested Black people at higher rates than whites."<sup>3</sup> The proposed camping restrictions will undoubtedly lead to an increase in the criminalization of Black people whose only crime is poverty, exceptionally if they are homeless as studies show homeless people are arrested at higher rates in Portland. "In 2018, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that more than half of arrests police made in 2017 were of homeless people, who constituted 3% of the population at most. A new newsroom analysis shows that remained true in the ensuing years. An analysis of booking statistics through February 2020 found that jail bookings of homeless people skyrocketed. Between 2016 and 2019, about 51% of all homeless people booked in Multnomah County were charged with one of four crimes – criminal trespass in the second degree, theft in the second and third degrees, and disorderly conduct. These crimes are nearly unavoidable for people without homes. Criminal trespass in the second degree requires only that a person be outside on property they don't own. Disorderly conduct can be

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<sup>1</sup> PBS, [Cities Try to Arrest their Way Out of Homelessness Problems](#), 2020.

<sup>2</sup> HB2100 Task Force, Findings and Recommendations of the Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities in Oregon, Findings, 2022, pg. 15.

<sup>3</sup> Oregonian, [Portland Police More Likely to Arrest, Search Black People than White, Analysis Shows](#), 2019.





any number of behaviors that someone who has had little sleep, mental illness or substance use disorder might do, such as “make an unreasonable noise” or “impede traffic.”<sup>4</sup> It is inequitable to charge and arrest people experiencing homelessness with criminal trespass or disorderly conduct when they have nowhere else to go or are experiencing a mental health crisis.

The City of Portland cannot arrest our way out of homelessness, the criminalization of homelessness will only prolong homelessness, not solve it. We encourage the City to follow the lead of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, “which is pushing communities that are responding to homelessness with encampment sweeps and laws criminalizing outdoor sleeping to invest in other solutions such as funding for housing choice vouchers and permanent supportive housing resources.”<sup>5</sup> To make Portland a place where all of our families can thrive, we must rewrite the rules - arresting the homeless isn’t the answer. Let’s rewrite the rules to make sure everyone has a place to call home. No matter our race or background, people don’t choose to be homeless. People living outside are our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and community members. Our choices define our community, and we have an important one to make. We urge the Council to reconsider aspects of this plan and to work collaboratively with the community to work towards a solution that honors the decency of everyone in this city.

Thank you,

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<sup>4</sup> Oregonian, [Booking Homeless Portlanders into Jail is Endless, Expensive Cycle that Arrests don't Curb, but Housing Does](#), 2020.

<sup>5</sup> Bloomberg, [White House Hopes New Funding Will Deter Clearing Homeless Encampments](#), 2022.





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To: Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Commissioner Rene Gonzales  
Commissioner Mingus Mapps  
Commissioner Dan Ryan  
Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Re: Item 451 – Updates to City Code Regarding Camping

The Revitalize Portland Coalition is the voice of the commercial real estate industry, the largest single industry in Portland's downtown. Our members consist of over 20 real estate trade organizations and individual companies who represent a workforce of over 8000 individual members across Oregon. RPC's members are committed to Portland and its future as a thriving diverse community.

RPC supports Item 451 on your agenda today, with the understanding that additional shelter options come online rapidly. As is so dramatically apparent, we believe the status quo of tents, unabated debris, and dangerous conditions calls for action to be taken. We agree with Mayor Wheeler that we face a humanitarian catastrophe, and our members see it every day on their properties and in their neighborhoods. We are also, frankly, concerned about an economic catastrophe – for our entire region – if we don't address the situation in our central core district. A diminished central city has economic consequences for all our neighborhoods.

The measured application of reasonable rules on unauthorized camping is a necessary step. People camping on our streets aren't being served well by the status quo. This legislation furthers alternative shelter opportunities which can result in a greater connection to services and resources. These settings provide an opportunity for vulnerability screens – for mental health issues, substance disorders and addiction as well as co-occurring diagnoses – which can lead to improved treatment and support. We strongly urge that the Temporary Alternative Shelter Sites be required to include these screens and community rules.

The Coalition believes all efforts should be laser-focused on reducing homelessness with a continuum of shelter and services. Yet, while we face an addiction crisis and a mental health crisis...we find ourselves in a government crisis over if we can do it. Instead of giving out tents, we should not be satisfied until no one lives in inhumane conditions on our streets. To quote the Oregonian: "without leadership, a sound strategy and commitment to outcomes, we will be stuck in the same housing emergency" for years to come.

RPC respectfully asks you to approve this measure. We believe it will improve the quality of life in our city and as well as connect more Portlanders with services, treatment, and housing.



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451	Leslie C	Support	<p>As a Portlander who lives across the street from a Portland city park that has had countless houseless campers these last three years, I urge you to support this measure. While my heart aches for those who do not have permanent housing, allowing people to camp whenever and wherever they like does not serve anyone's interests.</p> <p>Many, if not most, of the individuals camping near us have had addiction and/or mental health issues that make it difficult for them function or to be good neighbors. We've been screamed at, threatened with knives and sticks, and have had to endure piles of trash and other unsanitary and unsightly conditions. We've observed drug dealing, car chop-shopping and other illegal activities just steps from our front door.</p> <p>Enabling individuals to camp wherever they choose - without consequence for not being responsible neighbors - increases tensions between the housed and unhoused without making any progress toward solving the city's homelessness crisis.</p> <p>I urge you to support this bill AND to promote sanctioned camping in designated areas - where houseless individuals can be safe and have access to services - as a temporary measure until they can get into permanent housing.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work on behalf of our city. I know it is not easy.</p>	No	05/31/23 2:34 PM
451	Christa Andrews Webster	Oppose	This is inhumane. We are better than this. We have the resources for real solutions.	No	05/31/23 2:34 PM
451	Perry	Support	Please pass this. Needs to be done ASAP. If you break the law and cause chaos there need to be consequences and follow through along with housing and services. If this does not pass Portland will fail.	No	05/31/23 2:35 PM
473 (451)	Frank Blackston	Support	I support restrictions on time and place of camping in the city. Thank you	No	05/31/23
451	C.C.	Oppose	<p>This ordinance is beyond cruel. These human beings are already suffering and even suggesting that they be subjected to fines when they can't afford a roof or jailing them and causing even more hurdles for them on the pathway to housing is absolutely disgusting. These people don't want to be on the streets, but when their lives are constantly upended by sweeps and stability perpetually ripped from them it makes it impossible to climb out of the pit and you would make it even more difficult? How are you supposed to go to job interviews with all your belongings strapped to your back? How are you supposed to get sleep for your nightshift job when you aren't allowed to set up your tent during your time off? These people have zero resources. You call a mental health hotline and get put on a waiting list where it could take 6-18 months for an intake appointment. Even your officers can't get appointments in less than a year. You hand these people information on housing, but low income housing has waitlists for years and apartments require an income 3 times your rent. These services you think the city is offering are just dead ends. They are paths to no where. They are the illusion of hope and help that actually create a perpetual cycle of human suffering. These human beings deserve actual help. They deserve respect and dignity. They deserve rehabilitation programs they can access today. They deserve so much more than your inhumane ordinance to literally dismantle every last ounce of stability they have. Ted, I suggest you go spend a week on the sidewalk next to fentanyl kingdom. Go experience the upheaval every morning when you're told to move your tent. Go wander the streets cold and hungry. Anyone that approves this is so far separated from humanity and empathy that it frightens me that you're free in society. This ordinance is a crime against your fellow man and you deserve nothing short of imprisonment for even suggesting this nonsense.</p>	No	05/31/23 2:45 PM
451	Mack Orendurff, Outside In	Oppose	It is cruel to continue to make life for houseless people more and more difficult by criminalizing poverty. Creating a situation where houseless people will now likely get a criminal record while simply trying to survive is heartless and disgusting. The people you are attacking with these policies are LGBTQ Youth kicked out of their homes, those with mental health struggles, those with substance abuse problems, those with disabilities, veterans, and so many others. So many of us could become houseless if we missed one paycheck and yet we refuse to see ourselves in these people. This policy does not align with the city's alleged values. Stop funneling money towards police to enforce these inhumane policies and route that money to REAL support that helps people with compassion and humanity.	No	05/31/23 2:53 PM
451	OHSU-PSU School of Public Health	Oppose	I am a masters student at the OHSU PSU school of public health, and I want to let you know that this law will create a public health emergency and endanger the lives of hundreds of Portlanders. This is heartless, irresponsible, and it feels like the cruelty is the point. It is not hyperbolic to say that this bill and the "profit over people" system that you are operating in the city council is killing people. I urge you to have a conscious and step away from being a puppet for the portland business associations (I know that's hard because you are bought and paid for) but look at research, there is data that shows that this will be harmful. Google scholar. It's free. Please start standing with the people and operating from a place of compassion, because you are ruining lives.	No	05/31/23 2:53 PM
451	Beth Hershey, Outside In	Oppose	Criminalizing houselessness is the wrong thing for the City of Portland to prioritize. Instead, the City of Portland needs to address our housing crisis by focusing on rent assistance and increased wages in contracts with community based organizations who serve the houseless community. Thanks to inflation and soaring cost of rent, my own coworkers struggle to remain housed and make ends meet. If any of my coworkers lose their housing and are forced to camp on the street to survive, is the City of Portland really prepared to criminalize workers from its own community-based organizations like Outside In?	No	05/31/23 2:55 PM



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451	Luca Barrett, Outside In	Oppose	Research shows that criminalizing homelessness systematically limits homeless people's access to services, housing, and jobs, and damages their health, safety, and well-being. The City of Portland must include organizations doing valuable frontline work to support and empower unhoused communities (such as the HYC and CCC) on teams tasked with tackling this issue in Portland. It is clear that City Council is out of touch with the realities of the unhoused community and therefore is incapable of creating valid and sustainable solutions.	No	05/31/23 2:56 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	Please pass this agenda item. My neighborhood (Hollywood) has gotten so much worse in the last few years. I was so happy to move here 15 years ago, but currently, I'm exploring my options to move away. We are witnessing daily instances of human crisis being acted out on the sidewalks. We need to support people in crisis, but we cannot allow our streets to become open air drug markets, chop shops or prostitution rings. By allowing semi permanent camps to establish themselves on the public streets we are inviting and condoning unsanitary and often illegal situations to grow in our neighborhoods, making them feel quite less livable or safe. If things don't start to turn around soon, I'll be honest, I'm heading to clackamas county and not looking back. I really feel that people experiencing homeless need access to services as well as an incentive to utilize those services.	No	05/31/23 2:56 PM
451	Andrew G Rowe, private citizen	Support with changes	<p>As a downtown business owner, homeowner, community service leader and public policy advocate, I support the Mayor's proposal to take action to curtail camping in public spaces during daylight hours as detailed in Rule 14A.50.020 Camping Prohibited on Public Property and Public Rights-of-Way.</p> <p>This amendment in the City Code must go hand-in-hand with urgently scaling up emergency and transitional shelter capacity, so that those who are displaced by this change are offered safe refuge while more affordable housing is brought online to accommodate the homeless.</p> <p>I also urge the City to phase in the enforcement of this Code change as additional shelter capacity comes online to accommodate current excess demand. To be effective, this change can only be fully implemented when the City and County can offer safe alternative camping sites to those who are living outside.</p> <p>Contrary to the argument that this rule change "criminalizes homelessness," what it does is set necessary limits on the use of public spaces and rights-of-way, balancing the interests of those who live on the streets with the interests of the public at large.</p> <p>I urge City Council to approve this change and take steps to accelerate the construction of safe places for our homeless to sleep. This is the compassionate thing to do. Thank you.</p>	No	05/31/23 2:59 PM
451	Jon Isaacs	Support		Yes	05/31/23
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Making things illegal doesn't make them go away. Criminalize financial institutions, not people. Criminalize lobbyists and our honorable representatives, not the people.	No	05/31/23 3:05 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>It is a matter of broad public safety that the city be able to control the manner in which people use and occupy public space.</p> <p>The current approach, to allow anyone to do whatever they want without any consequences has been a disgusting social experiment that has led to physical assault, outright murder, rape, rampant hard drug abuse, environmental degradation, the destruction of the small business climate, and the complete and total abuse of the abiding and tax paying citizens that actually make the city work.</p> <p>No person has a "right" to engage in criminal activity. Camping is banned in the city for a reason: it is unsanitary, dangerous (open fire cause fires), and serves as a base of operations for criminal activity (people meet in these camps to discuss the trafficking of drugs and weapons, theft and assaults, including gang activity).</p> <p>With all due respect, the people in city government pushing this "harm reduction" experiment are not any better educated than the people calling for an end to it. In fact, they often have not run a business and know Nothing about what it takes to succeed outside the narrow confines of academia and government. Meanwhile their "harm reduction" agenda is actually amplifying and increasing the harm experience by all people in the city, not just "the most vulnerable".</p> <p>It's time to end this radical, arrogant and dangerous social experiment that has been run at the expense of the normal everyday people that live in our beautiful city.</p> <p>Common sense and common decency would indicate that this is not working, and that we have laws for a reason: to make sure EVERYONE has a right to REASONABLE (not radical) access, accommodation and liberty.</p> <p>We have traded the well being of the many, for the drug addicted insanity of the few; and it has been abhorrent. We are better than this, and it's time to grow up and accept that life has consequences.</p> <p>Responsibility to the entire city means making it safe. Not an opium den and drug market for cartels...</p>	No	05/31/23 3:09 PM





May 31st, 2023

Honorable Mayor Wheeler & Portland City Council

RE: Testimony in support of agenda item 451

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

My name is Jon Isaacs, and I am the Vice President of Public Affairs for the Portland Business Alliance. I am a resident of SE Portland, and I prefer he/him pronouns

The Portland Business Alliance (the Alliance) is greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce and represents the largest, most diverse network of businesses in the region. More than 80% of our members are small businesses.

I am here today to express our strong support for agenda item 451, which will bring the City of Portland into compliance with HB 3115. HB 3115 requires all cities and counties to ensure their camping ordinances are "objectively reasonable as to time, place, and manner with regards to persons experiencing homelessness."

By any standard, it is objectively reasonable and widely supported by Portlanders to allow houseless residents to camp between the hours of 8pm and 8am and require the dismantling of campsites and the removal of all personal property between 8am and 8pm.

It is objectively reasonable to prohibit camping in pedestrian use zones, 250 feet from a school or childcare center, in the public right-of-way along high crash corridors, and city parks.

It is objectively reasonable to prohibit the use of gas heaters in or around a campsite, the obstruction of access to a private property or business adjacent to the public right-of-way, alterations to the ground or infrastructure, environmental damage, and the accumulation or leaving behind garbage, debris, unsanitary hazardous materials, sewage, or drug paraphernalia.

This ordinance aligns with ordinances cities across Oregon have adopted or are in the process of adopting to comply with HB 3115 and keep their cities livable for all residents, housed and unhoused.



For these reasons, the Alliance and our thousands of members urge the council to continue to keep our city on the road to recovery by adopting this reasonable ordinance.

Thanks to many of the actions of this council, our city's recovery is accelerating, and residents overwhelmingly support the policies you continue to advance. Portlanders want the county and the city to open enough transitional shelter, supportive housing, and managed designated camping locations to provide a warm and dry place for all residents to sleep/rest. The City is on the right path with the continuing expansion of safe rest villages, and the opening of the alternative safe shelter sites.

These sites, combined with the county continuing to expand its shelter bed inventory to over 2400, have the city clearly on track to meet the standard of always having a warm and dry place available for the approximately 3,900 unsheltered homeless Multnomah County residents according to the most recent HUD point in time count.

Last October, the council set a target of banning all unsanctioned camping in the City of Portland by September 2024. With the improving collaboration between the City, County, and State, and more urgent deployment of supportive housing services dollars, funded by the region's business community, the City is well on track to meeting this goal. We urge you to continue to advance Portland forward with a laser focus on meeting this goal as early as possible next year.

As you know, the Portland Business Alliance and the entire business community will continue to partner with you and all willing stakeholders to accelerate the visible progress we are making restoring Portland's greatest competitive assets of livability and affordability.

Thank you for your leadership.

**Jon Isaacs** (*he/him*)

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451	Niyah Ruscher-Haqq, Outside In	Oppose	As a healthcare provider for our neighbors experiencing homelessness, I cannot support this proposal. When people are forced to move from where they rest, risks to their health and personal safety increase, not to mention the fear and anxiety of finding a safe place to sleep. You will not better advocates for finding solutions to housing within our city than those of us working with people that are homeless, and I can you that from our realm of expertise, this is NOT the solution.	No	05/31/23 3:12 PM
451	Kim G.	Support	<p>Please DO NOT normalize camping and drug use on Portland streets. This is NOT helping anyone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it is NOT helping the MAJORITY of houseless citizens who are trying to better their situation-- the people of Portland do not think of these groups when they decide to vote down homeless funds, they will be thinking of people who camp and do drugs on public sidewalks.</li> <li>- it is NOT helping the people who can not secure housing or jobs due to drug use-- it is simply enabling this destructive behavior.</li> <li>- it is NOT helping the rest of the people in Portland who work and pay taxes just to be rewarded with trash-filled sidewalks, human feces and dangerous needles.</li> </ul> <p>People are moving to Portland because they think that they can camp on sidewalks and do drugs-- who wouldn't want to do that? I do agree that we need to deal with homelessness with compassion, but we also can not enable people to sink deeper into the hole that they are digging themselves. We also can not allow destructive people to trash this city, like the guy who burnt down that apartment building because he was getting evicted. I don't know where he, or people like him, will go, but I do know that they can not be inflicted on the people of this lovely city.</p> <p>Allowing camping is like decriminalizing shoplifting so that people won't go hungry. Sounds GREAT in principle assuming that people only take what they truly need and can not afford. But of course we know that this is NOT what would happen-- all you are doing is bringing people who do not care to the front row, and then you are removing the very few tools we have to deal with them.</p> <p>Pelase ban camping, drug use, and highly disruptive activities on the streets of Portland. If we send the message that this behavior is NOT acceptable and the behaviors will go away.</p>	Yes	05/31/23 3:20 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	This article is harmful to our community. Houseless people deserve space to make themselves as comfortable as possible - the city of Portland currently does not provide them accessible, safe, or easy ways to do this. Houseless people are a part of our community too and deserve care and compassion, not the direct harm that this article will cause.	No	05/31/23 3:20 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support this measure. Public parks are meant for the good of the public, not as a homestead site for a small portion of the public.	No	05/31/23 3:22 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	I want you on the board to find it in your heart to listen to those who have been working beside the houseless community and helping rather than harming. Organizations like Hygiene 4 All, Sisters of the Road, Street Roots etc. They are all begging you not to go through with building camps. Please, for once, put people over profits. Because you will be hurting people if you force homeless people into camps, and criminalize poverty.	No	05/31/23 3:26 PM
451	Hannah Winchester	Oppose	<p>As a long-time resident of Portland, and a community member who spends many hours a week assisting our unhoused neighbors, I find this proposition lacking common human decency and any actual reasoning towards a solution. This is very blatantly catering to those who simply want to "wish away" the problem of homelessness in our city because seeing those struggling makes them uncomfortable. To believe that unhoused individuals have the resources and ability to comply with the proposed rules shows a shocking ignorance for what life truly entails on the street. It fails to recognize that many women sleep during the day to stay awake at night for protection. It fails to recognize that many are physically disabled and plainly cannot be in a constant state of movement from the hours of 8AM to 8 PM. It criminalizes being poor, only perpetuating the system of spiral that over a quarter of people living in Portland right now are at risk for if they miss a paycheck or two.</p> <p>Council, I strongly demand you stop bending to the Portland Business Alliance who see houseless humans as a roadblock for them to make money hand over fist. Council, I strongly demand you stop catering to individuals who lack the concept of object permanence, and fail to recognize that the issue of homelessness will NOT be solved by attaching business hours to it.</p> <p>Council, I demand a vote of opposition against Agenda item 451.</p>	No	05/31/23 3:38 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	Portlands houseless community is already frequently mistreated and forced out of any safe areas by police. The passing of this bill would only worsen the hardships they face every single day, while providing absolutely no assistance. The mayor is treating these people as if they are rubbish meant to just be cleaned up and ignored, this is a severe abuse of power and a show of absolute lack of care for any of people experiencing these hardships.	No	05/31/23 3:54 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	Camping is inhumane, perpetuates addiction, and destroys neighborhoods. Public camping needs to be outlawed and the measure needs to be enforced.	No	05/31/23 3:55 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	This bill will do nothing to solve the homelessness problem and is just cruel and more importantly, a waste of Portland's limited resources.	No	05/31/23 4:02 PM



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451	Jonathan Frochtzwaig, Cascade AIDS Project	Oppose	<p>Mayor Wheeler &amp; Commissioners:</p> <p>My name is Jonathan Frochtzwaig; I'm the Public Policy Manager for Cascade AIDS Project, or CAP. CAP provides housing and support services for hundreds of people living with HIV in the Portland area, including unsheltered people.</p> <p>I'm testifying to express CAP's opposition to this proposed ordinance. First of all, we do not believe that the ordinance regulates public camping in an "objectively reasonable" way, as required by state law. It does not seem reasonable to us to require people who are experiencing unsheltered houselessness, and often addiction or mental illness as well, to relocate all their belongings every day, especially when there are not yet enough places for those people to shelter during the day. For CAP's housing staff, who work hard in collaboration with our unsheltered clients to build stability, this destabilizing policy will make their jobs more difficult, and may make outcomes for our clients worse. We understand that public camping can be unsightly and create access issues, and we support the solution: expanding Portland's capacity for emergency shelter, as well as permanent supportive housing. Anything short of that, including the ordinance being considered today, may reduce the visibility of houselessness, but doesn't actually address houselessness, and in fact makes this problem harder to solve.</p> <p>We urge you not to move forward with this harmful policy.</p>	No	05/31/23 5:03 PM
451	Julie Sebenoler	Oppose	<p>It is my belief that asking people to pack up their camp every day and then come back in the evening is just ridiculous.</p> <p>For one thing, I am pretty darned sure that this is going to create a whole lot of stress and pressure for the homeless, who are already suffering from all manner of stress and pressure.</p> <p>ALOT of them are older people. They are asking 70 y/o people to break down and then set up camp later, as if they are 30 years old! In what universe is this going to work, I ask? You put a whole lot of people in a highly stressed environment, and then force them surrender ANY privacy they have by having a tent up?</p> <p>Can anyone see how this is going to play out? Certainly, we'll have more crimes as a result of this when people literally invade spaces to get some sort of respite from the weather, or to get some sort of privacy for the mundane things like bodily functions.</p> <p>I cannot stress enough how maligned and ridiculous this will be for so many people, NOT just the homeless.</p> <p>And ALOT of these folks are mentally ill. Again, what universe is this going to work in, putting under stress those who have already demonstrated that they do not do well with stress?</p>	No	05/31/23 5:06 PM
451	Kyle McQuillan	Oppose	<p>What Mayor Wheeler is proposing is harmful. The public camping ban spans the length of the day into the evening, and not everyone has a place to go during the day, and the fear that even if they were say, sitting at a park bench with all their things just waiting for evening, homeless folks run the risk of being penalized for "camping." Essentially, the City is trying to ban homelessness.</p> <p>The City promised 6 Rest Safe Villages by the end of 2021, and only 2 have been completed, with the 3rd (an RV camp) near completion. There simply isn't enough services and places for people experiencing homelessness to go. Let alone how early some folks would have to wake up just to pack all of their stuff up, in order to follow this policy. This proposed policy additionally, doesn't take health into consideration – people with various disabilities and illnesses will struggle to follow the 12 hour ban.</p> <p>The proposed policy is performative, and makes Ted Wheeler look good to business owners and homeowners, and the ADA. It's really gross.</p> <p>Honestly, the City should be looking into Housing For All, without conditions, what to do and how to make it work.</p> <p>Homeowners additionally, want the City to do something about "the homeless problem," but balk at the mention of low-income and subsidized housing near their homes (ignorant to how many houses in their neighborhoods are subsidized).</p> <p>If Ted Wheeler wants to do this, the timeframe needs to be much shorter and equitable – his plan doesn't consider those living outside, at all.</p>	No	05/31/23 5:16 PM



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451	Samantha Ice	Oppose	<p>While I believe that all persons, employed or not, deserve safety and dignity, I think a piece of homelessness that is often missed is the experience of unhoused folks who work. There are many people in our community who are unhoused but work, some even full time. If their jobs do not pay a wage that allows them to sustain housing, they may still be sleeping in tents, cars, or any other shelter they can find. When one considers which jobs folks experiencing homelessness are most likely to have, they are jobs that are lower pay and often require evening, weekend, and graveyard shifts. Banning camping from 8 am-8 pm disallows folks who work non-9-5 hours from sleeping and resting in their time off. While sleeping in a tent in public is not an ideal situation, it is better than being forced to stay awake and unsheltered during that time. Shelter opportunities are limited in many ways. Not all shelters allow pets, personal belongings, or even all identities. Most shelters are not available on a walk-in basis. Libraries and day-centers are not set up for sleeping. Shelters may not be available near employers, making it difficult for people of extremely limited means to get to and from work. Shelters are not a viable alternative to camping for so many people.</p> <p>When I was homeless, I worked graveyard shifts for a security company while attending classes at my university. I worked anywhere from 10 pm-8 am and had classes during the day. I slept whenever I had breaks in my schedule. A 2-4 hour nap during the day was sometimes all of the sleep I got in a 24 hour period. I was fortunate at that time to have a car to sleep in. Even with that, I had to find somewhere safe that I was allowed to park and sleep. If someone had disallowed me from sleeping somewhere safe, I would have fallen asleep at work, lost my job and my scholarship and I would never have been able to improve my life and financial stability. I recognize my luck and privilege that I was able to have a job and get a degree, and the consequences for me may have been a mild inconvenience. There are people in Portland right now for whom the ability to hold a job, even while unhoused, is the difference between eating and starvation. The difference between hope for a future home, and giving up. This policy will hurt everyone experiencing homelessness, but it also uniquely robs hard-working people of the ability to work toward a better future for themselves if they are denied the ability to rest while unhoused.</p> <p>This policy, as many of the policies before it, does nothing to address the root causes of homelessness. It does nothing to help people experiencing homelessness find adequate permanent housing. It does nothing to allow them safety and dignity. It only seeks to criminalize and hide the most vulnerable people in our community. The best way to get people experiencing homelessness out of tents, out of cars, off the street is to mitigate rising housing costs and increase supportive housing programs. Housing is the only alternative to homelessness. Full stop.</p>	No	05/31/23 5:17 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I'm sympathetic to homeless folks but when I can't even walk around with my child without threats, poop, and drugs, it's not working.	No	05/31/23 5:28 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	The streets are overwhelmed by tents and those who are unappreciative of the support that the state of Oregon provides. My paid taxes need to be used for more pressing matters than ending a crisis ignored by the federal government. This is the right move towards a cleaner and safer city.	No	05/31/23 5:39 PM
451	Anonymous	Oppose	I oppose the proposed increase in restrictions. Homeless people in Portland are struggling to live and survive on a day-to-day basis, and the proposed bans aren't going to result in anything other than more people going to jail or being fined when caught - or people taking to more dangerous and less reliable ways to try to stay safe or live, like burning hand sanitizer.	No	05/31/23 6:41 PM
451	Unite Oregon, Freedom to Thrive & Antidisplacement Coalition (ADPDX)	Oppose		Yes	05/31/23 6:55 PM
451	Marisa McDowell	Oppose	It is not beyond me or anyone working in social services with folks experiencing homelessness that street camping causes some frustrations and feelings of discomfort for passersby and local businesses. I do try and balance my reaction to agenda items like this with some empathy for folks who hold concerns about camping. But when thinking through that balance, the scale has to always tip to the impact of the most vulnerable and that means, so obviously, folks who are without permanent shelter and are camping on our sidewalks and grassy areas. People have the right to rest. People need to be able to rest. There is no litmus test to that right. No one should be required to afford housing in order to have a space to store their things, to have a place to sit during the day. For folks who are living without permanent shelter who are also living with HIV, having a tent means having a place to take their meds, without public disclosure of HIV status, it means having a place to take a nap, call their case manager, be afforded the minimum of privacy. We are wrapping up the wettest months of the year and heading into the hottest. My clients have shared with me more than once that summer is just as hard to get through on the streets as the colder and wetter months. The heat and sun can feel oppressive. To have a place to rest, to have some shade from the sun, these are not the needs of nighttime, these are needs of the day. Please do not relegate the right to rest, privacy, shade, space to the twelve hours those with homes to return to are less likely to be bothered by those without.	No	05/31/23 7:30 PM
451	Chris L	Oppose		Yes	05/31/23
451	M L	Support	I strongly support changing the public camping restrictions. All citizens should be able to walk on the sidewalk, ride on bike trails, and enter businesses without having to circumvent large tents, navigate around trash or refuse, or step into the streets.	No	05/31/23 11:29 PM



Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Council Members,

I'm Aje Amaechi the Reimagining Community Safety Manager for Unite Oregon and a member of the anti-displacement coalition.

I urge you to reject this ordinance. Responding to a humanitarian crisis through criminalization and fines is not only morally reprehensible but also deeply damaging to our community.

Portland houseless population are not just numbers; they represent our neighbors, friends, and fellow citizens who are experiencing unimaginable hardships. Instead of turning our backs on them, we should be working tirelessly to find humane solutions that address the root causes of homelessness and provide tangible support.

Not only is sweeping unsanctioned camps ineffective in solving the issue of homelessness, it actually exacerbates the challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness. Rather than providing meaningful solutions, this ordinance perpetuates a cycle of displacement, instability, and vulnerability.

Research and lived experiences have consistently shown that banning unsanctioned camps does not address the underlying factors contributing to homelessness, such as the lack of affordable housing, job opportunities, and accessible social services. Instead, it pushes individuals further into the margins and compounds the difficulties they already face in rebuilding their lives.

From a moral standpoint, it is essential to recognize the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being, regardless of their housing status. Homelessness is not a moral failing; it is typically the result of systemic issues, personal circumstances, and a lack of support networks. Subjecting houseless people to punitive measures further marginalizes and stigmatizes already vulnerable individuals and communities.

We must adopt a compassionate and comprehensive approach that prioritizes long-term solutions. This includes investing in affordable housing initiatives, expanding access to mental health services and substance abuse treatment, providing job training and employment opportunities, and strengthening support networks for those experiencing homelessness. By addressing the root causes and offering sustainable assistance, we can work towards empowering individuals to regain stability and lead fulfilling lives.

We cannot overlook the fact that this ordinance disproportionately impact vulnerable communities, particularly Black portlanders, those experiencing intimate partner violence and those with disabilities. These individuals already face significant barriers in securing stable housing and require specialized support. Instead of penalizing them for circumstances beyond their control, it is our collective responsibility to ensure equal access to housing and other essential services.



Furthermore, just think about it. Has there EVER been a time in history when putting marginalized people in Camps worked out well? Can you name a SINGLE instance of mass camps in the country that was NOT a human rights violation? I bet you can't.

I implore you to consider the long-term consequences of this ordinance. Similar measures in other cities have proven ineffective in resolving houselessness. We need to take a step back and involve the individuals directly affected by these policies. By working together, we can develop comprehensive, compassionate, and evidence-based solutions that uplift the dignity of all members of our community.

Our collective response to this crisis will shape the future of our community. Let us choose empathy, understanding, and collaboration as we seek to create a better tomorrow.

Let me also address some of the comments made by Mayor Wheeler earlier. We must ALWAYS prioritize justice over the superficial trappings of civility.

Historically calls for civility have been used to suppress marginalized voices and maintain the status quo. Lest we forget, Seventy-five percent of Americans disapproved of MLK in his day. A gallop poll at the time showed that 57% of Americans thought tactics such as 'sit-ins' and demonstrations by the civil rights movement hurt the chances of racial integration in the South. Progress has *\*always\** been driven by acts deemed "uncivil" at the time.

MLK spoke of how "The Negro's great stumbling block in the stride toward freedom was not the Ku Klux Klan, but the white moderate who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I can't agree with your methods of direct action;"...

Requiring oppressed individuals to express their grievances in a restrained manner diminishes the urgency of this situation. People will die because of this ordinance. And their blood will be on your hands. The concept of civility is a tool of social control, perpetuating white supremacy by silencing dissent and maintaining a false sense of harmony.

Not to mention, stopping after every other testimony to lecture people about civility is a useless exercise of power and a waste of time of all our time. So stop it.

You all, but especially you major wheeler, hold the prototypical white moderate mentality, acting as an obstacle to real progress. Just know that through this whole process you've stained your legacy and cemented your place on the wrong side of history.

It's time you remember that you work for the people, not the real estate interests and dark money groups whose selfishness caused the housing crisis fueling the rise in houselessness in the first place. Thank you.







Testimony for 451 Chris L 451-44

I strongly oppose this ban.

What I'm going to share might sound like I'm talking only about holding onto things, but I'm really talking about holding onto people, community, memories, connection with found and created community.

*Why must only some people be allowed to hold onto material possessions, especially ones connected to survival, when they matter to everyone and we all need them?*

This has long been a criticism of sweeps.

*Why must only some people be allowed to accumulate items that are meaningful, memorable, sentimental?*

I'm going to imagine a magic wand, (because doesn't this ban assume one? ) that makes tents and all belongings disappear into the air only to re-appear 12 hours later.

Stop agreeing to believe in the false claims that individuals not the system are to blame, for a lack of housing, the deterioration of our mental health, for the use of substances that some days may be the only thing that addresses, for a day or a few hours, hopelessness and despair.

*Please, how is this ban expected to work without hurting so many people? It certainly does not increase safety for those impacted by it, especially women and gender non conforming and queer and trans people who may sleep during the day to mitigate risk.*

*British feminist Lola Olufemi writes "When feminists call the state 'sexist', they mean that state provision, the allocation of resources and the way oversight is carried out reinforces gendered oppression by restricting women's freedom and ensuring that poor women have no means to live full and dignified lives."*

*Creating community is recognized as an essential human need.*

Stop trying to disrupt the efforts to create bonds between people who care about each other, in the face of so much violence from the state, that is, from the city, as well as from some neighbors, businesses, and organizations. We all have a right to survive, a right to rest.

*In October 2022, the US Interagency Council on Homelessness wrote, "And, most importantly, criminalization does not reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness. It breaks connections people had made with providers trying to help and exacerbates homelessness and the conditions that lead to it—such as health problems and racial disparities."*



Again, the magic wand, poof, everything floating floating into the air, partially hidden to most people.

Paternalism turned predatory, who is more the victim? We need you to stop pretending that everyone has the same power.

*In the words of Emi Koyama, "Positive psychology, or at least its popular versions, announces that we all "have the power" to change our lives through transforming our attitudes, neglecting how our power is constantly being weakened, undermined, and stolen by violence and societal injustices in our lives.*

Back again to the magic wand, at 8pm, tent back again, with all its contents and essential and sentimental items that matter to humans. But without a magic wand, where do those go during the day so that they don't zap zap float roll disappear away?

Please vote no on this ban. Please fund housing. Thank you.



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451	Erin	Support	Portland needs shelters and safe camps to provide resources to those experiencing homelessness. The current state of the homeless in Portland is inhumane. The situation is not good for anyone- the homeless folks in crisis dying on the street, citizens looking to walk down a sidewalk or use the park, small neighborhood businesses that incur vandalism- everyone is suffering under the current situation. Please create safe shelters and camps to provide needed resources to get people off the streets.	No	06/01/23 12:38 AM
451	Paul Braestrup	Support	Please pass this, do not let the loud minority stop you from at least trying to save this city I grew up in and love. This free for all we've had for 3 years is not working for working Portlanders.	No	06/01/23 6:48 AM
451	Katharina Lorenz	Support	I am an Oregonian and long time resident of Portland and I completely support this. While I agree there is a real issue for some people on the streets dealing with mental health or other problems, we cannot continue to turn a blind eye to the drugs and the negative impacts on the city. It is time to stand up for the rights of the residents and visitors, and not broadly allow camping and illegal activities at all hours at any location.	No	06/01/23 8:42 AM
451	Joon Ae Haworth-Kaufka	Oppose	This is one of the cruelest, most ineffective wastes of money, time, energy, and good-will that I have seen in this city, especially up against all the cogent, research-backed compassionate arguments against this ordinance.	No	06/01/23 9:22 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	I support a camping ban ordinance. It says we care enough about everyone in the community. People don't need to live on the streets with our new sanctioned camping areas. It's not safe for ANYONE to camp on the streets at anytime	No	06/01/23 9:33 AM
451	Emily Zwaschka	Oppose	<p>I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed camping ban you are considering.</p> <p>As a person in long-term recovery from drug addiction, and with lived experience with homelessness, incarceration, and mental health treatment in Portland, and now a resident east of I-205, I have had a front-row seat to the inaction by City leaders and lack of resources available in our City.</p> <p>Take a moment to imagine the darkest, most painful, and terrifying times of your lives. Now, imagine if during that time, police officers came to your home, woke you up, told you to pack up all your belongings in a matter of minutes, and told you that you could not have shelter or set your belongings down for 12 hours, whether sun, rain, or snow, no matter if you have pets or children, no matter if you are sick or injured, in a mental health crisis, escaping domestic violence, disabled, medically fragile, elderly, or otherwise impaired. And if you couldn't pack everything up and carry it away, it would be taken from you and thrown away. If you weren't home? You'd come to where your house was and find everything had just been taken. Now imagine this happening to your children, your siblings, your parents, your friends. Would you wish this on them? Would you intentionally enact an ordinance that harmed them to garner voter approval?</p> <p>As I stated before, I live east of I-205 in the Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhood. In the year I have lived there, I have seen more camp sweeps than I can count, and the same folks returning repeatedly. I admit, I am oftentimes frustrated with the rows of RV's, the endless garbage strewn all over the sidewalks and roads, the zombie cars, and sometimes even just the camping in general. I am not a Pollyanna on this issue, nor do I make excuses for houseless community members who are not respectful neighbors. But what I know from my own experience, and the experiences of the people I now serve as clients, is that these folks are surviving. They are functioning at an animal level. In an article recently published by OPB, Mr. Wheeler is quoted as saying, "Homeless camps represent nothing short of a humanitarian catastrophe. As a result, our community continues to suffer substantial public health, safety, and livability concerns." I would encourage Mr. Wheeler to examine his own role in allowing this catastrophe to escalate, and to explain why he believes that the houseless do not qualify as part of these communities or are victims of these concerns. Are they not human? Do they not deserve health, safety, and most of all, a right to life?</p> <p>In short, this ban would serve no valuable purpose, but would only further stigmatize, traumatize, and isolate some of our most vulnerable community members. Instead of continuing to pass impulsive, ineffective shotgun ordinances to try to sweep the addiction and houseless epidemics in our City under the rug, I implore this Council to focus its energy, funding, and efforts on finding effective, tangible solutions to these issues fostered by meaningful conversations that involve those individuals who need help the most. We are tired of lip service and false promises. Make Portland the beautiful, vibrant, compassionate place it once was – make us proud of our leadership and our city again.</p>	No	06/01/23 9:58 AM
451	jon salud	Support	Please ban camping. Tired of the homeless ruining all of the public spaces with trash. Get them a permanent space with the help they need.	No	06/01/23 10:02 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	Please pass this immediately! In order to get to school my children have to walk past an encampment that has been swept at least two dozen times. Allowing criminals to take over public property is leading to this city being uninhabitable. If this does not pass my family will be moving out of the city that we thought would be our forever home. These folks are not helpless they are criminals, and enabling them further is unacceptable. PASS THIS NOW!	No	06/01/23 10:07 AM
451	Anonymous		Demetria Hester and the small group of activists do not speak for Portland. Over 70% of Portlanders in a recent poll support the proposed ordinance and a tougher stance on enforcement of common sense restrictions on homeless camping. We have serious safety and livability concerns and they must be addressed or Portland will become Detroit.	No	06/01/23 10:22 AM



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451	Anonymous	Support	A speaker yesterday David Linn said he is from my neighborhood in the Centennial. He definitely does not represent our neighborhood view on this ordinance. Rather most neighbors and businesses support the proposed ordinance. Don't listen to this clown David Linn he sounded like a incoherent idiot.	No	06/01/23 10:23 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	I'm a long term SE Resident and taxpayer. I support this measure. Action is needed. The current model is not working.	No	06/01/23
451	Anonymous	Support	I want the parks and sidewalks to be safe for tax paying citizens and also anyone visiting the city	No	06/01/23
451	Will Harrington	Support	I am writing in support of agenda item 451. This item offers an important tool for combating the homeless crisis in this city. My position is that this agenda item needs to advance post haste and the city needs to work towards its immediate implementation. It is crucial that we take this action to help rectify the dire situation on our streets so that we can restore safety, dignity, and stability to our entire community.	No	06/01/23 10:48 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	Please pass the camping ban. It may be unenforceable but it's a start. We can't afford to lose more families and businesses to this crisis.	No	06/01/23 10:53 AM
451	Andy Wright	Support	451 is a common sense approach to the out of control street camping that should have been taken up years ago. Do not let the very vocal minority influence your decision, the majority is with you and their absence from the meeting on 5/31/23 or in testimony like this is, what I believe, due to the assumption that this is such a basic and needed policy that it would pass without question. The two biggest dangers of the current anything-goes approach is that it's actually pushing many homeless suffering minor mental illness over the edge to where they will need serious, if not institutionalized help. The PTSD from living on the street is a serious contributing factor for the increasing masses of the too-far-gone. This approach will literally save them from themselves. The second danger of the status quo is that it's fully exhausting the empathy of the public, which is required to address the problem no matter what the solution.	No	06/01/23 11:04 AM
451	Nate	Support	Please for the love of the citizens of the city enact this ban on daytime camping. Our city has gone beyond the pale with the amount of garbage, needles, and human excrement making our once beautiful city into a place we can't recognize anymore. Enough is enough, these individuals are adults and should be held to some sort of standard to ensure the rest of us can enjoy our neighborhoods.	No	06/01/23 11:06 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	Get rid of all tents off our sidewalks. They do sweeps in Santa Monica every morning and don't have homeless interfering with people using the public areas. However they do the sweeps every morning to make sure they leave	No	06/01/23 11:09 AM
451	Berkely Straw	Support		No	06/01/23
451	Anonymous	Support	451 seems like a common sense approach to tackle the issue of street camping that is very much out of control. The vocal minority protesting this change do not represent the voice of most Portlanders who aren't able to be there to counter-protest due to having jobs. The issues with accessibility, safety and sanitation concerns, in addition to the impacts on housed individuals doing their best to also survive in our city. Liveability for all matters. The people on the street need help - either with employment and housing, or dealing with addiction and serious mental health issues, and enabling them is not helping the situation. Shuffling them from neighborhood to neighborhood is not a solution either so it is time to enact longer term solutions and clean up our streets to make them safer for everyone. Please bring an end to this, and let us find solutions for all Portlanders.	No	06/01/23 11:28 AM
451	Steve Marshall	Support	Strongly support daytime public camping ban. Parks, streets, and sidewalks are for everyone to use. We need a shift in policy to tackle this issue. Permitting open drug use and litter on public rights of way is not a compassionate solution for anyone, and has to stop.	No	06/01/23 11:42 AM
451	Several small businesses in downtown and inner southeast.	Support	This needs to happen. Give the people back the sidewalks at the very least. The public right-of-way needs to be kept open. We've lived with this untenable situation for 10 years and it's only gotten worse. Please vote to fix this now.	No	06/01/23 11:47 AM
451	Anonymous	Support	I fully support the proposed camping ban, and feel it's long overdue. I'm tired of seeing trash, needles, and stolen property all over the city. I'm tired of walking in the street because the sidewalks are occupied by tents and garbage. I'm tired of worrying for my child's safety anytime he has to ride his bike to school on the Springwater because it's inhabited by violent, mentally ill people in need of treatment. It's time to spend the tax money we've collected for supportive resources and housing, help those who want help, and make the city safe and clean for everyone else. It's not humane to allow people to live along dangerous roadways long-term when what they need is help to improve their lives.	No	06/01/23 11:50 AM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	06/01/23
451	Solstice	Support		No	06/01/23
451	Wesley Froehlich	Support	I completely support this measure, the homeless problem has gotten so far out of hand that it's embarrassing. We should feel safe in our own neighborhoods, we shouldn't need to worry about the sketchy person yelling at no one walking around. The RV that looks like a dump ready for a chemical fire. It's unacceptable and needs to stop.	No	06/01/23 12:10 PM
451	Rialto Poolroom and Sports bar. Kit Kat Club	Support	I'm a current downtown business owner and have been dealing with the constant camping in front of our store fronts that prevent customers from coming into our establishments. We deal with the same unruly tenting that does not want to move.	No	06/01/23 12:13 PM
451	Rob Vaughn	Support	I support City Council Agenda Item 451. It will encourage people who need help to seek it.	No	06/01/23



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451	Andrew Murdoch	Support	The city looks terrible and we are letting the tents and people that are unwilling to try to improve their lives ruin it. We the tax paying citizens and job creators need the city's support on something vs allowing these folks to ruin destruct and run rampant in the city. This is a needed first step. Plus it will give them something to do during the day. Also we should create a clean up crew out of the folks living on the streets and lay them to do so, vs. allowing them accumulate a pile of garbage and human waste. The city should be for everyone to enjoy and one group shouldn't be allowed to ruin it when they contribute nothing beside trash and human waste and drug paraphernalia from drug use that is dangerous to all citizens.	No	06/01/23 12:15 PM
451	Donal MacUillegeod	Support	<p>I Strongly support this Agenda Item. As every Portlander knows, those in opposition are extremely vocal and use intimidation tactics to try to influence the council and the local media outlets. If one just listened to the in-person testimonies, one would think that 75% of Portlanders are against tougher tactics - we all know ( and they know) this is not true, it's actually the opposite! It doesn't matter what the facts are on the ground, they will still oppose because it's like a religion to them, where faith overrides reason.</p> <p>I've lived in the Lents neighborhood for over 15 years and it's never had the chance to heal and become a vibrant active neighborhood because we've been destroyed by out-of-control campsites that harbor a lot of people with drug addiction, mental illness and a proclivity to bring harm and suffering to this working-class neighborhood through their criminal activity.</p> <p>Get this passed now and enforce it on the worst camps ASAP</p>	No	06/01/23 12:26 PM
451	Dave Darling	Support	Portland is becoming unlivable in some neighborhoods due to homeless camping. I feel I should move to another county or state because I'm not being heard.	No	06/01/23 12:27 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I support limiting camping in public spaces so that our streets and sidewalks won't be blocked by homeless encampments.	No	06/01/23
451	Shon Boulden	Support	I strongly urge you, as members of our esteemed City Council, to prioritize the passage of Agenda 451. By implementing this measure, you will be taking a significant step towards reclaiming our public sidewalks, ensuring the safety and accessibility of our community, and fostering a conducive environment for businesses to thrive. This prohibition of camping on sidewalks during the day is a crucial measure to address the growing concerns and challenges caused by encampments, which obstruct pedestrian movement, pose safety risks, and negatively impact local businesses. Your support and action on this agenda will greatly contribute to the well-being and prosperity of our city.	No	06/01/23 12:41 PM
451	Aaron Matney	Support		No	06/01/23
451	Matt	Support	<p>As a resident of Portland I support item 451. Actually successfully addressing the current homeless problem in our city requires us to, at least, stem the current influx of homeless individuals. By many metrics, rental assistance provided by the JOHS is helping prevent current residents from becoming homeless, but we have issues with homeless individuals coming from elsewhere due to the lenient attitude towards unsanctioned camping in the city.</p> <p>Banning daytime camping is a non-perfect step to a problem that has no perfect solutions. It is a tough decision to make and it will make things more difficult for some people in the short term. However, in order to actually give help to those that need it in the medium and long term, we need to get a handle on the issue in the short term. I hope this measure allows us to "stem the bleeding" as we build up more resources and housing for those who are already homeless.</p>	No	06/01/23 1:19 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>I continue to be astonished at the extreme voices that seem to intentionally misrepresent the proposed camping ban and refuse to acknowledge the struggles of their fellow non-homeless citizens to function safely and productively in the city.</p> <p>No one is saying people would be "banned from existing" under the proposed. This is an attempt to try and recover some order from those among the unhoused population that routinely violate and destroy our public spaces and impose their will on everyone else, because they cannot or will not participate in society.</p> <p>We should absolutely acknowledge our unhoused population as human beings. Human beings with agency and complex histories.</p> <p>Human beings with both rights and responsibilities to the rest of us.</p> <p>Human beings that should be offered assistance if they are willing to take it, and held accountable, just like the housed population, if they refuse their responsibilities to the rest of the community.</p> <p>None of us exists in a vacuum. We all have obligations to each other. This includes those among us that are unhoused. Many of us are willing to support assisting those people. But they have a responsibility to the community as well.</p> <p>Unhoused people should not get sleep wherever they want, or take whatever they want, or harass their neighbors just trying to use the sidewalk, without consequences.</p> <p>Let's be sure we are being fair and helpful to everyone, but also holding every one to the same rules. The rules are what keep us from devolving into chaos. And we are getting perilously close to that edge.</p>	No	06/01/23 1:19 PM
451	Anonymous	Support		No	06/01/23
451	Anonymous	Support		No	06/01/23



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451	Myself	Support	Please enact the daytime camping ban. Enough enabling and allowing 1% to ruin the commons. This is absurd that there's debate over something which should be illegal.	No	06/01/23 1:42 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I fully support this for many reasons. First, I don't feel safe for myself, my child or my family. This includes riding my bike on bike paths, using public transportation or just walking around town. I'm also embarrassed to have guests visit Portland because it looks like the apocalypse struck here. Everything I loved about Portland has changed, specifically the green spaces I love and need so much. There is litter and junk every where. It's an environmental issue and a biohazard issue for others. I know we want to help the houseless population, but the issues are not being resolved through our current efforts and it's impacting all Portlanders. It's time to start enforcing some boundaries here so everyone can enjoy our beautiful city. Portland is built on community. This means being inclusive to everyone, not just one population. Please stand up and make a Portland the safe, clean, beautiful natural Mecca again for all!	No	06/01/23 1:47 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	Writing in support of #437 and #451 to ban public camping. Most of us are taking care of kids and working a full time job or more do not have the free time to come down to city council with and shout. I feel that the majority of regular folks voices are not heard. The loud activists with free time can come with signs but many people who do care deeply about about our city and pay lot of taxes and donate their time to charities to help are never given the floor. So many are are upset and just silently moving. away Just because you do not see us down there marching around with a carboard sign does not mean we do not have a voice. In fact we are paying for services, paying city of PDX Metro and County paychecks with our taxes. We are passing tax measures to help homeless folks, we are, doing volunteer work, etc. This situation is so more nuanced not one side is GOOD or BAD but the status quo is not OK. People are losing their jobs, business and livelihoods. Tourism is going to be gutted at this rate. I could go on and on but I am sure you have so many comments to sift thru. Thanks for your consideration. Just know we are out here even if you do not see or hear us in front of you.	No	06/01/23 2:16 PM
451	Glen Fueston	Support	I agree that these people need help and I have seen that we have been doing the best we can, at the same time we need to have people feel safe to walk our streets. We need business to feel like they are safe enough to come back into the city. We need children to feel like they can walk to school without having to walk into a busy street because of another camp, or a house less person walking towards them yelling at them.  I can't say whether this is the right way forward, but I agree that we have to do something other than what we currently have been doing	No	06/01/23 2:17 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	Strongly support restrictions on encampments and blocking public spaces. Filth, squalor, addiction and mental illness have turned our beautiful city into a dystopia.	No	06/01/23 2:22 PM



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451	A business in Old Town	Support	<p>As a business owner in the vibrant city of Portland, Oregon, I am writing to express my strong support for HR 451, a crucial legislation aimed at addressing the issue of homeless camping within our community. I firmly believe that it is our responsibility to find compassionate and effective solutions to this complex problem, while also ensuring that businesses can thrive and operate in a conducive environment.</p> <p>Homelessness is an issue that affects not only the individuals experiencing it but also the entire community, including local businesses. While we understand and empathize with the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness, it is essential to acknowledge the burden that unregulated camping can place on businesses striving to provide goods, services, and employment opportunities.</p> <p>Unregulated homeless camping can have several adverse effects on businesses. First and foremost, it creates safety concerns for both employees and customers. The presence of makeshift encampments near commercial establishments raises security risks and compromises the overall sense of safety in our neighborhoods. This can deter potential customers from visiting local businesses, thus negatively impacting sales and profitability.</p> <p>Furthermore, the unsanitary conditions associated with homeless camping can lead to public health hazards. Improper waste disposal, lack of access to clean water, and the absence of adequate sanitation facilities contribute to the spread of diseases and pose serious health risks. Businesses, as responsible members of the community, must prioritize the well-being of both their employees and customers, and the proliferation of unregulated camping undermines these efforts.</p> <p>In addition to safety and health concerns, unregulated homeless camping often results in the accumulation of litter and debris. This not only degrades the aesthetic appeal of our neighborhoods but also imposes additional financial burdens on local businesses. Regular cleaning and maintenance become more demanding and expensive, diverting resources that could otherwise be invested in enhancing products, services, and employment opportunities.</p> <p>By supporting HR 451, we can work towards a comprehensive and compassionate approach that balances the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness with the well-being of the entire community. This legislation offers an opportunity to implement sensible regulations that promote public safety, protect public health, and support the economic vitality of our city.</p> <p>Through HR 451, we can encourage collaboration between local businesses, community organizations, and government agencies to develop creative solutions for homelessness. This includes establishing designated safe zones or alternative shelters that provide essential services, such as food, healthcare, and social support, to individuals in need. By offering appropriate resources, we can assist those experiencing homelessness in regaining stability and reintegrating into society.</p> <p>I urge you to lend your support to HR 451 and actively participate in the discussions surrounding this critical issue. By working together, we can foster an environment that is compassionate, inclusive, and conducive to both the needs of our fellow citizens and the success of local businesses.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration. I remain hopeful that, with your support, we can make a positive impact in addressing homelessness in our beloved city of Portland.</p>	No	06/01/23 2:32 PM
451	Sean Keane	Support	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My wife and I strongly support agenda items 437 and 451. We know city council took a tongue lashing from homeless advocates yesterday. They do not represent the majority opinion on these agenda items and recent polling bears this out.</p> <p>Many of us would have liked to provide our two cents on these issues and the impact the status quo has had on our neighborhoods. Unfortunately many of us work (contributing our tax dollars to these issues) and were unable to attend. Even though the majority were unable to speak yesterday, our voices/opinions matter too. We need change in Portland.</p> <p>Our compassion for those that refuse services/shelter has run dry. Those who choose to make the broader community unsafe need to make tough decisions. Portland cannot solve this national drug crisis, we need federal help. We cannot continue to be the final greyhound bus stop for the nations mentally ill and drug addicted citizenry. Until we tackle this issue as a nation, Portland must institute agenda items like 451 and 437. We are the cheapest city on the entire west coast in terms of C.O.I., this isn't a housing problem this is an addiction crisis. We must make bold choices in order to see our city prosper and retain our fleeing tax base.</p> <p>We want to help our most vulnerable, but we must stop enabling people in the throes of addiction.</p>	No	06/01/23 2:35 PM
451	Andres	Oppose	<p>Stop criminalizing having nothing you barbarians. Stop talking real estate bribes, stop building luxury condos, and start using the massive amount of taxes we pay every year to actually help people. Homeless shelters don't have answers for all homeless problems and to treat these humans like a pest that needs eradicating is how fascists solve problems, not decent humans. And I'd you find yourselves incapable of decency, remove yourselves from your posts and make room for someone who actually acts on our needs.</p>	No	06/01/23 2:52 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	<p>It's time for the homeless takeover to end.</p>	No	06/01/23



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451	John Isaacs - Portland Business Alliance	Support	See attached.	Yes	06/01/23 3:16 PM
451	Michael Timothy Goodman	Support	<p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for Proposal 451, which aims to amend the existing public camping restriction policies in the City of Portland to comply with House Bill 3115. I believe that these proposed amendments are necessary to ensure the fairness, safety, and well-being of our community.</p> <p>As a resident of Portland, I am deeply concerned about the escalating situation of homelessness in our city. While it is important to approach this issue with compassion and empathy, we must also acknowledge the adverse effects that unrestricted public camping can have on our community. The proposed amendments in Proposal 451 address these concerns by establishing reasonable time, place, and manner regulations for camping on public property.</p> <p>Allowing individuals to camp indiscriminately in public spaces poses significant risks to public health and safety. It creates unsanitary living conditions, increases the risk of disease outbreaks, and undermines the public's ability to utilize these spaces for their intended purposes. Our city parks, sidewalks, and public rights-of-way should be accessible to everyone, but they should also be safe, clean, and conducive to the well-being of all residents.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is unsettling to witness the growing presence of drug addicts and individuals engaged in criminal activities among the homeless population. While it is crucial to provide support and resources to those in need, we must also prioritize the safety and security of our community. Proposal 451 takes this into account by establishing restrictions on behaviors that pose risks to public safety, such as obstructing access to private property, environmental damage, and the accumulation of hazardous substances.</p> <p>I commend the City of Portland for its commitment to compliance with House Bill 3115 and for seeking a balance between the rights and needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and the broader community. It is vital that we adopt policies that encourage individuals to actively seek access to stable housing while also addressing the concerns of residents and businesses who rely on the functionality and safety of public spaces.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge you to support Proposal 451 and enact the proposed amendments to the public camping restriction policies in the City of Portland. By doing so, we can create a safer, more livable city for all residents, including those experiencing homelessness. Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>	No	06/01/23 3:20 PM
451	Luke Jameson	Support with changes	<p>I support the homeless camping ban because within the last several years it's turned a beautiful thriving city into a dirty, crime riddled and unsafe place to live or visit. When my daughter was born I was so excited to show her the Portland I grew up in but now I'm ashamed of what it's become and mourn a city she'll never get to see. The homeless run rampant in the streets. The last three years I took the max from Beaverton to the Airport for work, and not one single day passed where I didn't see homeless people using the MAX as a mobile hotel to sleep, drink, smoke cigarettes or do drugs. All of this was brazenly done in groups or just one person with no consideration for the public, especially children. These behaviors coupled with often severely mentally ill homeless make public transit and a vast amount of the rest of the city a dangerous place. Like many citizens of Portland I've grown tired of seeing the drunkards, drug users, dirty needles everywhere, detritus left by the homeless, their large camps in every available space. We're tired of seeing and smelling the rancidness unwashed bodies of the homeless, the smell and sight of human feces, the reek of urine that's become inescapable. I have countless hours of footage (both video and pictures) from over the years of literally everything I've mentioned. Not once when the police had to become involved did anyone homeless face ANY repercussions for their actions. It's baffling and sickening how the city coddles the homeless and the continued inaction of holding the ever growing position of homeless accountable for the actions and affect on the Portland. The change I'd like to see to this agenda is stricter conditions for them and stronger consequences, "warnings and fines" doesn't mean anything to them and 30 days in jail will have no impact on their behavior; that short amount of jail time is actually a boon for them (a warm place with a cot and 3 square meals a day for a month is no punishment at all). Much longer sentences of 1 year in jail or more in prison and the abolishment of the new drug law, if it's an illegal drug then they need to face the full consequence of the law and not be given a slap on the wrist.</p> <p>It's no place to be a good, clean, unafraid and hard working PROPER citizen much less raise a child in. Like I've said I'm angry at the decisions of those in our city's leadership and ashamed of the wasteland of drugs, human feces, and the sight and stench of the homeless that are allowed and encouraged to continue to RUIN the City of Roses</p>	No	06/01/23 3:29 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	I did not testify in person in fear of retaliation from the attendees of yesterday's meeting. I'm a taxpaying homeowner in the Richmond neighborhood and I strongly support the camping ban. We need our public spaces to stay public. Please pass this ban and enforce it. Thank you!	No	06/01/23 3:38 PM
451	Andrew Korn	Support	Over the decade I have lived here, I have lost 2 cars to being stolen and chopped by homeless meth heads. I am tired of it.	No	06/01/23
451	Anonymous	Support		No	06/01/23





May 31st, 2023

Honorable Mayor Wheeler & Portland City Council

RE: Testimony in support of agenda item 451

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

My name is Jon Isaacs, and I am the Vice President of Public Affairs for the Portland Business Alliance. I am a resident of SE Portland, and I prefer he/him pronouns

The Portland Business Alliance (the Alliance) is greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce and represents the largest, most diverse network of businesses in the region. More than 80% of our members are small businesses.

I am here today to express our strong support for agenda item 451, which will bring the City of Portland into compliance with HB 3115. HB 3115 requires all cities and counties to ensure their camping ordinances are "objectively reasonable as to time, place, and manner with regards to persons experiencing homelessness."

By any standard, it is objectively reasonable and widely supported by Portlanders to allow houseless residents to camp between the hours of 8pm and 8am and require the dismantling of campsites and the removal of all personal property between 8am and 8pm.

It is objectively reasonable to prohibit camping in pedestrian use zones, 250 feet from a school or childcare center, in the public right-of-way along high crash corridors, and city parks.

It is objectively reasonable to prohibit the use of gas heaters in or around a campsite, the obstruction of access to a private property or business adjacent to the public right-of-way, alterations to the ground or infrastructure, environmental damage, and the accumulation or leaving behind garbage, debris, unsanitary hazardous materials, sewage, or drug paraphernalia.

This ordinance aligns with ordinances cities across Oregon have adopted or are in the process of adopting to comply with HB 3115 and keep their cities livable for all residents, housed and unhoused.



For these reasons, the Alliance and our thousands of members urge the council to continue to keep our city on the road to recovery by adopting this reasonable ordinance.

Thanks to many of the actions of this council, our city's recovery is accelerating, and residents overwhelmingly support the policies you continue to advance. Portlanders want the county and the city to open enough transitional shelter, supportive housing, and managed designated camping locations to provide a warm and dry place for all residents to sleep/rest. The City is on the right path with the continuing expansion of safe rest villages, and the opening of the alternative safe shelter sites.

These sites, combined with the county continuing to expand its shelter bed inventory to over 2400, have the city clearly on track to meet the standard of always having a warm and dry place available for the approximately 3,900 unsheltered homeless Multnomah County residents according to the most recent HUD point in time count.

Last October, the council set a target of banning all unsanctioned camping in the City of Portland by September 2024. With the improving collaboration between the City, County, and State, and more urgent deployment of supportive housing services dollars, funded by the region's business community, the City is well on track to meeting this goal. We urge you to continue to advance Portland forward with a laser focus on meeting this goal as early as possible next year.

As you know, the Portland Business Alliance and the entire business community will continue to partner with you and all willing stakeholders to accelerate the visible progress we are making restoring Portland's greatest competitive assets of livability and affordability.

Thank you for your leadership.

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451	Anonymous	Support	Support enthusiastically! Return the sidewalks to the community that built them - and is required to repair them if a tree root intrudes. I may not "own" the sidewalks, but I've definitely paid for them.	No	06/01/23 4:35 PM
451	Christopher Raymond Allen	Support	Please move forward with the camping ban. I believe this will light a fire under the county to properly get shelters setup.	No	06/01/23 4:52 PM
451	Declan Tam	Support	I support this proposed ordinance. It is past time to reclaim our public spaces and walkways to all members of the public, not just a few individuals camping on it. The blocking of sidewalks by tents doesn't just create an inconvenience for pedestrians, but can be an obstacle for the the disabled who especially needs that access to the public walkway.  Furthermore, uninterrupted campsites often lead to drug use, break-is, assaults, and other crimes that deeply affect the ability of everyday citizens to go about their lives.  Please pass this law and begin the process of recovery for our city.	No	06/01/23 4:54 PM
451	Rialto Pool Hall	Support with changes	We are losing customers because of this issue and it needs to be addressed. Thank you for your time!	No	06/01/23 5:06 PM
451	Anonymous	Support	Please ban camping on our streets. Our city has suffered at the hands of a very vocal minority advocating for homeless. As a struggling homeowner/taxpayer, it would be nice to have such support, instead I am stuck with the bill and cleaning up the mess. This city was once beautiful, affordable, clean, and safe. It is no longer any of those things. If you make this happen at least it has a chance of being clean and safe again. I am so tired of having to dodge homeless people methed out of their minds screaming and defecating in the streets. I am so tired of the crime, the stolen bicycles, the stolen cars, the trash, that attracts more trash, more drugs, more shit, more crime. I am tired of the broken down rvs parked on streets for months on end that serve as drug dens. I am tired of the drugs. I am tired of meth fumes. Doing nothing is not kind. It is enabling and bringing even more homeless drug addicted people to the city. They are dying on the streets and killing the city while they're at it. They are burning our bridges and buildings. How much more do we have to take?	No	06/01/23 5:29 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/01/23
451	Anonymous	Support	As a minority business owner and resident of downtown I support the camping ban and even stronger action. My mother was imprisoned for being Japanese during WW2, and I am keenly aware of the slippery slope of false imprisonment. In this case, the misery that your policies have wrought have created objectively demonstrable dangers to the public. Unlike Executive order 9066, Portland would not be forcing people into prisons based on the color of their skin. In our case, we would be building a culture of higher expectations: to get off of drugs; to seek employment; to have the mentally ill, veterans, and the other vulnerable housed and cared for humanely. Homeless "advocates" decry "high-barrier" facilities like Bybee Lakes. The truth of the matter is that expectations create results. Low-barrier shelters have created zero long-term solutions and have become just another taxpayer-funded grift. Mayor Wheeler, I have been disgusted by your sycophantic following of BLM and Antifa terror tactics to defund the police. This decision should have been put to the voters. Instead, it was implemented without any consideration for the disastrous effects that would ensue. If you look at the demographics of most shooters and victims since your defund policy went into effect, it appears you have created a race-and-gender specific genocide. The defund decision, along with the complete failure to create the drug treatment centers that were mandated with Measure 110 have turned Portland into a hellscape. I live two blocks away from your former residence at the 937. I spent some time walking and talking with the armed crowds that were trying to burn that building down and murder you. Your response? To cower. I am a practicing physician. If I treated my patients like you have treated this city, there would be bodies littered all over the place. Under your administration, there ARE actually bodies littered all around this city and that blood is on your hands. From a mental-health standpoint I am not sure if you are a conscienceless psychopath or medically-appropriating an intellectual disability because the levels of your incompetence beggars belief. Everybody in this city already curses your name. Maybe you can ensure that you're not enshrined in history as the worst mayor Portland has ever seen. Step up or step aside.	No	06/01/23 6:52 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/01/23
473 (451)	Kelly Tadlock	Oppose	I oppose the cities camping ban and agree with Disability Rights Oregon, The ACLU Sister's of the Road Street Roots and many others that this isa cruel inhumane and will open the city up to lawsuits from those living with out shelter. I am a person who uses a wheelchair 24/7 due to spinal cord injury, While I am sympathetic to the Plaintiff's in this ADA suit I agree with Disability Activist Serenity Ebert this is not a victory for the ADA its a crime against humanity. There are better ways to make the streets safe than criminalizing homelessness. I am heartened by the many homeless activists who testified about this ordinance. I am sickened by the actions of elected officials. As Kaia Sands has said this break all our collective hearts	No	06/01/23 8:43 PM



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473 (451)	J	Support	Testimony in Support of Agenda Item 451 - Ban on Camping in Public Areas Dear Members of the Portland City Council.  Hello Council Members - I miss feeling safe in my city. I miss using the sidewalks and freely walking and biking. I am exhausted with the homeless drug affects and mentally unstable individuals camping and taking over the city. Please enact the camping ban, build shelters, and clear them from outdoor living in public spaces.	No	06/01/23 9:03 PM
473 (451)	Natalie Chappell	Support	Please value the input of all your constituents. I do not feel safe walking in daylight in my neighborhood. I have been harassed, had to walk through trash, human excrement, drug paraphernalia and urine. This is not humane, please do not use my tax dollars to enable behavior and mental illness. Please do not let our city turn into another Detroit. We can do better.	No	06/01/23 10:17 PM
473 (451)	Tracy C	Oppose	I've been a nurse working with this population for the past 9 years. This is literally the last thing they need in their lives--to be criminalized for existing. That's what this ban feels like. I know from first hand experience that shelters are at capacity, so where do you propose they go? Many of these individuals are physically unable to get up and move like you want them to because our healthcare system has also failed them. Please think about this as a human being and not as a politician. These are PEOPLE who have endured enough trauma in their lives. Do the right (and humane) thing and don't enforce this ban. It's not a solution and will only exacerbate the houselessness problem.	No	06/01/23 10:21 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	No more allowing people to camp all over our city. Let's start here and eventually get everyone the help they need and also let's create safe communities for us housed people who are footing the bill. I don't want my tax dollars enabling these people who need help not tents and tarps so they can hang out and use street drugs all over our neighborhoods. What a mess we made. Great time to clean it up!	No	06/01/23 11:31 PM
473 (451)	Jessi Presley-Grusin	Oppose	These changes do not represent reasonable time, place, and manner regulations and in fact are completely unreasonable. It is disheartening to see you continue to push these dehumanizing regulations despite the overwhelming opposition expressed by our community during the last city council meeting addressing the matter. These changes will put an even greater burden on our unhoused neighbors and will not help to address the homelessness crisis here in Portland. They are a waste of funds that could easily be put towards measures proven to work, such as rent assistance, tenant protections, and housing first initiatives. Passing these changes will be devastating to our community and a failure of the city council to protect and support our community. Please PLEASE reconsider.	No	06/02/23 10:18 AM
473 (451)	Sarah	Oppose	I am a social worker and believe this treatment of homeless people being proposed is outrageous and inhumane. Everyday I work with people who live outside and am witness to the trauma and mistreatment they deal with. This proposal will cause further harm and escalation. Instead of punishing people, the city should be putting all of its efforts into housing people. We cannot criminalize and punish our way out of a housing crisis. People deserve to be welcomed and feel safe in the community despite their class status.	No	06/02/23 10:31 AM
473 (451)	River Erickson	Oppose	Criminalizing houselessness is not a solution. Internment camps are not a solution. Invest in the Housing First model, expand the JOHS budget, and stop traumatizing the most marginalized population in our community. Shame on you all for letting this proposition get this far.	No	06/02/23 11:39 AM
473 (451)	William J Weisner	Support with changes	Please continue to take firm action to move illegal campsites NOW and get the people in them the temporary shelter assistance, mental health counseling and drug treatment they need. Please adopt Rene Gonzalez's additional suggestions (attached) for spacing tents and for protecting existing shelters and children's schools.	Yes	06/02/23 2:30 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support the changes to agenda 473. PDX restrictions need to be aligned with surrounding areas due to the risk of migratory homeless. As a front line worker, I know from direct experience that many of the unhoused go to areas where they are allowed to live on the streets without consequences. In the same way that many criminals come to Multnomah County versus Clackamas to steal due to lack of prosecution, the unintended consequence will potentially be more homeless in the PDX region due to looser restrictions.	No	06/02/23 2:38 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support Commissioner Gonzalez's recommended changes to the proposed "Time, Place and Manner" camping restrictions. Let us restore safety for everyone, including those who have devoted their lives to working hard, following rules, paying bills, and caring for each other. Thank you.	No	06/02/23 2:39 PM
473 (451)	Ben Drasin	Support	My family and I support this measure. We need an off-ramp from rampant street camping which is destroying livability in our city. The considerable amount of money we are spending on homeless services should be going to shelters and services to get people off the streets, not for tents, tarps, meals and other supports to enable people to live on the streets.	No	06/02/23 2:58 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I am writing in SUPPORT of Comm. Gonzalez' suggested changes. Thank you!	No	06/02/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support this to help our city recover.	No	06/02/23
473 (451)	Julia Lager mesulam	Oppose	I strongly oppose this ordinance. It criminalizes those who already live without resources & does not address the underlying reasons people are living outside. We need to invest in wrap around housing & support services & not utilize resources to criminalize people for their situations & our lack of ability to support & house them. I am a social worker with over 30 years of experience & know this will have negative impacts on people & community. I urge you to find more humane solution.	No	06/02/23 3:12 PM
473 (451)	Guohong Chen (Toby)	Support	The Chinese community believes that Rene can save Portland.	No	06/02/23



1. **Weaker Provisions than Suburbs.** Portland continues to draw in a substantial number of migratory homeless. The city's reputation for drug use, resources, and lax camping ban enforcement all appear to be contributing factors. To stem this tide, we need to change Portland's "anything goes" reputation. At minimum, we should have TPM restrictions and enforcement at least as rigorous as neighboring jurisdictions. Long-term, I believe we need to evaluate having the strictest restrictions in the 9th Circuit. Some specifics in the Beaverton/Tigard proposals we should incorporate:
  - a. **Better Protection of Schools/Childcare Centers.** Buffers around educational/childcare facilities should be as big as those in the suburbs.
  - b. **Mandatory Spacing Between Campsites.** It is the large unsanctioned camp sites that appear most disruptive to Portland's livability. We should mandate adequate spacing between tents/campsites.
  - c. **Buffers Near All Shelters.** Some of the most distressing unsanctioned camps prop up near county run shelters (Arbor Lodge, downtown Behavioral Health Resource Center). These can be particularly damaging for those attempting to recover from addiction and highly damaging to some neighborhoods, who in some cases supported county-run shelters being placed in their neighborhoods. We should prohibit campsites near 3<sup>rd</sup>-party and county-run shelters.
  - d. **Right-of-Way Buffers.** Explicit buffers near highways.
2. **Technical Change – Dependence on DA/Circuit Court for Enforcement.** I am not sure the technical change made at the beginning of the TPM discussion is required by statute. Upon further inquiry, the issue seems to be city resources to handle hearings. The DA/circuit courts already struggle to address misdemeanor prosecution without substantial push (and in some cases financial support) from the city. Outsourcing enforcement in this environment may doom the new provisions to failure.
3. **Overall Complexity.** The code changes are going to be very difficult to explain, much less operationalize.



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support the more restricted changes to Item 473 to align with other cities. Portland can't have looser boundaries than other cities and unintentionally attract more homeless. This is long overdue.	No	06/02/23 3:28 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	We need homeless laws that match other cities. We cannot attract mental illness. We also need the treatment ne essay to help who is settled here.	No	06/02/23 3:37 PM
473 (451)	SE Portland resident		Please amend with Commissioner Gonzalez changes and pass this! Please enforce vigorously as soon as possible. City council needs to act immediately to restore livability to Portland.  Thank you from an employed, home-owning tax payer	No	06/02/23 3:43 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	To restoring livability in #Portland, I fully support all the measures being taken to address the homelessness issue. In fact, we need to take even stricter measures to combat this problem.	No	06/02/23 3:47 PM
473 (451)	Chris Gardner	Support	I am writing in support of the restrictions on outside and street camping that will be proposed this coming week for the Portland City Council to vote on. The health and safety hazards that so many in our community have endured during this crisis must end. Some on your leadership recognize this need. Now you all must. Show us that you really care about the community. Show us by taking the steps necessary so we can take our city back.	No	06/02/23 4:06 PM
473 (451)	Friends of Portland's Future.	Support with changes	I support changes proposed by Commissioner Gonzales. Portland must have restrictions equal or greater to neighboring cities, counties and states.	No	06/02/23 4:18 PM
473 (451)	Lisa K	Support	I support Commissioner Gonzalez' amendments to the proposal. Multnomah County already has a weaker DA and a weaker prosecution record than neighboring counties, causing criminals to flock to Portland to fund their addiction habits with retail, property, car and bike thefts. Portland can't have the weakest laws in the area because that will have a similar effect - more of the "campers" will move to the city. I'm thankful to Commissioner Gonzalez for deciding to leave his comfortable life as a small business owner to take on this job, despite the fact that it has painted a target on his back for radicals and people interested in perpetuating unregulated homeless encampments (aka. the drug cartel lobby). Recent elections - the election of Commissioner Gonzalez, the record turnout and 82% No vote on the ill-conceived capital gains tax to stick it to the landlords, the 2k+ written testimony against the lunatic "right to rest" proposal in the state legislature: These are all signs of what the majority of Portlanders (not the vocal minority of radicals) really want. A return to a safe city with basic civilized rules and norms for all. Thank you!	No	06/02/23 4:31 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/02/23
473 (451)	Jason Z.	Support	Portland needs to get tougher on chronic drug abusers and the chronic homeless who choose the homeless 'lifestyle', to avoid having any responsibility, other than their next theft or next fix. Portland and Multnomah County's enabling policies have exacerbated the homeless crisis, due to non-residents coming to Portland for free handouts, lax camping policies, non-enforcement of city code, and penalty free drug possession. Portland can no longer be recognized as a "destination city" for those who choose the homeless 'lifestyle'. Enforcement of auto licensing and tagging must also be enforced. Many of these unlicensed, expired tag, vehicles are committing regular crimes (drug dealing, theft, prostitution, trafficking, gun violence, etc.) and holding them accountable to our state laws for auto licensing, is an easy first step in keeping them off the street.	No	06/02/23 4:44 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous		We need stricter regulations and enforcement of camping on city property. I would support a camping stamp tax. Anyone caught camping with out a paid stamp for that specific night (night they are questioned by LO) should be fined or? Camping should be illegal, but certainly not free.	No	06/02/23 5:28 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Since the expansion of unsanctioned camping I've experienced a massive change in safety across the city. I've encountered people with guns, machetes, open air drug use and dealing, and a complete inability to use city sidewalks. I have a close relative with mobility issues and a history of falling, one of which was nearly fatal. When they visited their inability to access sidewalks forced them into dangerous situations for them and frankly expecting that from disabled people is completely unacceptable in a major city. I support and envourage you to pass this measure.	No	06/02/23 6:23 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	Dear Portland City Council,  I am thankful that Portland is proposing to enact time/place/manner restrictions on urban camping. Unchecked urban camping, along with our tolerance of public drug use and drug dealing, has caused immense negative impacts on the quality of life here. Our tax base is eroding, and we are receiving negative press throughout the world. To discourage urban camping and its attendant problems, our restrictions must be at least as strong as those in neighboring areas, and preferably stronger. This, along with more rigorous enforcement of laws against drug dealing, shoplifting, and public drug use, would go a long ways into making us a less attractive destination for criminals who wish to take advantage of our lax laws and generous services. Thus, to the extent that the restrictions proposed are any weaker than those in neighboring jurisdictions, I would like to see City Council change the proposed restrictions to at least match those.  Best regards, Matt Hall	No	06/02/23 7:32 PM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Pass the ban already. The working tax paying citizens are sick of this!	No	06/02/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	I don't think this goes far enough. Collectively, we have all experienced the harms of people living in RVs. They sell drugs and do drugs with others in their RVs. They accept prostitution for drugs in their RVs. They cook drugs in their RVs. They poison our neighborhoods, and our city. Its time to ban RVs from parking on city blocks. Park it in a driveway, or park it somewhere else. No more drug den RVs in pdx.	No	06/02/23 11:23 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Dear City Council,  I write to you in support of measure 451. Based on the recent special election results, the electorate is ready for a new direction in how matters are handled.  Please pass these rules that will greatly benefit both the housed and unhoused. It's time to bring civility, dignity and order to our city streets.	No	06/03/23 12:48 AM
473 (451)	Samuel D Gressett	Support		No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	I think Portland's ordinance should align more closely with those of neighboring cities. Would like to see at least 500 feet buffer around schools.	No	06/03/23 8:09 AM
473 (451)	Alex	Support		No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Jeremiah Ross	Support		No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Dena Alvernaz	Support	strongly support this action - public spaces must be able to be shared by ALL portlanders.  compassion for houseless individuals does not mean the group should be allowed to do whatever they want, wherever they want at the expense of everyone else.  we have allowed this free for all to continue for far too long.	No	06/03/23 9:12 AM
473 (451)	David Spaulding	Support	Mayor and commissioners, I strongly support item 473 (451) to reform the existing ban on camping to comply with HB 3115. I also support the amendments to make the ban on camping align with neighboring cities/counties, which is no camping within 500 ft from a school and 1000 ft away from a shelter.  The years of neglected the houseless crisis has made Portland unsafe city for all Portlanders with avoidable camp fires, crimes, overdoses and overcrowded unsanctioned camps. The Bureaus along with Joint Office Homeless Services have shared data on how unsanctioned camps are not working and how they contributed to more problems than solving problems. So how can we continue to support the unsanctioned camps? Enough is enough, please pass this ordinances to protect ALL Portlanders including housed and unhoused individuals.  Even if we proceed with the housing-first approach, we still need the ban camping to channel individuals to seek help. Right now, they all have zero incentive to seek housing-first or treatment when they have the lawless unsanctioned camps to run and zero accountability or enforcement to worry about. Also, it will take at least 3-7 years before we can have the housing-first since it takes time to collect funds, grants to developers, developed housing, do lottery and screening then provide units to individuals. We cannot wait until housing-first is in place. We must protect all Portlanders starting July 1st! Not 3-7 years down the road, July 1st!  Its time to do the right thing and follow your oath to protect the city and all citizens within Portland. Again, we have statistics of houseless individuals harming themselves by overdoses, 36% of pedestrian deaths were houseless individuals living on street, camp fires and etc despite the houseless community representing only 0.7% of total population in Multnomah County. Why are we letting this insane to continue?  Thank you,	No	06/03/23 9:31 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I fully support the proposed "Time, Place and Manner" changes to 451. Keeping our restrictions aligned with neighboring suburban communities is 100% necessary for the camping ban to work. Please pass the camping ban along with the proposed changes in 473. Thank you!	No	06/03/23 9:36 AM
473 (451)	Victoria	Support with changes	I not only support the camping ban, I support it with the changes suggested by commissioner Rene Gonzalez. Please please do this, it is so overdue. The homeless crisis is out of control and with it, crime and drug abuse are rampant, worse than I've ever seen it.	No	06/03/23 9:37 AM



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473 (451)	Shannon R Dittler	Support	Clean up the horseshit. I'm sick of the crime, addiction, homelessness.	No	06/03/23 9:47 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Disabled persons MUST be able to safely navigate the city and addressing the homeless camps is the very least the city can do here. The current state is unacceptable.	No	06/03/23 9:53 AM
473 (451)	Cory	Support	Please, please, please follow through on this and follow up with proper enforcement. We got into this by allowing people to feel entitled to their current behavior, so it's going to be rough retraining that reflex and establishing new expectations. We've seen his allowing camping slowly erodes the city. That experiment has been tested and failed, so please disregard the tantrums from advocates. Time to make hard decisions.	No	06/03/23 10:01 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please end the humanitarian disaster in portland that is destroying our communities; end public camping.	No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Kerry Duff	Support	The very next morning after the public testimony on 451, a man camping next to my son's school (Metropolitan Learning Center) started throwing things at the kids, threatening them, and screaming profanities and racial slurs. This is a regular occurrence. Regardless of where we stand on the issue of homelessness, I think most people would agree that camps do not belong anywhere near schools. Sooner or later, someone on drugs and / or mental unstable will attack a child. I actually believe the restriction should ban camping and drug use with 1500 feet of a school.	No	06/03/23 10:47 AM
473 (451)	Kala Franklin	Support	<p>Hello Mayor and City Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing testimony in regards to the proposed Time, Place and Manner ordinance.</p> <p>I understand currently the policies established by the City are only up to 150 feet and along Safe Routes to Schools.</p> <p>I support the amendments written by Commissioner Gonzalez.</p> <p>I believe these amendments will provide better protections against high impact encampments establishing near schools and shelter sites.</p> <p>I understand there are concerns about the proposed ordinances for TPM and I share those as well.</p> <p>I hope that the City and County will provide resources to temporarily expand day service centers.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.</p>	No	06/03/23 11:30 AM
473 (451)	Michael Hurst	Support	<p>The term "criminalizing homelessness" has been used a lot when talking about these changes and it is far from accurate. The homeless in Portland get a free pass on the law.</p> <p>Residents call and file repeated complaints about criminal behavior but because the suspects are homeless the issue gets passed from PPB to PBOT to IRT to RR and back to PPB. Nobody wants to deal with it because the opposition will call them uncaring and mean. The homeless are untouchable.</p> <p>Residents are terrified because no laws are enforced on the homeless. Homeless are terrified because the police will not protect them against violent, predatory criminals. In my neighborhood, we have been terrorized by known criminals with violent backgrounds year after year and the best we get is Impact Reduction stopping by and giving them water.</p> <p>There is no justice when the law applies differently to different people. Assault, arson, theft, and rape are illegal. So is blocking the sidewalk, erecting structures on public land, menacing, littering, and trespassing- even before these proposed changes take affect. Our "homeless neighbors" commit all of these crimes with impunity.</p> <p>Please do not let the rhetoric of the homeless industrial complex influence your decision to add stricter codes to the law. But more importantly PLEASE ENFORCE these laws!</p> <p>Please improve cross-department communication so that the buck is not passed. Please empower our police to enforce laws equally against all criminals, even if they are homeless. Please take the power away from arrogant bullies and predators who know they won't get busted. Please stop them and give us our city back.</p> <p>We need to criminalize crime, regardless of a person's living condition, and restore justice in Portland.</p>	No	06/03/23 11:47 AM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I support the time and manner laws to restrict camping from 8-8 as well as commissioner Gonzales amendments. If we can't match our surrounding neighborhoods laws, we'll continue to be behind the 8 ball on homelessness.  Multnomah county already doesn't give us our fair share of support, so we need to level the playing field and stop incentivizing folks from those communities to take up shop here while not getting any more money.  Thank you for this brave and courageous act, the overwhelming majority of this city wants this change and will support you at the ballot box.	No	06/03/23 12:05 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I can't take my 1 year old daughter for walks downtown without having to switch sides of the street multiple times.	No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Colton	Support	I strongly believe this is a step in the right direction. Compassion should be coupled with logical and realistic framework.	No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Rachel Roberts		Please also include Com Rene Gonzalez' amendments!	No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Writing to support the "Time, Place and Manner" camping restrictions proposed by Commissioner Gonzales. After documenting and reporting problematic camps for almost three years (to no avail) and watching beloved neighborhood businesses be vandalized and burglarized repeatedly until they were forced to close, I appreciate the clarity and transparency of these restrictions. This is the service level agreement we need to start holding people accountable and take decisive action to prioritize the safety and well-being of those who contribute to our great city.	No	06/03/23 1:01 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I support Commissioner Rene Gonzalez and item 473 (451) including the amendments. I want my neighborhood and my city back. I'm elderly and am fearful to walk in my neighborhood of 45 years. I can no longer fight back and I feel unsafe. Please, please, help us, restore our city.	No	06/03/23 1:16 PM
473 (451)	East Portland Resident	Support	I fully support item 473 and hope it can help Portland recover from the homeless crisis it is going through and align enforcement throughout the region so we do not become a magnet for unsanctioned RV parking.	No	06/03/23 1:38 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Time to stop enabling. We must be congruent with communities who have moved to eliminate camping. Previous policies have been a dismal failure.	No	06/03/23 1:56 PM
473 (451)	Tom Conry	Oppose	More fascism is not what we need. Of course, under fascism, cruelty is the point. HOUSING FIRST IS THE ONLY STRATEGY THAT WORKS. Stop criminalizing homelessness and put Portland's energy into something positive.	No	06/03/23 2:34 PM
473 (451)	Cheryl Huff	Support with changes	My grandchildren attend MLC. I absolutely do not condone camping near there. The trash, the obscenities, the drugs are not what Portland citizens support especially in front of small school children.	No	06/03/23 2:46 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	My elderly parents are now terrified to walk to Max in Hollywood. Open drug use, feces, needles, and they have to walk in street to get to their bus stop connector due to people literally passed out in their path. Livability has plummeted. Gave up visiting art museum and the Schnitz after a near assault by a man with a six inch metal spike as I walked by his camp downtown. I'm a 5 foot woman and don't feel safe walking downtown or Lloyd center. All my friends are moving to suburbs. Tax base is imploding in the city. Why is it humane to have young people live and die on asphalt? I fully support Rene Gonzales and his effort to bring some sanity to a city that has completely lost its way.	No	06/03/23 3:17 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support the amendments of Comm Gonzalez but I would additionally ask his amendment be modified to include a 500ft buffer for all congregate shelter sites whether indoor shelter or village style and whether ran by the city or a nonprofit or church. We have a tiny house homeless village in my neighborhood which I have no issue with but the problem is that homeless tent encampments and drug problems from people who are homeless and live nearby the village has greatly increased. Additionally there should be a 500 ft buffer next to nonprofits serving food and needle exchanges. With encampments right next to these services it can put pressure on adjacent residents and businesses. These buffers will serve to reduce livability impacts and make villages and services more accepted by neighborhoods. We just need a common sense approach that balances residents and business needs and rights as taxpayers with those who are houseless. Also what happened to no camps along safe routes to school and high crash corridors? This already isn't being enforced the City needs to get serious about enforcement otherwise these rules will mean nothing.	No	06/03/23 3:30 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Get the derelict RVs moved too. There are now 2 RVs and a trailer parked along Multnomah Blvd, but they're more than 1 mile from the SRV so nothing is being done about them.	No	06/03/23 3:33 PM
473 (451)	Ervin Siverson	Support	Finally, the city council is waking up and realizing that all carrots and no sticks just enables the problem. If you create an environment that tolerate lawlessness, open drug use, theft etc, people who love to do this antisocial behavior are going to flood here. I was so disappointed to hear Mayor Wheeler state this is a housing problem. IT IS NOT! And it is easy to see based on the problems of the new Peninsula Crossing SRV, they have housing yet the rampant drug use and crime has followed. Is Mayor Wheeler delusional enough to believe that handing these folks keys to a home they are going to just immediately stop their behavior. Thank our lucky stars for Rene Gonzalez, he sees it as it is, taking a hands off approach will result in the problems getting worse, not better. And please realize that beyond the homeless industrial complex who have time to go to city hall and testify, is 70% of taxpaying homeowners/residents who are extremely frustrated by what has transpired and want change immediately. Thank you	No	06/03/23 5:28 PM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/03/23
473 (451)	Anna Donovan	Support	I support the changes recommended by Commissioner Gonzalez to add consistency to the homeless approach of the entire area.	No	06/03/23 9:28 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous		My wife and I strongly support this item, although we feel that barriers of at least 500-feet are needed to prevent camping around schools, as well as 1000 feet around county shelters. This is apparently the standard in places like Washington County and we should be at least as firm in order to prevent more homeless migrating to our neighborhoods because of "softer" standards. Thank you.	No	06/03/23 9:40 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	We are all tired, dear leaders. The expensive plan is not working. We cannot "build" fast enough. Please support Mr Gonzalez and Mr. Wheeler and their commons sense plans regarding the urban camping agenda. Stop the camping, and let my 2nd grader enjoy her streets again!	No	06/03/23 11:29 PM
473 (451)	Angela Mendez	Support with changes	End all camping, at all times in vehicles and on public streets. It is a public safety hazard for the houseless and public. Who wants to walk by a zombie druggie, methed out maniacs or feces filled tent? It's unhuman to allow this behavior! Do you love seeing people suffer with your enabling?	No	06/03/23 11:59 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I have lived in Portland for over 20 years. I want unsanctioned camping banned in Portland. It has decreased livability, is causing businesses to leave, and is dangerous (fires, human waste, low level crimes etc). I support greater restrictions on unsanctioned camping in Portland.	No	06/04/23 9:01 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I support Rene Gonzalez on agenda 473.	No	06/04/23
473 (451)	Gretchen Button	Support	Please support the ban on homeless camping agenda proposed by Mayor Wheeler. I am an Irvington resident and fifth generation Portland resident who loves my city and wants to again feel safe walking in my neighborhood as well as wanting help for the homeless. Letting unstable and unhouswd live on the street is not compassion or safe for them or for the housed. It's clearly not easy to solve this issue but hard is not the same as impossible. This is a start. Vote for the future of the city, Please.	No	06/04/23 10:39 AM
473 (451)	Kara Shane Colley	Support	Allowing unsanctioned camping has been terrible for our city. The city has the right under Martin v. Boise to limit camping at certain times and certain places. This ordinance does just that.  The unhoused are a vulnerable population, but there are other vulnerable populations in the city. The city has to weigh the rights of the unhoused with the rights of other people in the city.  Children are one such vulnerable population. Children should be able to walk to school and play on the playground without having to navigate tents, needles, trash, or aggressive people.  I do support this ordinance, but I would add more camping prohibitions: -within 1000 feet of a school/playground -on the sidewalk surrounding any city park -within 100 feet of a personal residence/business	No	06/04/23 1:28 PM
473 (451)	Brian Posewitz	Support	Please end homeless camping. It's destroying Portland's quality of life and disincenting responsible participation in society (i.e., contributing to the economy in exchange for housing, food, etc.).	No	06/04/23 1:29 PM



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473 (451)	Jacob Sweet, Attorney	Oppose	<p>This measure will be completely unenforceable, and its proponents need to be honest with the public about that. There are several independent reasons why this measure will be unenforceable.</p> <p>First, ever since 1973, Portland has not had a municipal court. Prior to 1973, Portland had a municipal court with three courtrooms housed in the police station, along with a city jail at great expense. This system required high payroll court personnel, dedicated city police officers, and jail facilities sufficient to accommodate the penalties given by the court. In 1971, Portland voters decided that this duplicative court system was a waste of city resources. The public decided to abolish the wasteful municipal court system by passing 1971 Municipal Measure No. 51. The voters have decided against a municipal court system. Crimes in Portland must be prosecuted through Multnomah County. The County court is not equipped to enforce this measure. You have not secured court personnel, and you have NO jail to hold people.</p> <p>Second, given the mandate of ORS 3.136, this measure is dead in the water. You would need the legislature to repeal ORS 3.136 in order to create court and jail capacity for this measure. Accordingly, you are blocked from doing this at both the municipal and state levels.</p> <p>Finally, this measure is unconstitutional. It does not matter how many municipalities enact it at once. It is unconstitutional if any of the municipalities that enact this ban lack sufficient shelter beds for those subject to sweeps. Why waste substantial city resources defending this provision when you know the truth?</p> <p>So tell the public the whole story if you want to pass this. Tell us that you also want to fund a jail. And a court. That you also want to amend ORS 3.136. That this will be subject to expensive legal challenges because it is likely unconstitutional. Be up front that this is a pipe dream.</p> <p>This is the conversation you should be having, and Commissioner Gonazalez' wish to debate the number of feet in the ban is pure fantasy before you sort out jail beds.</p>	No	06/04/23 2:24 PM
473 (451)	Dr. Rochelle Silver	Oppose	I urge a no vote on Item 473 for 3 reasons: 1) it is illegal, 2) it solves nothing but creates severe hardship for the unfortunate houseless of our City and 3) it is inordinately cruel	No	06/04/23 5:44 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>I fully support Rene's common sense amendment. If other cities have far stronger restrictions, he is quite correct that it redirects everyone to us.</p> <p>That said, in addition to focusing on the larger campsites and safe locations for women and children, perhaps it's time to take some of the money we've been wasting on the multico joint housing joke and put it toward mental health resources (eg psych housing), repealing 110, and rehab beds.</p> <p>Some people on the streets need a hand up and can and will return to being productive members of society or on ssi and living in a group home or similar. Some belong in psych wards. And some belong in jail.</p> <p>Significant effort needs to be made not only to stop the enabling, but to weed out those who didn't move here to just get high and steal from/leech off the rest of us and get them proper help. (As well as finding any children and vets and make sure they are cared for).</p> <p>We were told that allowing people to stay camped out would allow outreach workers easier access to do this and yet..nothing.</p> <p>Regardless, this city code is theoretically a good first step in reclaiming the city for everyone's use instead of encouraging its take over by criminals and zombies while those who were paying for all of the services move away. However, as noted in prior testimony - ENFORCEMENT - is a must.</p> <p>It is somewhat ridiculous to list things in the new code that are already illegal. It serves to highlight that laws are not and have not been enforced to the point that they're now being listed as if they aren't already on the books and have been for many, many years.</p> <p>Meanwhile, there are people smoking fentanyl in public, forcing everyone nearby to breathe it and yet no one does anything. So overnight we're going from that to littering being enforced??</p> <p>Unless there will be active, continual, large scale enforcement, all of this is utterly meaningless and yet another waste of time and money.</p>	No	06/04/23 8:01 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>public spaces are for everyone - not just the houseless</p> <p>please end the madness and make our city clean and liveable again</p> <p>we voted for treatment - not open air drug markets, public intoxication, filth, trash and crime</p>	No	06/04/23 9:26 PM



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473 (451)	Anonymous		On behalf of my street and business by me There is an ongoing homeless issue on our street. Multiple houses on my street including mine have children. I am tired of coming out of my house to see an illegal fire, tents, drug use, abandoned cars, tons of garbage, drug paraphernalia, excessive noise all threw the night. My neighbors and myself have reported them, we had an overdose just recently and unfortunately I seen half the body, and couldn't leave as I didn't want my toddler to see. This is an ongoing issue on the sidewalk, no one can use it, no one with a wheelchair, or stroller which it's public property and a sidewalk which should not be legal for them to be on, there is grass and huge rocks they move to make fires. We want something put up or rocks and cement like by the max stop. Some weeks the tents are from 82nd to 80th. There are sweeps and they come back. I just hope this gets taken care of soon, I know the meeting is the 7th to try to take care of the houseless but this is not ok in a residential area. I hope we can figure something out in the future. I know it's been a hard few years but something needs to be done. More accessible housing, the Walmart is closed use those buildings for a shelter	No	06/05/23 1:21 AM
473 (451)	Javier Gomez	Support	re: Public Comment Opposed to Changes in the Small Donor Elections Code Dear Mayor Wheeler & Council, The existing campaign matching funds program brought us our most current diverse councilmembers to date. City of Portland voters adopted the new city charter to create a system that provides accessible elections to encourage diverse representation on council. As we have the new charter system, the campaign matching fund is arguably redundant and unnecessary. This duplication of resources is an incredibly important issue when the need for more services across the city requires a thoughtful management of the budget. Instead of removing the matching funds, the proposed changes will INCREASE the match cap from \$240,000 to \$300,000. This increased cap with a significant increase in candidates could cost the city \$18 million each election cycle. In each election, two districts have a total of six seats. Assume an average of 10 people running for each seat. For context, the race for Commissioner Hardesty's seat had 13 candidates on the primary ballot and 18 for Commissioner Ryan's seat. At \$300,000 for 60 candidates, the city is responsible for \$18 million every election cycle. This increase is completely contrary to the Portland Charter Commission Auditor's Report June 2022 p. 19 states: "Estimated costs under proposed charter reforms are lower than current costs because there would be no costs associated with a primary election under ranked choice voting and because of assumed lower match caps." We all want big money out of politics. We also want to be smart with our city budget. Considering the new charter system, the city should lower the match cap not increase it. Even better, city should consider eliminating the matching funds but keep the donation cap, similar to the current Multnomah County Commissioner election process, to use our budget resource wisely. Thank you,	No	06/05/23 8:49 AM
473 (451)	Cori Derfus	Support	I support the changes to enact camping restrictions. Without it more will die on the streets, be left without help and create a dangerous living environment for residents and campers. I have watched dangerous behavior around families, putting children at risk. I have watched camps pop up and grow, the behavior in the camps become more violent, draw more crime, have seen people deteriorate to unhealthy and create a stressful and traumatic living experience for businesses, residents and campers with broken windows, personal threats and arson. It is inhumane to continue as we have been and puts excessive burden on local residents and businesses. I also support efforts of enforcement and providing additional mental health and drug treatment services.	No	06/05/23 8:57 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	the time has come to stop letting one segment of society live free from rules and regulations the rest of us have to abide by.	No	06/05/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support this ordinance, we cannot continue down the path we are on. it is obvious that "housing first" does not work when the majority of houseless individuals are not interested in help or treatment.	No	06/05/23 9:06 AM
473 (451)	Andrew Kaufman	Support	This is a small step towards restoring order in our city. It's obvious that enabling public camping harms everyone and ultimately makes our city dirtier, poorer, and more dangerous. Stop listening to the naive extremists and let's move forward with rational policies.	No	06/05/23 9:07 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/05/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/05/23
473 (451)	Matt Lewis	Support	Allowing Public Camping will further harm our city and communities, not help. Banning it will be a very small but needed step to make our city less dirty and more safe.	No	06/05/23 9:25 AM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>portland - where we pay the 2nd highest tax rate in the country but our most basic public services cease to function due to being strained to the brink from dealing with one very small segment of the population</p> <p>your small business is broken into - will the police come? NOPE but here are four new tax bills!</p> <p>your parent has a heart attack - will an ambulance show up? NOPE but please enjoy this hold music for the next two hours and remember to pay your the new PFA and SH taxes</p> <p>a derelict RV illegally parked on your block for months has just gone up in flames - will the fire department come? who knows - but you better pay the parking ticket you just got</p> <p>we are beyond parody at this time and ACTION is needed.</p> <p>signed, an extremely fed up and over taxed citizen, business and home owner</p>	No	06/05/23 9:30 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>I strongly support this and commissioner Gonzales amendments.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing positive ACTION and results on our streets it is obvious that the status quo is not working</p>	No	06/05/23 9:40 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>thank you city council for taking long overdue action to address this problem</p> <p>first steps are necessary and the current state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue</p>	No	06/05/23 10:08 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	<p>I support this camping ban. I recommend including the changes that commissioner Rene suggested in this article; <a href="https://katu.com/news/local/commissioner-rene-gonzalez-proposes-additional-camping-ban-restrictions">https://katu.com/news/local/commissioner-rene-gonzalez-proposes-additional-camping-ban-restrictions</a></p> <p>Continue putting pressure on county and JOHS to use our funds and provide shelter to our house less neighbors.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	No	06/05/23 11:03 AM
473 (451)	Christy Y - Health Services	Support with changes	<p>I wholeheartedly support measure 451. I believe that the additional measures laid out by Rene Gonzalez should be adopted. We need to align ourselves with our surrounding counties. What is happening on our streets is not only dangerous, but inhumane for those both living on the streets and in homes. There is no longer a reason to enter a shelter or to go into treatment. We have created a cycle of disparity. Accountability is necessary for people to get the help that they do desperately need. The people in this city need a change and while it may not be popular for some I believe it is what the majority of this city needs.</p>	No	06/05/23 11:46 AM
473 (451)	Sabrina Hess	Support	<p>I support the ban on camping in Multnomah County. Allowing this to continue is dangerous to our citizens as well as an invitation to draw in,, more addicts to our city.</p>	No	06/05/23 12:58 PM
473 (451)	Greg Y	Support		No	06/05/23
473 (451)	Lisa Hughes	Oppose	<p>I'm a nurse case manager who works in the community with people living with HIV. My clients need daily access to life saving medication for their own health and to prevent the transmission of HIV to others. More frequent sweeps, confiscation of belongings and possible arrest will only interrupt this access more than it is already for our houseless clients. Also many people, including women and vulnerable minorities such as the LGBTQ+ community are too afraid to sleep at night for fear of assaults, rape, thefts. Daytime is the safest time to sleep when one is unhoused. Further more fines and jail time just further criminalize poverty. These changes are not just. Please oppose this measure.</p>	No	06/05/23 2:32 PM
473 (451)	Amy Lomanto	Support		No	06/05/23



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473 (451)	self	Support	<p>I strong support the measure and recommend one amendment. I have regularly witnessed the unhoused sleeping within inches of dangerous public roads. I recommend that camping be banned with a buffer of 10- 20-feet of all roads having a speed limit above 30 miles per hour and with two lanes of traffic in one direction be prohibited, even if the road is not considered "high crash"</p> <p>I support the ordinance for the following reasons. In my experience, I observe a bimodal population among the unhoused: one population with a high turnover that either got services or otherwise moved off the street and another: a group very intent on staying put. Five months' later this is still true. And the inconvenient fact is that nearly all the stay put crowd I observe, the chronic unhoused—are either addicts are or experiencing severe mental illness. I say this because I see Portland Street Response come time after time. They are offered dialog, shelter but will not go. We've made it very, very easy to be an addict and to be one in public spaces / You need to find incentives for them to get off the street and get safe. Portland is a compassionate city, the approval of the 1% homeless services tax, that raises hundreds of millions of dollars per year, is a testament to that. The City and county have the capacity to opening alternative shelters and the City ordinance before you today provides an incentive to get the chronically unhoused into shelters where they'll receive better services. To say that unrestricted camping anywhere, anytime is a path to services or simply need better harm reduction is, to me cynical and is nothing less than cruel.</p> <p>You are our leaders and you get the choice of where you want this City to go: do you want a place that is attractive to newcomers, a place to live, work, make community; a place that spawns innovation and sustainable growth? To choose to not restore common spaces to be attractive and safe is to choose a very bleak future: one that favors a very select few over a large majority of working Portlanders; one that favors cynicism and disenfranchisement over a City that promotes accessibility, opportunity for growth, and community.</p>	No	06/05/23 2:54 PM
473 (451)	Doug McLeod	Support	I live by Laurelhurst Park. Parks are supposed to be for everyone. Please pass this ordinance and start enforcing it if you want to save Portland	No	06/05/23 3:04 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Even those of us who have been sympathetic and supportive of those experiencing homelessness believe we have crossed the line to enabling rampant drug use and crime. We want our city back. Please support these reasonable restrictions.	No	06/05/23 4:08 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>A ban on daytime camping and a crackdown on the frankly insane amount of lawlessness and drug abuse that accompanies it is long, long, long overdue. The city's collective failure to act here is just plain stupidity masquerading as compassion.</p> <p>Enough of the namby-pamby coddling of the people who raise their voices the loudest in the public square. Get something real done, and get it done now, or get out of office and give us our tax dollars back.</p>	No	06/05/23 4:14 PM
473 (451)	Maria Lawler	Support	I support City Council Agenda Item 473 to 'Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115'. I feel it is important to return to a 'City That Works' for all its residents.	No	06/05/23 4:34 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support these changes as a start to address homelessness given the ongoing past failure to make significant impact in curtailing homelessness that invades citizens rights. Homelessness current campsites and tents on public property like parks, sidewalks etc endangers our children, disable, and residents. There is increased crime, drug use, drug items around sites, disruptions to residents use of their sidewalks and even invasion on their property, unsanitary condition around tents and campsites. This at least provides some relief during the day.	No	06/05/23 5:19 PM
473 (451)	Karena Gaines	Oppose	<p>1) A ban on camping between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm places even greater burdens on our unhoused neighbors, especially those who are disabled</p> <p>2) the restrictions as to where camping will be allowed are convoluted, unclear, and impossible to abide by</p> <p>3) there are not enough options for shelter and this plan doesn't create new alternatives to unsanctioned camping</p> <p>4) this is not what was intended by house bill 3115 and does not represent an alignment with that bill. 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 with regards to persons experiencing homelessness, and this proposal is neither objectively reasonable to time, place, nor manner</p> <p>5) this is an inhumane and unacceptable response to our housing crisis that could be tackled using programs actually proven to work such as rent assistance, tenant protections, and housing first initiatives</p>	No	06/05/23 6:05 PM
473 (451)	George Waldmann	Support	Please approve this important amkendment to the city camping code.	No	06/05/23
473 (451)	Sharon	Support with changes	I fully support the proposed ban on camping in Portland. I would go further and increase the distance from schools. It's a great first step towards making Portland liveable again.	No	06/05/23 9:05 PM
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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	It's more than 3 years since the start of the pandemic. It was a terrible time and we're all sympathetic to how it affected people's lives. It's now past time to deal with the issues affecting all of us. NO SRV's in established neighborhoods, NO more tents on the street where unsighted people and other disabled people are affected,	No	06/06/23 6:47 AM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose		No	06/06/23
473 (451)	Barrie Bulmore Ornstil	Support	Tents SHOULD NOT be allowed on public sidewalks!! Sidewalks belong to the public, I pay tax dollars to be able to walk on city sidewalks. They SHOULD NOT be blocked by tents.	No	06/06/23 7:37 AM
473 (451)	Mark Porcella	Oppose	Street camping is a haven for drug addicts and small time criminals taking over our community. It is unsafe and seriously degrades the quality of living. It is driving people out of our once beautiful city.	No	06/06/23 7:43 AM
473 (451)	Daniel Allen	Support	I am in support of the proposed changes to its time/place/manner rules regarding camping in Portland Metro.	No	06/06/23
473 (451)	Jo Ann Timbanard	Support	I hope this ban of camping during the day goes through. We finally walked in downtown the other day. The first time without much fear. We even had dinner outside on 2nd Avenue and had no problem this time it's much better than before. Usher the homeless out, and supporters like us and visitors just might return to the city.	No	06/06/23 7:57 AM
473 (451)	Daniel Konowal	Support		Yes	06/06/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support the daytime camping ban. Allowing tent cities to form across Portland this past decade has been detrimental to the city I have called home nearly my entire life. Our city is dying and this ban might help bring it to life and make it a safe city again. The solution to the homeless crisis is to built more permanent, affordable housing and more shelters, and, to force those who camp to accept housing in one or the other. Tent cities need not be an option, and I believe the daytime camping ban will ensure they are finally put to rest, to the benefit of all citizens of Portland.	No	06/06/23 8:41 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>Based on lived experience in Portland living across from a long term, large homeless encampment, I can say without exception that large unsanctioned homeless encampments are not healthy for their inhabitants or the community that surrounds them.</p> <p>I have several stories, but I'll share one that lasted an obscene amount of time. I was verbally attacked and our property seriously damaged, and my family's safety jeopardized by a camper who could reek havoc on our lives then disappear for weeks at a time, only to reappear whenever he so chose. We were targeted, harrassed, and cased all because I refused to give him money when he came to my door.</p> <p>He slashed the tires, and smashed the windows of all the cars on my block last June, was identified to police on video, and had his charges dropped by our DA. Nor was I notified of the dropped charges despite filling out a victim restitution form and requesting updates.</p> <p>He slept in a tent but would show up occasionally in new fancy cars, such as a late model BMW convertible, that clearly were not his. He would ride past our home on his bike staring at me and my kids as we gardened in the front of our house. He was sure to make multiple slow passes and stare to cement his non-verbal threats. There was literally nothing the city or the police could do to stop this. How do you get a restraining order on a guy whose house can be moved wherever and whenever he pleases? Unsanctioned homeless camping is dangerous and reckless for everyone, especially the unhoused.</p> <p>I urge you to do whatever is in your power to protect the people of this city that choose Portland for work and to raise families. I urge you to support the small and large businesses who choose to bring their investments to Portland so that we can all thrive. I urge you to compassionately and firmly enforce boundaries with those that would prefer to see themselves and this city's institutions destroyed.</p> <p>I support 473.</p>	No	06/06/23 9:08 AM
473 (451)	Herbert Smith	Oppose		No	06/06/23
473 (451)	Lisa Serra	Oppose		No	06/06/23



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Dear Portland City Council,

I am writing to express my fullest support for the daytime ban on unsanctioned camping within our city. I strongly believe this measure is necessary to ensure the safety, cleanliness, and overall well-being of our community.

Ensuring a safe environment for all residents, including those who are experiencing homelessness, is essential for a thriving community. Although our homeless neighbors face serious challenges, allowing unsanctioned camping compromises the health and safety of themselves and of the broader Portland community.

Unsanctioned camping has brought upon increased criminal activity, frequent fire hazards, and environmental degradation. Campsites across Portland are leaving behind significant amounts of waste and destroying natural habitats (ex: Springwater Corridor). Portland takes pride in its commitment to environmental sustainability, and it is crucial that we uphold these values by implementing regulations that discourage irresponsible camping practices and promote the responsible use of our natural resources.

Portland must stop listening to the homeless industrial complex of non-profits and activists. These actors perpetuate dependency rather than fostering self-sufficiency. By providing continuous services without a clear pathway toward independence, we run the risk of enabling individuals to remain in a state of homelessness rather than empowering them to overcome it. There is nothing compassionate in allowing our neighbors to live in tents, under tarps or makeshift structures on the streets. It is crucial to strike a balance between immediate assistance and long-term strategies that promote self-reliance and self-determination.

In conclusion, I applaud the council's dedication to addressing the complex issue of homelessness. I firmly believe that implementing a ban on unsanctioned camping is a necessary step towards ensuring the safety, cleanliness, and prosperity of Portland.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I express my full support in making our city a better place for all residents.



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>Before I moved to Portland in 2013, I lived in a town on the gulf coast of Mississippi. I went through Hurricane Katrina and was homeless for a year. I fought depression and anxiety constantly. Not knowing where I would lay my head for the night. My best friend and I came to Portland in 2011 to visit his brother. I instantly fell in love with this place.</p> <p>By 2013, my wife and I saved up enough money to move to Portland. Portland became a beacon of hope for us. Stepping off the max train into the beautiful bustling city with so many different people with so many different dreams and aspirations. I truly felt like I was home.</p> <p>Since the Pandemic I do not recognize my home. Portland is a city that thrives on small business owners. There are so many shuttered and or struggling because of the violent crime, open air drug use, and vandalism that has plagued the city since the pandemic. I am a person with loads of compassion. But when are we going to start looking out for the tax paying citizens, essential workers, and families with kids that keep this city thriving. I spoke to a man who just moved here from Houston Texas, and he said he's "heard horrible things about downtown". "He doesn't want his 3 kids to see the houseless people doing drugs while out in the city, so he's staying away for now." Measure 110 has caused significant damage to the fabric of this city. He also told me upon his arrival at PDX, that a lady was moving out and she was saying how "Portland has changed for the worse and it's a chaotic, and trashy city now." He said "He was starting to regret his decision to move here."</p> <p>Portland's reputation of being a quirky, fun, weird city, has now become one of open air drug use, anything goes, houseless everywhere, trashy and a place of unrest. I understand housing is limited, and inflation is through the roof. But there is another side to the coin. Portland has gotten a reputation of being soft on the houseless, anything goes here, and you can do whatever you want on the streets. This reputation travels and attracts other houseless people. My wife takes the trimet bus sometimes and she over heard two houseless men talking about how "they hopped the train to get here because it's easier than other places. And you can do what you want here". There is a reason that the number of out of state houseless people far out number the in state numbers. There are hundreds of shelter beds that sit vacant at night because most houseless people want to do what they want to do. And not adhere to the rules of the shelters. They get away with everything living in tents on the streets of our city.</p> <p>We've tried to be accomodating and compassionate. Now, we have to shift the narrative to one of "tough love". If we do not, the crisis that we're in will get worse and the people that keep this city thriving will flee in droves. Please do not fall to will of the anarchist.</p> <p>I absolutely support the camping ban. 1 million percent. This will help shift the narrative around the country about Portland. It will get the word out that it's no longer an "Anything goes city". We are city thats willing to do whatever's necessary to thrive and grow beyond our challenges. We are city that values all of its citizens, housed and unhoused.</p> <p>I urge you today to vote in favor of shifting the narrative back to keeping Portland weird and not keeping Portland feared.</p>	No	06/06/23 10:36 AM
473 (451)	Gerald Itkin	Support	The city is at a crossroads. Either we make it livable once again for those of us who have patiently weathered the devolution of a once delightful city or we throw in the towel and declare it a third world failure. Please take this important step.	No	06/06/23 11:10 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>I work at a shelter for people experiencing houselessness, where we help people get their feet under them and find housing.</p> <p>Criminalizing homelessness is the wrong way to go. Not only is it more expensive to keep people in jail than it is to put them in permanent housing - it is also inhumane. By jailing people for the crime of being visibly homeless, you're increasing the stigma that they already face every day. You will make it more difficult for people to find housing by creating additional legal barriers.</p> <p>Passing this camping ban is sadistic and inhumane, and it will make Portland a worse place.</p>	No	06/06/23 12:16 PM
473 (451)	Ben Taylor	Support	I am writing in support to amend the City Code to update existing public camping restrictions. Much of the current measures were implemented during the pandemic and it is time revisit as the City looks to rebound from the pandemic, enhance livability, and encourage those in need of help to seek structured assistance.	No	06/06/23 12:18 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>I support commissioner Gonzales, we need to align with neighboring communities and stop the insanity that has taken over our public streets and spaces.</p> <p>Those with disabilities and/or mental illness need to be sheltered and off the streets.</p> <p>I have no compassion for the drug addicts and vagrants who are obviously choosing to be outside to live free of rules and we are enabling them.</p> <p>enough is enough</p>	No	06/06/23 12:46 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>action to end the free for all we have enabled here in Portland is far past due.</p> <p>the anything goes/look the other way approach we have taken with the houseless population is anything but compassionate.</p> <p>our city cannot continue on the path it is currently on.</p>	No	06/06/23 12:51 PM



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473 (451)	Fred Birang	Oppose	Please , Please, Please no more drugs, prostitutions, and mental patient. over 90% of the homeless around North Naito need serious mental help. They don't need boxes to sleep in and will absolutely not adhere to any rules or regulations . They belong in a mental facility to get real care.... It is so frustrating not to see them get this help. Pods, temporary shelter, SRV, is not what they need. I have lived on Naito Pkwy. for about 25 years now, and cannot believe the tragedy that I see every day. GET THESE PEOPLE PROPER PROFESSIONAL MENTAL CARE. PLEASE, I am begging you, get them to a mental facility.	No	06/06/23 1:09 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/06/23
473 (451)	Moira Farnsworth	Support	I am writing to support the "Time, Place and Manner" camping restrictions and proposed amendments by Commissioner Gonzales.	No	06/06/23 3:05 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	This is a necessary step to end the harm and inhumane conditions of drug addicted street camping.	No	06/06/23
473 (451)	Sergio Zepeda	Support	I've been punched, spit on, verbally assaulted, blocked from using the sidewalk, risking my life at night walking on the vehicular street side of the road. With this vote, this is my last chance to live in a developed country city. Thank You.	No	06/06/23 4:38 PM
473 (451)	Liane K Hansen	Support with changes	Please include Community Centers as protected spaces. They are a hub for small children, senior citizens and everyone in between. Mt. Scott CC also has a "safe space" for teens. There are extensive outdoor playgrounds, and to get to them along 72nd you must walk past a line of derelict cars, RVs, and people clearly out of their minds with piles of stuff on the sidewalk, including needles and trash, often blurting out insane babble. 10 to 20 years ago I walked my son to MSCC for indoor art and physical activities, made friends in the neighborhood, participated in classes and exercise myself, and assisted senior citizens as well. I walked my dog around the park last week, several mentally ill and/or addicted people had migrated INTO the park, wandering towards the small children playpark, forcing people to leave. MSCC and nearby Arleta School used to be Title One and subsidized, and the MSCC was an incredible blessing as a destination where my son and I could meet people, learn, and be safe. Please protect our Community Centers and Playparks as much as any preschool. Senior Citizens are legally vulnerable persons, use the CC greatly, and deserve our protection, as do the children and the rest of us. Combining City of Portland and Multnomah County "homeless/addicts" agenda, as Ted Wheeler has decided to continue, is a horrible mistake. Please look at the polls by People For Portland. Just because a minority of people are loud, does not make them worth listening to. Please help the sick people to get off the streets/sidewalks/parks whether they like it or not, and help the rest of us live without checking constantly for the zombie-like babbling junkie mess.	No	06/06/23 5:14 PM
473 (451)	Jane L Fair	Support	I support 451 and the amendment 473, as our rules needs to be equal, if not stronger, than surrounding counties. The lawlessness and horrendous condition our city is in, is not livable As a taxpayer this is so unfair. I support drugs being made illegal and the resources used to supply needles, tents, etc. be used for rehabilitation centers and housing for mentally ill. I support the majority who want this passed, not the mentally ill and loud minority. I live in the Clinton triangle and we are bracing for 200 hundred mentally ill people to flood our neighborhood. How are our property values going to be protected?	No	06/06/23 5:30 PM
473 (451)	Centennial Community Association	Oppose	"At the June 2023 CCA meeting the board passed a resolution asking the City of Portland to focus on providing homeless services to our community and opposing the proposed change in city code that would further criminalize the homeless."  Sincerely, David Linn President - Centennial Community Association	No	06/06/23 5:38 PM
473 (451)	Matt Whitecotten	Support with changes	Please include Community Centers as protected spaces. They are a hub for small children, senior citizens and everyone in between. Mt. Scott CC also has a "safe space" for teens. There are extensive outdoor playgrounds, and to get to them along 72nd you must walk past a line of derelict cars, RVs, and people clearly out of their minds with piles of stuff on the sidewalk, including needles and trash, often blurting out insane babble. 10 to 20 years ago I walked my son to MSCC for indoor art and physical activities, made friends in the neighborhood, participated in classes and exercise myself, and assisted senior citizens as well. I walked my dog around the park last week, several mentally ill and/or addicted people had migrated INTO the park, wandering towards the small children playpark, forcing people to leave. MSCC and nearby Arleta School used to be Title One and subsidized, and the MSCC was an incredible blessing as a destination where my son and I could meet people, learn, and be safe. Please protect our Community Centers and Playparks as much as any preschool. Senior Citizens are legally vulnerable persons, use the CC greatly, and deserve our protection, as do the children and the rest of us. Combining City of Portland and Multnomah County "homeless/addicts" agenda, as Ted Wheeler has decided to continue, is a horrible mistake. Please look at the polls by People For Portland. Just because a minority of people are loud, does not make them worth listening to. Please help the sick people to get off the streets/sidewalks/parks whether they like it or not, and help the rest of us live without checking constantly for the zombie-like babbling junkie mess.	No	06/06/23 5:45 PM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>strongly support this and hope enforcement is immediate we cannot continue on the path we are on - it is not fair to the houseless or the rest of Portland's citizens</p> <p>our livability has seriously degraded as our taxes have increased</p> <p>the county has failed to produce any meaningful results our money is being wasted</p> <p>no more meetings, focus groups, studies</p> <p>we need ACTION now</p>	No	06/06/23 5:46 PM
473 (451)	Julia Katz	Support	<p>In order for the proposed "Time, Place and Manner" camping ban to be effective we must impose the same restrictions of the surrounding cities. That is why I support the amendment 473.</p> <p>I live very close to the Clinton Triangle's upcoming TASC site. Naturally, I am incredibly worried about the safety of our children, the community and our property values. 473 helps curbs some of those concerns by restricting camping near our schools, neighborhoods and the TASC site.</p> <p>Having almost 200 new incoming neighbors, many suffering w/addiction, mental illness and/or PTSD is incredibly distressing for my community, but we remain hopeful that these camps will help in their recovery and begin to restore our city, which is in absolute decay. However, the burden cannot only be on the (selected) neighborhoods hosting these sites. It is imperative that the city does its part by protecting the communities impacted the most. How well the city manages these first camp sites will determine the success of future sites, that is why it is so important for 473 to pass.</p> <p>Please stand with the majority and pass agenda 451 and foster its success by passing 473. We need to end the homeless crisis, not facilitate it as we have been, which has been to the detriment of the homeless and to the taxpayer's. These failures have brought national disgrace to our city's reputation, please take action.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Julia Katz S.E. Portland</p>	No	06/06/23 5:59 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	This camping ban is inhumane and illegal. We need to provide housing for all, not warnings, tickets and arrests all because someone doesn't have a place to live.	No	06/06/23 6:02 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I am writing to support the "Time, Place and Manner" camping restrictions and proposed amendments by Commissioner Gonzales. As a high earning, property tax paying homeowner, this vote will very likely determine if my wife and I decide to stay in Portland or to leave and take our tax dollars with us. We have been heartbroken to see our once beautiful city descend into the lawless chaos that it is today based on years of terrible policy decisions that have served only the activist class and non profit sector instead of the average Portland citizen who just wants to have a safe and livable city to call home. If this measure passes, there is hope for Portland. If it fails, Rose City will lose a lot more than the already departed 3% of its population, including us, in the very near future.	No	06/06/23 6:10 PM
473 (451)	Mike Rosa	Support with changes	<p>Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Gonzalez, Mapps, Rubio, and Ryan,</p> <p>This is the time to unify and support the "Time, Place and Manner" restrictions. Some of you on council have been directly responsible in large part in the uber/ultra tolerance of no norms, no boundaries, no enforcement and no personal responsibility that has brought down our city at the expense of all Portlanders. The experiment is over.</p> <p>I strongly support Comm Gonzalez's proposals to refine this to be firmer and as restrictive as surrounding communities. Establishing differing and weaker policies in Portland compared to other city/suburbs, simply divided by an imaginary line on a map, only invites a greater crisis in our city. Why hasn't Portland worked with other city/suburbs on this shared crisis?</p>	No	06/06/23 6:20 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	This proposal is not only unworkable for people living outside, it is downright depressing that it has even been put forward and is likely to pass. Years of policy failures and political indifference have led us here and this draconian measure will solve nothing in any sort of permanent way. It says one thing loud and clear: people without monetary power mean nothing to city government and may as well not be citizens. We will continue to support each other, check in on our neighbors, and provide the supplies and solidarity that people need to survive wherever they are living. When the rich follow through on their promises to leave Portland behind, we'll still be here supporting one another. The five of you can wipe your asses with this ordinance, that's all it will ever be good for.	No	06/06/23 7:06 PM



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473 (451)	Peter Blackston	Support with changes	I support the camping ban. However, I support adding Rene Gonzalez's recommendations. Thank you. The commissioner is proposing a 500-foot barrier to prevent camping around schools, as well as 1000 feet around county shelters. Gonzalez said that's the standard in places like Washington County. Link to article: <a href="https://katu.com/news/local/commissioner-rene-gonzalez-proposes-additional-camping-ban-restrictions">https://katu.com/news/local/commissioner-rene-gonzalez-proposes-additional-camping-ban-restrictions</a>	No	06/06/23 7:42 PM
473 (451)	Tracey Pickens	Support	Please make this happen. You can be compassionate yet require accountability. I have been assaulted, my disabled son gets verbally abused while walking to work, my dogs have been physically abused, I have been robbed. There is no recourse for the bad acts of the homeless population. My grandson can't play in our yard without being yelled at (he's 5). The fire department is here multiple times per week.  We can't keep throwing money at this issue without any rules.	No	06/06/23 8:43 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Get people off the street. It is disgusting that we let them live this way. Make the hard line decisions. Put them in jail and commit the ones that need it. Get them clean so they are open to change and keep them in custody until we have the balls to find them a path. Jail and a psychiatric hospital is better than rotting on the street like garbage. That I am even having to say that breaks my heart and enrages me. WTF!	No	06/06/23 8:48 PM
473 (451)	Deborah Burke, Portland State University	Oppose	Dear City Council Members,  I do not support banning camping in Portland (473 Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115). This does not address the systemic issues that have led to the severe crisis our city is in. You are placing people, who already in a dangerous and vulnerable situation (e.g., people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ youth, people with mental illness) in an even worse and destabilized position. Please direct all of the city's resources, attention, and energy toward mental health support, drug treatment and rehabilitation, housing, and employment. Listen to and learn from direct service providers and people who are houseless. They know more the conditions of their existence and can guide policy. Banning camp will only alleviate the cognitive dissonance houseless people feel when they witness the intense suffering (including the violence) that comes with a society that has so thoroughly thrown away human beings.  Respectfully, Dr. Deborah Burke	No	06/06/23 9:00 PM
473 (451)	Maureene Hay	Support	We support making street camping illegal in Portland. When our neighborhood has been impacted with street camping, crime increased (our home was robbed), sanitation is an issue and debris in the neighborhood is a problem. Ignoring this problem does not resolve it. Please vote in favor of this.	No	06/06/23 10:21 PM
473 (451)	Nick M.	Oppose	As usual, the City of Portland chooses a piecemeal, scattershot approach to addressing the issue of homelessness. This proposal, like others before it, treats our houseless neighbors as vermin, as pestilence, as something to be hidden from view, rather than as human beings worthy of dignity and love. Any proposal the city adopts must be part of a multifaceted, cohesive plan that delivers on the goal of providing housing to the houseless. Once again, this proposal falls well short. Our houseless neighbors deserve better. Much better.	No	06/06/23 10:22 PM
473 (451)	Colin Fisher	Oppose	I am a concerned citizen and am strongly opposed to the ridiculous proposed public camping ban as it further criminalizes the daily existence of houseless neighbors in our city and the necessary realities of their survival. Houselessness is a complex, systemic issue and blanket policies and laws such as police sweeps, forced encampments, and bans like this only serve to make the issues folks face and their lived experiences worse, while attempting to put a bandaid on it for the public.  While I support ADA friendly and accessible public spaces to all Portlanders, the real solution to this issue is and has always been providing housing to get folks off the streets in the first place. This can be a "both and" situation of creating accessible public spaces and housing our community, not an "either or" as this ban implies. I implore you to have empathy, understanding, and put yourself in the shoes of our houseless neighbors.  How would you feel if it was illegal for you to exist from 8 am to 8 pm?	No	06/06/23 11:06 PM



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473 (451)	Ruthie Benjamin - Community Advocate/Volunteer	Support	<p>As a person who advocates for both behavioral healthcare and our houseless citizens, this is an important move. I used to be one of the activists who would show at council, though I was a quiet one. I don't like the rudeness and the nonsense that has been spewed. For those of us who have advocated for some time, we know things are not like they used to be.</p> <p>We need our city back.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Dear Mayor Wheeler &amp; Council,</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to review Mayor Wheeler's proposal to amend city code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with HB3115 and vote yes on this item. My understanding, as is every other jurisdiction in the 9th Court of Appeals Martin v. Boise ruling, is that you have the authority to set reasonable time and place restrictions on camping while not making it outright illegal to camp while Multnomah County is still lacking in enough shelter beds to enforce Portland's normal street camping ordinances.</p> <p>It is long overdue that we enact and enforce these policies, and I applaud your effort to codify this into our city's code so that our various bureaus have full authority to humanely redirect individuals to sanctioned camping, parking, shelters, or other resources.</p> <p>I ask that you include in the list of prohibited at all times camping areas to include any private, faith-based, or county-run shelters, villages, or parking areas, and the city's homeless storage locker area downtown. People seeking recovery shouldn't be subjected to this near where they are trying to recover, and neighbors bearing the brunt of these sites shouldn't also have to deal with illegal camping on top of it.</p> <p>Thank you for moving this proposal forward and making this a permanent part of Portland's city code.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ruthie Benjamin</p>	No	06/07/23 1:06 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I support this resolution and hope there is actual enforcement. For too long the city has allowed less than 1% of the population do whatever they want. Time for rules and structure.	No	06/07/23 5:38 AM
473 (451)	Kai Neuenschwander	Oppose	I vehemently oppose the ban on camping during the day. This ban will force people who have no where else to go into even worse living conditions. It is inhumane and honestly absurd for the city to even consider meanwhile refusing to listen to what houseless people have been asking for years.	No	06/07/23 7:30 AM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>Mayor Wheeler and City Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the proposed camping ban in the city of Portland. As a long-time resident of this vibrant community, I have personally witnessed the numerous challenges and negative impacts associated with unregulated camping in our public spaces. I firmly believe that implementing a camping ban is a necessary step towards improving the overall well-being of our beloved city and its residents.</p> <p>I understand and empathize with the importance of addressing homelessness and providing support to those in need. However, allowing camping in public spaces has proven to be detrimental to both the unhoused population and our broader community. It saddens me to see the unsanitary and unsafe conditions that often result from unregulated camping, which only worsen public health concerns. It creates a vicious cycle of dependency and neglect, preventing us from finding lasting solutions for our fellow citizens experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>By implementing a camping ban, we can tackle these concerns head-on and ensure that our public spaces are safe, clean, and accessible for everyone. Our parks, sidewalks, and communal areas should be places where residents and visitors can enjoy the beauty of our city without worrying about the negative consequences of unregulated camping.</p> <p>Furthermore, a camping ban would allow us to redirect resources towards more effective and compassionate solutions for homelessness. Rather than perpetuating the current cycle, we can focus on providing adequate shelters, affordable housing, and comprehensive support services. This approach not only addresses the immediate needs of individuals experiencing homelessness but also empowers them to regain stability and rebuild their lives with dignity.</p> <p>I want to emphasize that a camping ban is not a means to ignore or neglect the struggles faced by those experiencing homelessness. On the contrary, it serves as a catalyst for change by encouraging a more coordinated and strategic approach to tackle the root causes of this complex issue. By adopting this ban, we can create an environment that fosters collaboration among government agencies, nonprofits, and community organizations, allowing us to work together towards long-term solutions.</p> <p>I implore you to consider the proposed camping ban as a crucial step towards enhancing the livability of our beloved city for all residents. Let us come together and strive for a Portland that prioritizes the well-being of both our unhoused population and the broader community. By implementing this ban, we take a significant step forward in our collective journey towards a compassionate and sustainable future.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Michael P.</p>	No	06/07/23 8:03 AM
473 (451)	Saskia Hostetler Lippy MD	Oppose	<p>A prayer for Portland Great Mother, Creator, Source, Divine Light- You are infinite in your wisdom Guide our city council to see the error of their ways Break open their hearts with revolutionary love Help them to see with your eyes With your spirit Guide our city in the path of compassion and right relationships Build bridges to the unbridgeable Protect us from hate and needless suffering You know truth You see injustice You are with us in our greatest sorrows Be our witness today. Hear our prayer.</p>	No	06/07/23 8:08 AM
473 (451)	Hank Stowers	Oppose	You can ban public camping when you've solved public housing. How is that even a consideration?	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Joshua Smith	Support	I am in support of the camping ban in public spaces.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Brian Corley	Support	<p>Love this measure as it allows for people to rest at night while discouraging the camps that have formed.</p> <p>I live close to the camp that keeps forming at 4511 SE Madison that has consistently brought violence to the neighborhood. From the guy that kept throwing rocks at moving cars to the woman who was brutally mauled by one of the camper's dogs. Both stories made the news. This measure would allow police a new tool to move campers along during the day, where right now their hands are tied if they don't actually witness a crime being committed (regardless of whether or not neighbors have).</p>	No	06/07/23 8:27 AM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	This action will harm the houseless community and perpetuate a cycle of incarceration that impedes housing access.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	We need to make Portland a less attractive place to just set up a squat in public. The behavior of some street campers is atrocious, uncivil, unsafe and often criminal. It is absolutely unfair to the rest of the community that a relative few impose this on the rest of us. I support these limitations on street camping.	No	06/07/23 8:28 AM
473 (451)	OHSU-PSU School of Public Health Student	Oppose	Good afternoon City of Portland, I vehemently oppose this new measure as the further criminalization of life on the street will have detrimental effects on the health, life, and wellbeing of my neighbors who live without houses. The city, county, etc, does not do enough to provide supportive shelters or housing so any measure criminalizing camping will just subject our unhoused community members to violence. -A concerned future public health worker	No	06/07/23 8:29 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	time to reign in the seemingly anything goes behavior we have tolerated from our "houseless neighbors" for far too long.  everyone in society has to abide by rules, regulations and laws, and this group is no exemption.  I am not sure when compassion became defined as "look the other way no matter what" but it is not sustainable.	No	06/07/23 8:31 AM
473 (451)	Taylor Zajonc	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I fully support Rene Gonzalez's changes to this, we need to align with surrounding communities and put an end to the madness.  Compassion does not equal letting a certain very small segment of our society to do whatever they want, whenever they want, wherever they want at the expense (quite literally) of the rest of us.  No more tents, tarps or harm reduction supplies. Money should go toward housing and support for the mentally ill, disabled and those who seek to get clean and better their lives.  Those who opt to keep using drugs in lieu of treatment and those who desire a "free lifestyle" on the streets who refuse help can fend for themselves and face the consequences of their actions if they do not follow the rules.	No	06/07/23 8:35 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	As someone who has worked in the city of Portland for years, it is time to clean up the city and make Portland a place you would want to visit or live.	No	06/07/23 8:40 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I am very thankful the council is FINALLY stepping up to take action toward restoring our city's livability.  common sense rules do not equal fascism, racism, white supremacy or any of the isms the small (but loud and rude) group of activists toss around.  perhaps this will motivate the county to actually do something with all of our money they are sitting on and build housing and treatment centers vs. continuing to fund ineffective non profits.	No	06/07/23 8:44 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Taylor Zajonc	Support	This is written from the perspective of a father of two small children who chooses to bicycle to school, daycare, and the incredible parks and watershed our city offers.  Uncontrolled camping has made these areas unsafe and unsanitary for myself and my young children. We must contend with garbage, sewage, entrenched encampments, and hostile individuals who have come to view public spaces as their exclusive territory.  At current, residents are not sharing public spaces with our houseless neighbors, we are sacrificing our access to these spaces. We are not helping these neighbors by handing over public spaces, and every day we wait for "housing for all" before dealing with the problem at hand makes our bike paths, parks, watersheds, and other public spaces more difficult to reclaim from ever-increasing sewage, garbage, fire hazards, and unsafe structures.	No	06/07/23 8:47 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support the city's proposed limit on daytime camping. The homeless crisis in Portland is a tragic human catastrophe that needs organized, well run centers to help individuals get off of drugs and move into homes by providing temporary shelter with comprehensive wrap around services. There needs to be more of these shelters. Allowing campers to set up in sanctioned shelter continuously on public ROW's and property takes away from the effectiveness of these shelters abilities to improve lives and leaves current health and safety issues around unsanctioned campsites in place for our cities most vulnerable individuals. Please vote yes on item 473 and bring an end to daytime public camping in Portland.	No	06/07/23 8:50 AM



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473 (451)	Shana Canote, Volunteer on the National Alliance on Mental Illness Helpline	Support with changes	Urgent. Please read before voting on 473 (451) .	Yes	06/07/23 8:50 AM
473 (451)	Angela Taylor	Support	I strongly support mayor Wheeler's proposed camping ban for the City of Portland. Daytime camping in and on our city streets and property needs to cease. The homeless population, while not all bad, have taken over too many of our city sidewalks, streets and other city property. I hope that the folks that want help, will get help. Help is available. The others need to leave. If they don't want help or take advantage of resources that are widely available to them then they need to move on. This ban will help make it more inconvenient for the homeless population to set up and stay on our public sidewalks and streets while collecting trash, emptying sewage and doing drugs. ODs on the side walk. Sewage and needles on safe walks to school. Harassment at intersections. Refusals to get out of the road in front of cars. Refusals to leave private property. Giving the loud minority the largest voice is not the answer. It has to end. Thank you.	No	06/07/23 8:51 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please approve and take back our city from people who don't want to be a contributing part of it. Respect the taxpayers and law abiding citizens of Portland who want clean, safe public places for all of us to enjoy.	No	06/07/23 8:51 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	As a medical first responder, I see firsthand the tragedies resulting in letting folks live on the streets in tent communities. Please push to end this.	No	06/07/23 8:54 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Martha Fitzsimon	Support	thank you for listening to the majority of Portland residents who want rules/laws/ordinances to be followed instead of allowing camps to fester and become unsafe for campers and everyone.	No	06/07/23 8:56 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Thomas	Support	I am a 30 year old portlander who just bought my first house. I am here to stay. The city needs to protect the people that are actually investing in the city and choosing to stay. Banning camping is finally a step towards showing me that you are picking the people dedicated to staying. I love this city but we are shrinking in population due to increasing crime and inaction on homelessness's. I love this city but watching people rot, shit, shoot up, liter, and die a block away from my house isn't cool. Please vote in favor of this bill and bring forth another bill that makes pan handling illegal.	No	06/07/23 8:57 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I have been a resident of Portland my entire life - 32 years. My parents taught me to serve those I can and have empathy as you never know what someone is going through. I am finding it harder and harder to maintain that empathy when I have to drive and walk pass piles of garbage, RVs that are fire hazards, and people who have permanently set up camp on the sidewalks and street, restricting access for everyone else. This city is allowing itself to be held hostage by the people that trash it, steal from businesses and citizens, and harass and assault others. I can't deal with this anymore and fully support a camping ban, provided that funds actually go towards helping people who want to be helped and not thrown away on admin fees and planning committees.	No	06/07/23 8:57 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I fully support any and all "camping" bans. This shouldn't even be a question. The people of Portland want an immediate end to the scourge of homeless people and the crime and dysfunction that accompanies them. Please pass the camping ban.	No	06/07/23 9:00 AM
473 (451)	Lents Resident	Support	As a resident of the Lents neighborhood I fully support any action that can be taken to clear the sidewalks and public areas of public camping. This has been a big issue in Lents. Often with the camps generating excessive garbage in the streets and open air drug use. RVs and junked cars on city streets is also a big issue that I hope gets addressed	No	06/07/23 9:04 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Pass the camping ban. Start curbing some of the madness on our streets. The city is shedding high value citizens. We're trading tax payers and tax paying businesses for the worst society has to offer. Turn off the welcome sign.	No	06/07/23 9:05 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	The time for change has finally arrived. The current policy has led to a continued degradation of the quality of life of our citizens not least those that are on the street. The increase in overdoses is more than enough to recognize that these people are not being provided the resources that are needed. That being said, allowing this cycle to continue will only make their situation worse as it perpetuates the the mindset that they are forgotten. If jail time is warranted perhaps it will allow for a couple days to sober up (if this is the issue) and have a clearer mind in evaluating the resources that the city has to start that process of providing stability in these individuals lives.	No	06/07/23 9:07 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	We need to also ban camping along I84 and other state highways and along train tracks. The camps along I84 dug into the side of the hill is causing damage and loss of trees and significant erosion. These camps also are excavating under highway support and bridge supports putting the public at risk.	No	06/07/23 9:08 AM



To: Portland City Council Members  
6/7/2023

Please, I beg you to delay today's vote on the new City Codes on the time, place, and manner of the public presence and public camping restrictions.

I agree with some parts of the new City Codes regarding public camping restrictions. No one wants people living on our sidewalks. No one wants the public nuisances of blocked throughways, scattered garbage, defecation and urination in our parks, or children feeling uncomfortable or in danger in our schools, but we can fix this in better ways.

It's a very complicated, urgent situation. I understand that. But I beg you to please take more time to consult the experts and the Portland community. It seems there is a rush to solve some of Portland's most distressing problems. Please slow down and consult with NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Spend time on [NAMI.org](https://www.nami.org) to gain insight. Hear more from those who are in the trenches helping the homeless, hungry, and mentally ill in day programs, other local organizations, Oregon Food Bank, Free Hot Soup, and other cities leaders. Contact CAHOOTS in Eugene, Oregon, the organization that helps those who are desperately in need in their city. Please consult members of the Portland Street Response Team. Get more ideas and input.

By the way, please save and expand Portland's mobile crisis unit, Portland Street Response. It is one of the most effective, proven, best ways to help the mentally ill, the impoverished, the hungry and homeless people who are suffering.

Please, I beg you to delay this vote. There are people who can help.

The most vulnerable people getting arrested on the streets, parks, downtown, etc. would be awful mistreatment of people and will not solve the problem. 30 days in jail is extremely traumatic, and anyone could be reduced to insanity in our jails. Jails are dangerous. Giving fines that poor people cannot pay will also not solve the problem. People come and testify with missing teeth because there is not enough care, services, incredible suffering is happening in Portland and many other cities in the U.S. Commissioner Gonzales, not distributing and outlawing tents during freezing weather in Portland is unbelievably cruel and is not the answer.

What do we tell our children about the people who are suffering and living on our streets, sidewalks, parks, on the sides of dangerous roads and freeways? What will we tell our children to explain what we are doing to help those who are suffering on our streets and are getting arrested?

It may sound naive, but remember that help not handcuffs is needed in Portland. Please help enable and support the efforts already taking place by many Portlanders. 2 of my friends fed more than 3,300 meals in a one year commitment, out in the heat and freezing cold, to hungry and homeless Portlanders. Free Hot Soup members have made and serve food to others in parks and on the edges of plazas including Pioneer Square, Mobile Free Hot Soup delivers food and drinks and supplies. Many Portlanders are at their best doing what they can help others in need. People have food pantries in their front yards. Support the best in Portlanders, support their



efforts to help. This is what a city needs to do. To improve the lives of all Portlanders we need to provide services and resources and assistance to those in need.

Each houseless, impoverished, mentally ill person laying across sidewalks is an extremely urgent reminder that we as a city and country are failing. Portland and this country can do better.

Please use the following links to learn even more about how to help this situation in Portland. I will send some studies, articles, webinars, and passages mainly from NAMI's website to all of you in a separate letter. Some of the most helpful information for our country comes from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Contact their leadership for help.

Yes, I agree that you, Portland's City Council, are in a very tough, layered,

and complicated situation. It's a nearly impossible situation because this country has failed to provide for the needs of the poor, addicted, and mentally ill, but please do better. We can all do better. Some parts of these new City Codes on public camping restrictions will make Portland a worse city, a notoriously cruel city.

Once again, please delay this vote.

Respectfully,

Shana Canote



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>I strongly support and encourage council members to support this motion, and not succumb to the voices of a loud minority. While we can acknowledge the complex circumstances faced by individuals experiencing homelessness, but we must also recognize the compelling reasons to enforce such restrictions.</p> <p>First and foremost, it is important to note that sidewalks serve as vital thoroughfares for pedestrian traffic, allowing safe passage for all members of the community. Allowing homeless individuals to camp on sidewalks obstructs this fundamental purpose, impeding the movement of pedestrians, especially those with disabilities or mobility challenges. By banning sidewalk camping, we can ensure the unobstructed use of sidewalks, promoting public safety and accessibility for everyone.</p> <p>Furthermore, the sanitation concerns associated with sidewalk camping cannot be ignored. The accumulation of waste, garbage, and potentially hazardous materials such as discarded needles poses significant health risks, not only to the homeless population but to the broader community as well. By prohibiting camping on sidewalks, we can address these unsanitary conditions, mitigating the spread of diseases and safeguarding the well-being of all individuals, including those experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>While empathy and compassion are essential in addressing homelessness, it is equally vital to maintain the integrity and functionality of public spaces. The ban on sidewalk camping should not be perceived as a solution in itself but rather as a step towards finding comprehensive and humane alternatives. By implementing this ban, we compel the County to focus on developing more robust support systems, affordable housing initiatives, and social services to address the root causes of homelessness.</p> <p>The ban on homeless individuals camping on sidewalks is a reasonable and necessary measure to protect public safety, ensure the accessibility of sidewalks, and address the sanitation concerns that arise from such encampments. It is an opportunity for Portland to redirect its efforts towards long-term solutions for homelessness while preserving the rights and well-being of the broader community. The implementation of this ban is a just and practical course of action that aligns with our civic responsibilities and the interests of the public at large.</p>	No	06/07/23 9:10 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>Hello Portland City Council -</p> <p>My family full supports item 473 to strengthen Portland's guidelines on unsanctioned camping. The permissive environment Portland has allowed must end! Cities across the US mistake Portland's compassion as a dumping ground for the mentally ill, drug addicted and criminals. Portland's reputation of compassion should still be a guiding light but not act as a welcome mat for members with zero intention in contribution to the community or society.</p> <p>We must restore public safety and the reinforce the social contract so Portland, its residents and the business community can thrive again.</p>	No	06/07/23 9:10 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>I fully support this camping ban and hope it will be enforced.</p> <p>those who want help should receive it. the mentally ill who are unable to help themselves should be in a facility.</p> <p>those who turn down help must not be further enabled to pursue their destructive lifestyle of choice.</p> <p>choices have consequences and it time for those who opt out of the rules of society to face them.</p>	No	06/07/23 9:10 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Dan Nafziger	Support	As a home owner, tax payer, and father, the rampant crime, waste, and danger has become untenable. I live in SE Portland and have had many unsafe encounters when trying to walk past camps- whether having to step into the street to get past a tent and trash while holding my child, or directly being accosted. I will not support any council member or city official who opposes the camping ban going forward and my socially liberal circle all agree- we are tired and this city needs to prioritize the safety and quality of life of the greater community or we need to vote with our feet.	No	06/07/23 9:11 AM
473 (451)	Dasel	Oppose	<p>The outdoor campers affected in this agenda item are our neighbors and fellow citizens as well. Without having the proper infrastructure to give our neighbors an alternative place to stay, this agenda item truly is just a punishment for being poor and houseless.</p> <p>Please do not pass any such items until a proper housing and lifestyle infrastructure is in place to help our fellow Portlanders who need it the most.</p>	No	06/07/23 9:12 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I think this is a step in the right direction, status quo is unsafe and doesn't benefit anybody.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Mike Farrell	Oppose	This camping ban does not solve any houseless problems. It serves only to penalize people and make it harder for them to get out of being houseless. It makes it easier to arrest and punish people for being houseless. It also pushes the support more onto the backs of aid agencies. The city has many more resources to help houseless people, it is choosing not to use them. With this bill the city is choosing to punish people for the simple fact of being houseless and poor.	No	06/07/23 9:16 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support 8am-8pm camping ban.	No	06/07/23



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please pass this. Our public spaces should remain available to all, and by allowing people to colonize those spaces we take those resources from the public.  This was seen plainly in the ADA lawsuit currently headed toward a settlement, but it extends far beyond those groups and the impacts are widely and acutely felt.	No	06/07/23 9:18 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I bike to work at OHSU from SE, and the camps that pop up along my route have made it very scary and dangerous, especially as a woman. I've been chased and threatened twice and now carry mace on my bike. As an LA transplant I've always appreciated how bike-friendly PDX is, but in the 10 years I've been here it's getting worse and worse. Soon it will be untenable. People who don't feel safe walking, biking or riding Trimet will have to drive- and that heaps a lot of other stressors onto our infrastructure.	No	06/07/23 9:20 AM
473 (451)	Darryl Fowler	Support	Dear Council - forgive me if I already sent this, but I wanted to whole heartedly support Comm. Gonzalez' proposed changes to the "TIME PLACE & MANNER" camping restrictions. We have to hold firm and bolster the regulations or we have no hope of reclaiming our public spaces for the greater good of the public. Our city cannot survive the trampling, trashing and general disregard that public camping brings. Please be brave, stand up and act now. We are counting on you.	No	06/07/23 9:22 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	it is hard to believe it has taken this long for the city council to step up and take action in addressing what Portland has become.  I had hoped you would also continue to be tough on the county/JOHS (which has been nothing but a money pit that has produced zero meaningful results). please keep up the pressure on them to do their job and provide housing and real support (treatment, mental health facilities, detox, job placement assistance) beyond handing out an endless supply of tents, tarps and drug paraphernalia.  please re-vamp or eliminate Portland Street Response - every time I have seen them around town they do not even get out of their van and certainly do little to mitigate situations where a clearly mentally unstable and potentially dangerous individual is acting out (this was supposed to replace police??? huge failure)  I am all for compassion but this is certainly not it.	No	06/07/23 9:22 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I fully support this measure to ban daytime camping. Our current laissez faire system is not working for anyone.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anthony Edwards	Oppose		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please support this camping ban. The city of Portland needs to fix its problems and allowing the streets and sidewalks and public areas to be crowded with homeless campers who don't want to seek help is NOT the solution.	No	06/07/23 9:27 AM
473 (451)	Mark Janes		This action to end public camping is on the agenda because everyone on the council knows nothing else matters to voters for the foreseeable future. Oregon 110 welcomed a wave of drug addicts from across the country, and Portland government's inaction to their arrival has destroyed our city. Rene would not be elected in this town, but he is the only one talking sense about this crisis.  All of you will be voted out unless immediate change is made to confront the constant crime, harassment, and public intoxication that drives law-abiding residents and business away.  There should be unanimous support for this measure and the subsequent actions that will be required to clean up our streets.	No	06/07/23 9:28 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	witnessing what Portland has become over the past few years has, sadly, caused my empathy and tolerance for our "houseless neighbors" dwindle down to almost nothing.  it is time to put an end to allowing two parallel societies (one with rules, one seemingly without) to exist.  I believe rules and structure will help us to better identify those that truly want/need help, and to weed out bad actors that have taken advantage of Portland's lax policies and enabling support/supplies.	No	06/07/23 9:30 AM
473 (451)	antifa	Oppose	Where do you expect them to go? I'll be sure to personally bus any i see being "swept" to your yards if this passes. You don't want a shanty town here in portland, but refuse to do anything but punish the less fortunate, so i'll be sure they are helped right onto your private property starting at 2929 SE Crystal Springs BLVD. Build a place for them or be continue to be inadequately prepared for the consequences of your actions.  From your neighbor in corbett/lair hill.	No	06/07/23 9:33 AM
473 (451)	n/a	Support	Please enact the camping ban, for the sake of the city that we love and for all the citizens who live here.	No	06/07/23



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473 (451)	Daniel Webb	Support	This legislation is important for bringing Portland in line with other cities and limiting the appeal of houseless immigration to the city. The 2022 point in time count showed that 80% of our homeless population were not born in Multnomah county. We want to help people in distress, but homelessness is a national issue, and Portland will buckle under it's weight if it attracts an outsized population that exceeds the local resources to address it. I believe we are dangerously close already and that legislation is badly needed.	No	06/07/23 9:41 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	The city has long chosen to sacrifice the good for the perfect. Is a daytime camping ban a solution to homelessness? Of course not. However, it is a good solution when it comes to keeping our streets a little bit safer, cleaner, and more welcoming. My children have had to abandon their walk to school and come back home because they've seen a man wielding a machete in front of his tent. My young teen daughter has seen countless grown male penises just standing around in the open in the midst of a group of tents. My children have had to walk around obvious drug use with the accompanying open needles on the sidewalk while out with the friends or going to school. The residents of Portland want better for the homeless, evidenced by our frequent approval to pay higher taxes in an already highly taxed area, we also want streets that are clean and safe for the rest of us. The daytime camping ban is the opportunity to bring a bit more balance to the situation on our streets.	No	06/07/23 9:43 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I think it is time for a daytime camping ban. The intention of allowing tents in public space is to allow an unhoused person to sleep in shelter when they have no other option. It is not to turn public spaces into free permanent dwellings. The current situation in Portland is an existential threat to the vitality and success of this city and our tolerance of lawlessness and destructive behavior is an insult to the hardworking people of Oregon. I support the daytime camping ban and hope to see it passed as a first step towards a better future for all residents of Portland, housed and unhoused.	No	06/07/23 9:44 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I support and urge council members to support Comm. Gonzalez' proposed changes to bolster the "Time Place and Manner" camping restrictions. We can't let other counties and areas have stricter restrictions as it will drive people here. We have to be a united front to make any difference.	No	06/07/23 9:48 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	As a lifelong Portlander living within the urban core I see firsthand how unmitigated camping is degrading my community. The environmental impact alone let alone the impact to livability, public safety, and the limited capacity for the community to safely use shared spaces is enough to justify taking action. I am in full support of this ordinance. Please listen to those of us who have a vested interest in Portland's success and vitality rather than being bullied into inaction by a radical minority that shouts us down in an effort to appear as though they hold the consensus. They do not represent my own view nor do they represent the vast majority of your constituents.	No	06/07/23 9:49 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support this measure. Let's get Portland back on track.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Heather Hindes	Oppose	With the extreme lack of affordable SAFE housing in Portland (it is even a challenge finding somewhere to live for myself as someone who makes under \$30,000 annually) and inflation post Covid, WHY would you make it illegal to camp when that is the ONLY choice you are giving these people? I fear that if I miss work due to sickness or if I were to be injured I would not have the support to keep paying for my housing. I see that my city and the people in charge do not support its people and would rather discard or make the hill a mountain for someone to be able to climb out of financial and psychological abuse to the other side of the American dream. This is not a step towards ending houslessness, but a step towards eradicating people when they are most in need. Create more affordable housing, psychological resources, and accessible food sources, before creating laws around something some people can't avoid. You are all so privileged to have a home to go to at night, don't forget those who still need a place to sleep and rest to fight another day.	No	06/07/23 9:52 AM
473 (451)	Jennifer Fowler	Support	Please record my strong support for Comm. Gonzalez' proposed changes to toughen the "Time, Place and Manner" restrictions for public camping in Portland. We absolutely need to be in line with the surrounding counties and suburbs when it comes to restrictions. Otherwise, we become the de-facto destination for those who want to duck regulations and live without rules. We cannot afford to fall any further than we have. Please, stop the madness and support these changes. Thank you!	No	06/07/23 9:53 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Sam Hawkins	Oppose	As a disabled Portland resident, the proposed amendment that "No person shall: 1. Climb, scale, walk, stand, swing, or sit upon any monument, fountain, railing, fence, tabletop, pole or any other feature or amenity that is not designed for such purposes" as written would interfere with my ability to walk places or really just exist in public in our city. My disability, as well as those of many other housed and unhoused Portland residents, prevents me from being able to stand for long periods of time, and there are simply not enough fixtures "designed for such purposes" to allow people to rest while walking between places or waiting for public transportation. Criminalizing the act of sitting infringes on the rights of disabled people to access public space.	No	06/07/23 9:59 AM
473 (451)	United States	Support	I support the ordinance changes regarding tent camping. Portland needs to be a city that welcomes all folks, is clean, and secure. This is a city for everyone. Turning our entire downtown/city over to a very small minority is shameful.	No	06/07/23 10:01 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I support a ban on camping. Allowing people to die on our streets is not compassionate.	No	06/07/23



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473 (451)	Jenny V.	Support with changes	In addition day to daytime ban, it is important to also ban nighttime camping. It is common for illegal activities to occur in the nighttime when visibility and witnesses are reduced, and does not solve for safety to pedestrians or the neighborhood itself. As an owner of a condo unit close to both day time and nighttime camping, it is harmful to my children who are too scared to live in downtown and will need to attend high school elsewhere, instead of Lincoln High School. Please make downtown Portland a safe place for everyone, to encourage a tax paying population to dwell, frequent businesses and establish top rated schools.	No	06/07/23 10:05 AM
473 (451)	DB - North Portland	Support	Writing in support of 473. Portland can no longer wait around for the homeless advocacy groups and tax payer funded programs & projects to "ramp up." The camping ban is a bandaid to a traumatic wound on the city, but it is a start. Portland must do its part to push the homeless communities, and those at risk of becoming homeless towards the services that are available. Taxpayer dollars should be used better the city and not acquiesce to the smaller homeless population who seems to be running the show. Implement the camping ban and continue to expand services and locations for safe housing. Also, move fast and cut the red tape.	No	06/07/23 10:05 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Portland businesses are leaving Portland for Vancouver, Beaverton, LO, to avoid the endless issues with the encampments. As a downtown resident, I do not feel safe to walk around. The current situation is unlivable. I fully support the current proposal. Thank you for trying to bring the old Portland back.	No	06/07/23 10:05 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please save our city.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Too little, too late!  I'm already in the process of leaving Portland because of the livability and crime issues caused by the entrenched camps and chop shops. I'm leaving because 3 tents have burned down on my block in the past 6 months, my catalytic converter got stolen the week after I bought a car, I've had to chase off a guy breaking into my shed, chase down an addict stealing packages from my neighbors porch, step around piles of needles and feces in the street and sidewalk while walking with my 4 year old kid. And the shootings.  I've already bought a house outside of Portland and Multnomah county and am in the final stages of taking my tax payments somewhere that cares. Portland and Multnomah county do nothing but enable the scum of the earth to come here and do drugs and prey upon hard-working citizens.	No	06/07/23 10:09 AM
473 (451)	Martina Thornhill	Oppose	It's inhumane to apply a camping ban when there is no shelter or housing assistance available. All this does is exacerbate the conditions unhoused people are suffering under.	No	06/07/23 10:12 AM
473 (451)	Izayah Jeffrey	Support with changes	Our LGBTQ family FULLY SUPPORTS BAN 100%  PLEASE DOUBLE FEET REQUIRED AROUND SCHOOLS AND NEIGHBORHOODS	No	06/07/23 10:13 AM
473 (451)	Rebecca Todd	Support	I've lived at 1221 SW 10th Ave since 2011, in the middle of Downtown PDX. I beg you to approve these changes to bring Portland in line with the rest of Oregon. For the sake of the homeless drug addicts, this will curb the dealers' ability to use them for their own profit and destroy their lives. The unlicensed camping, etc. have made our sidewalks and streets public health risks. My life was threatened several times in front of my building. We know being homeless is not illegal and understand this. However, if people choose to be homeless and want to live on the streets and refuse going to a shelter for help and services, we has taxpayers have the RIGHT to say, ok, it's your choice to be homeless, but you will be homeless in a certain area. Shitting, literally, on everyone else, is not an option.	No	06/07/23 10:13 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I support the ban on public camping. The unhoused population in Portland is less than 1% but create a disproportionate detriment to the livability of this city for the remaining 99%. Allowing public camping is not a compassionate solution for the unhoused, and has a significant negative impact on the quality of life for the vast majority of our residents, especially small businesses. Ban public camping now and enforce the ban while continuing to work on longer term, compassionate solutions.	No	06/07/23 10:13 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	The city is being wrecked by the current policies, and a change is necessary. It is dishonest or insane to say that the camping ban is "too harsh" on the homeless, because facilitating someone dying of an overdose is the real harm being done to the homeless.	No	06/07/23 10:13 AM
473 (451)	Nolan Nez	Support	It the responsibility of the City of Portland and its Bureaus to provide a safe environment for its citizens and residents. We pay taxes, we pay your salaries. We pay the salaries of the Portland Police Bureau. We, the citizens, are the source of your paychecks. Do your duty to your oaths, to the citizens you serve, and start enforcing our laws and cleaning up our streets. I am so tired of watching people in desperate need of medical attention living in squalor and endangering themselves and others because misguided fools think 'housing first' or 'housing only' is the only option. People are dying. Get them off of the streets, NOW. Ban camping, NOW. Take action and stop listening to the loud voices of the few that would continue to let our city descend into anarchy over misguided notions of empathy.	No	06/07/23 10:15 AM
473 (451)	Lars Estrellas	Oppose		No	06/07/23



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Portlanders have had to sacrifice feeling safe in some many areas that were once the very best of Portland. The entirety of I-205 recreational path is unsafe, large sections of West-East Springwater Corridor are unsafe. We've adjusted to only using the North-South Springwater and at times, even that feels unsafe while your run, walk, ride through a cloud of burning "stuff". Allowing people to camp in the same spot for weeks at a time, all day and night, does nothing but ruin property, shutter businesses, and harm the overall future outlook of the city. These people need actual shelter, enabling semi permanent camping helps no one. Please end this.	No	06/07/23 10:16 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	My child saw two people carrying a lifeless body out of a tent on his way to school. We cannot keep allowing massive tent communities to keep forming. In support of banning daytime camping.	No	06/07/23 10:16 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	It is imperative that the ban on daytime camping passes.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	I support the camping ban. The random lawlessness and threats to public safety that have been allowed to proliferate the past several years are unacceptable and not compassionate to the campers. Public safety first!! This city will continue to circle the drain until common sense at the government level has been restored. Say no to public camping.	No	06/07/23 10:20 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	senior downtown resident	Support	I wasn't able to find the exact text of this agenda item, but in general I support a daytime camping ban - especially downtown. We live in the middle of downtown, are seniors, and have a hard time navigating around the campers. Especially those that leave their belongings (and garbage) all over the sidewalk. They certainly deserve somewhere they can camp where there are sanitary facilities available (and GARBAGE disposal bins). But downtown is not that place. Obviously we need more facilities, but the city should be able to find some temporary place for these folks. It will only be worse when cold weather arrives - luckily there is some time before that happens.	No	06/07/23 10:21 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please make Portland safe again.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	REID ZIELINSKI	Support	This updated ordinance is LONG overdue. Make it happen and point out the hypocrisy of those against it. Enabling and allowing people to live in squalor is NOT compassionate. Open sanctioned camping sites that connect people to resources. BAN unsanctioned homeless camping.  Furthermore, the "lady" that threatened all of the city councilors, the mayor and the city better be facing some serious repercussions. In a civilized society you don't get away with that BS.	No	06/07/23 10:25 AM
473 (451)	Shana Canote	Support with changes	Second written testimony from Shana Canote. Here are the Resources to add to my earlier submission of testimony, or give to City Council separately please.	Yes	06/07/23 10:26 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23



6/7/2023

To: Portland City Council

Links/attachment, to articles, studies, webinars, etc. to accompany Shana Canote's Written Testimony Regarding 473 (451)

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## Divert to What?

### Community Services That Enhance Diversion

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473 (451)	Teri Anderson	Oppose	<p>As the mother, and advocate, of Joshua Worley, lost to the policies of Portland, I strongly oppose this agenda item. Portland forced my son, not only to die a cruel and inhumane death, but also to live a cruel and inhumane life. I rode through Portland several days ago and was enraged by what I saw. There are new art pieces, the RC Residences, and more. Where is the funding for the severely mentally ill? Funding that would have saved my son's life? You refused to allow me to care for him and you sentenced him to death. Why was his life less important than the lives of your children, your parents? Because you saw him as a drug addict and not a person struggling with severe mental illnesses. You dehumanized him and instead of allowing him the help he qualified for, you forced his death. I was told no one wanted to take away his rights time and time again. Yet, you took his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, his rights to healthcare, his rights to have a productive future and you took my right to watch my son prosper and live an obtainable, except for in Portland, life with his incredible gifts. Joshua was bullied his entire life due to his mental challenges that grew worse with age. Then the City that refused to allow me to care for my son was the biggest bully he faced. The bully that ultimately led to his death.</p> <p>Now Portland, unwilling to care for the mentally ill, the abused, the sex trafficked, wants to dehumanize them even more by denying them the basic human need to sleep? This is outrageous and a stain on the City of Portland that once prided itself on compassion.</p> <p>That compassion appears to have turned to greed and unwillingness to meet people where they are, allow them to get the help they need. I look back into history and realize how appalled Dr. James Hawthorne that started the Hawthorne Asylum, would be as to how the mentally ill are being treated in 2023. I'm also willing to bet not one of you has any idea of Dr. Hawthorne's philosophy, his compassion, and his dedication to treating people with dignity.</p> <p>Portland wants to ban camping? Ok, then take any vacant building you have, there are many form which to choose, and allow these people that desperately need help, that you refuse to allow parents to give, and give them a starting point, a safe place to a better life. As of now there are numerous VOLUNTEERS doing your job in trying to help the most vulnerable of our society. You allow grifting non profits to profit from the dehumanization you have allowed to evolve. Yet you want to pour money into art projects and 10 million dollar residences in trying to make Portland presentable to the outside world. Why not start with the the root of the problem? Why not humanize those you have allowed to become zombies. Give them a chance to get their illnesses, and the addiction that comes with that, under control so they can be contributing members of society?</p> <p>Portland is LAST on the list of the way the homeless are cared for. Why not taking that as a challenge to be at the top of the list and an inspiration to other cities struggling with this crisis? A real shining star, and a city showing a real solution to others, and a guiding light in the way the mentally ill, the addicted, the homeless are cared for and humanized? Why not be compassionate and be known as a city that fought the crisis with humanity and won?</p>	Yes	06/07/23 10:33 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>the loud minority that has seemingly dominated city council decisions these past few years does not speak for the rest of us.</p> <p>the current state of our city has opened our eyes and we are now watching what you do very closely.</p> <p>I trust you will pass the camping ban as a 1st step toward making our city livable for everyone.</p>	No	06/07/23 10:34 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I support the camping ban. We need the city back healthy again and not some lawless outpost of a liberal Mecca	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	<p>Where are people supposed to live? They don't just magically disappear when the sun comes up. The reality is that our homeless shelters are not working, because if they were, we wouldn't be having a literal crisis right now. Ted Wheeler, if you were an effective mayor, we wouldn't be where we are today. But you're not. And here we are. Step down.</p> <p>And are who are you fucking kidding BANNING TREE CLIMBING?? Portland's City Council is an embarrassment. Shame on all of your for making us into the fucking laughing stock that we are. Someone could have stood up to Teddy, but you didn't, and now the city would like you all to leave. Thanks. I would rather have Jimmy on the corner who is in the middle of a psychotic break to run Portland.</p>	No	06/07/23 10:37 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>yes, enacting these rules and regulations will not end homelessness.</p> <p>can we please focus on what it WILL do, we need to take 1st steps to reach the end goal.</p> <p>no more waiting around for action.</p>	No	06/07/23 10:38 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please pass this measure, for the good of Portland and the vast majority of citizens who want this to be a better city.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23







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BIRTHDATE JUNE 19, 1993

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red, heart shaped birthmark on nape of neck

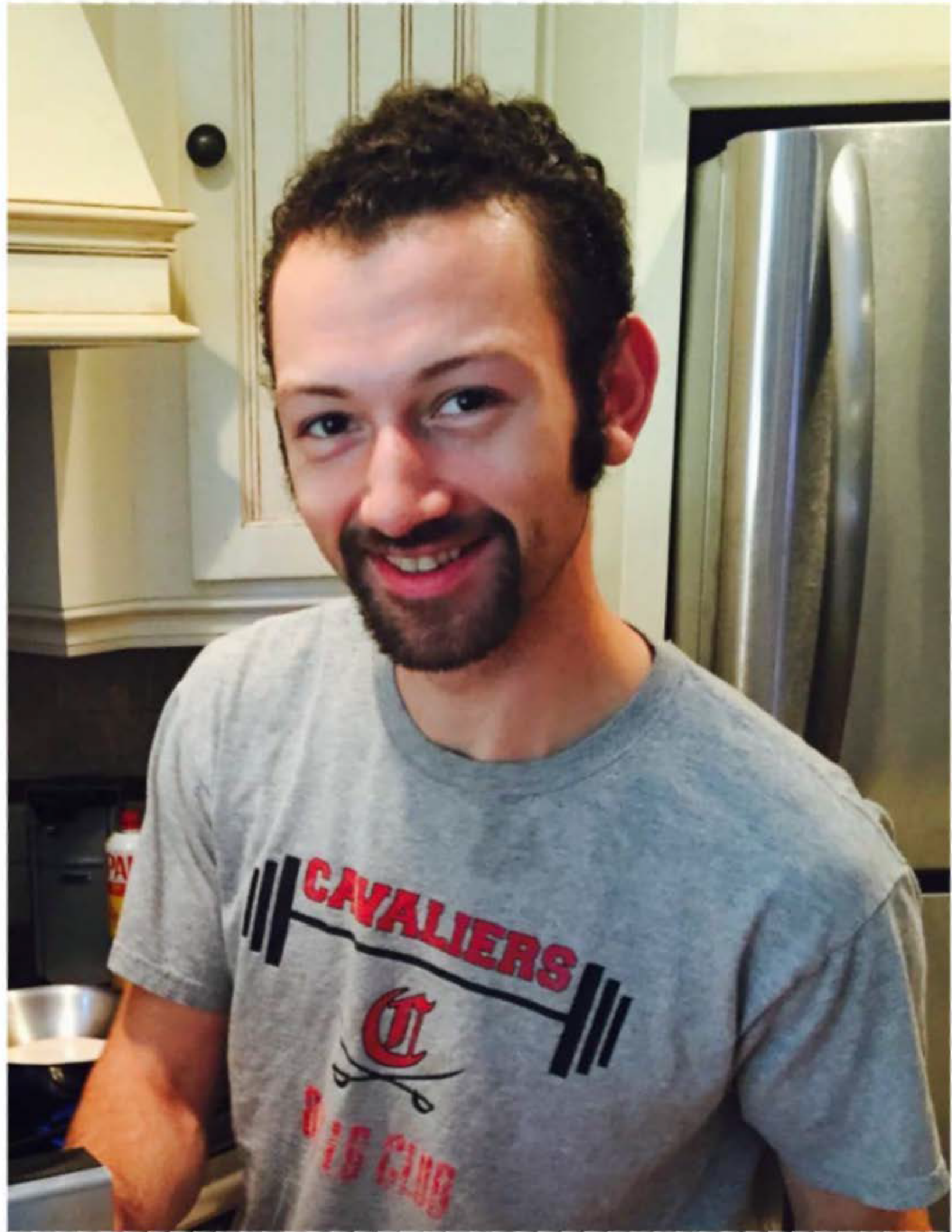
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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>the time has come to end the lax policies that have seriously degraded the quality of life for all Portlanders, both housed and unhoused.</p> <p>measure 110 is an abject failure that has compounded the issue.</p> <p>enabling drug use, addiction and living in squalor is anything but compassion. individuals who refuse help must be compelled.</p>	No	06/07/23 10:50 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Geoffrey Wren	Support	<p>I urge Council to adopt Mayor Wheeler's considered and serious plan to address homeless camping in Portland. The current situation is not sustainable. It is driving away businesses, visitors, and, it seems, residents. This has the pernicious effect of depressing the tax base which, in turn, undermines City efforts to create housing solutions. I would submit, moreover, that failing to take effective action against camping will push much of the electorate to the right. This ultimately could lead to a political regime disinclined to help the homeless, perhaps even contemptuous of them.</p> <p>I am submitting written testimony as I am unable to attend the meeting due to my work schedule.</p>	No	06/07/23 10:53 AM
473 (451)	Richard Lowensohn MD	Oppose	When not one of the alternate camp sites has been opened yet, where are all of these people supposed to go? You're simply criminalizing an activity without providing an alternative. This is an unreasonable demand when dealing with a country-wide problem.	No	06/07/23 10:53 AM
473 (451)	Greg Sutliff	Oppose	<p>You know that you're doing a bad thing here, Ted.</p> <p>You clearly know that this ordinance will only cause further harm to the houseless but you're pushing it forward anyways so that the more privileged residents and non-residents of Portland will not have the displeasure of needing to see or interact with humans who they consider to be untouchables, and so that better-off property owners will not suffer the injustice of having their property values increase at a less rapid rate than they would most desire.</p> <p>People will die as a result of this. Houseless individuals with serious medical and other needs will be pushed away from the places where they will be able to access essential care. And you know this, but you're willing to have people pay that price because you think that there are things that take precedence over treating people with dignity and respect.</p> <p>When you're alone at night, please take a moment to just think through all of this and be honest with yourself—ask yourself why you're willing to make this sort of trade off. Does it square with your conception of what is good and valuable in life? Do you really think that you're gaining anything from making this kind of trade off?</p>	No	06/07/23 10:53 AM
473 (451)	Mary Ann Pastene	Support	Yes. Yes. Absolutely, yes!	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Evan Rege	Support	<p>I'm hoping this proposal to limit daytime camping and to dismantle camp sites in violation passes the city council.</p> <p>I'm sure you've heard countless stories of uncomfortable and dangerous situations around persistent homeless camps in neighborhoods and rights of way. I'll add to those by sharing that there are several camps in north Portland on major streets leading to our kids' school. We've had so many depressing and even dangerous situations involving people permanently camping on these streets that my kids no longer like to ride their bikes to their school. The same goes for downtown. After seeing a nearly completely naked man try to attack an older couple with a rock, my kids now refuse to go to Saturday market. These are just a couple examples from my personal experience that show how the quality of life through the city has declined drastically since large, unsanctioned, semi-permanent camps have sprung up all through the city.</p> <p>I hope that by formally banning these camps, coupled with persistent enforcement of the new rules, will help to limit the negative affects of the current homeless crises on the vast majority of residents and visitors to our city.</p> <p>Contrary to what much of the testimony you've heard so far has said, I also believe that real enforcement of a daytime camping ban will actually benefit homeless people too. By making their current living habits impossible, hopefully many will move into sanctioned camps that will be safer, cleaner, and more connected to services aimed at ending their homelessness. Over time this ban will hopefully be a necessary first step for many to re-enter productive society.</p>	No	06/07/23 11:00 AM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	Criminalization has never been the answer. GIVE US FOOD, SHELTER, and Clothing!! Capitalism is the root of this problem not humans who are trying to survive.	No	06/07/23 11:10 AM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>I strongly support of agenda 451, a proposed ban on daytime camping on public areas within the city of Portland.</p> <p>Long term homeless camps often cause accumulation of trash and other bio hazards; environmental degradation; blockages of essential sidewalks or public spaces for those with disabilities; increased risk of fire; public open-air drug markets; illicit chop shops of stolen bikes/cars; and strains our currently limited city resources and infrastructure.</p> <p>Having lived adjacent to multiple large camps over the past few years, I have determined that allowing such camps is not compassion, it is neglectful.</p> <p>I encourage the fair enforcement of the laws pertaining to all citizens, both housed and unhoused. It is time for a change.</p>	No	06/07/23 11:10 AM
473 (451)	Portland Resident	Support	We must clear our parks and public spaces of illegal campers during the day.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>It's time to ban unsanctioned camping. It isn't the answer for unhoused people or for the rest of the community. So many of us out there are barely keeping our heads above water, living paycheck to paycheck, and the last thing we deserve is to get home to an unsanctioned camp full of drug use and crime on our doorstep.</p> <p>Also, the more that you make an unhoused lifestyle easy and painless, the less likely it is that people will try to change their lives and get sober.</p>	No	06/07/23 11:13 AM
473 (451)	Kate Dickson	Support		Yes	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	This is desperately needed for our city to have any sort of a future in which we may live in safety and harmony	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	My family and I are in support of passing item 473 to ban daytime camping.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Eric S	Oppose	This ban is dehumanizing and completely inconsiderate of the actual lived experience of so many of our community members.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I love our city, and I don't like the aspect that we are becoming the homeless center of the country.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	please save the city	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Chris Clark	Support	I am in full support of this measure and feel it is a step in the right direction of restoring Portland to the city we all know and love.	No	06/07/23 11:53 AM
473 (451)	Kerry	Support	I STRONGLY support this measure. My only critique is making sure it's enforced and there are actual repercussions for individuals who violate the ordinance. Also HIRE MORE PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND GUARDIANS so that the many people who lack capacity to make their medical decisions and lack competency to stand trial can be managed appropriately	No	06/07/23 11:54 AM
473 (451)	Disability Rights Oregon	Oppose		Yes	06/07/23
473 (451)	Scott Evensen	Support		No	06/07/23



Dear City Commissioners,

Now is the time to support our unhoused/homeless Portland citizens with humanitarian solutions for housing and health care. I am sorry to hear the homeless/houseless advocates seem to care more about ideology than finding short term humanitarian options for homeless/houseless people on Portland streets. The current plan is not perfect...but it is a start that commits the city and county leaders to finding more humane solutions for homeless/houseless citizens. I encourage the City Councilors and county commissioners to build on the infrastructure and act with urgency....stop the bureaucratic finger pointing and take action in support of humanitarian solutions to helping our homeless/houseless population.





TO: Portland City Council  
FROM: Disability Rights Oregon  
DATE: June 7, 2023  
RE: Item 473–Amendments to Camping Ordinance

Mayor Wheeler and members of the City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the City Council on the rights of people with disabilities who are homeless. At Disability Rights Oregon, we have worked for decades to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities. DRO opposes Agenda Item 473, the proposed amendments to the city camping ordinance.

The proposed ordinance would amend the current camping ordinance. Much of its significant amendments are oriented around a newly created term: people who are “involuntarily homeless.” A person deemed “involuntarily homeless” means someone “having no means to acquire one’s own shelter and not otherwise having access to shelter or other alternative options for housing.” Camping in most places would be prohibited for all except those deemed “involuntarily homeless.” Those deemed “involuntarily homeless” would be allowed to camp in some places, but they must “dismantle their campsite” by 8 a.m. every day and remove all personal property from the campsite, as well as abide by numerous complex place and manner restrictions.

#### **A. Lack of Reasonable Accommodation in “Involuntarily Homeless” Definition**

First, the definition of “involuntarily homeless” contains no explicit consideration of a person’s disability and the specific availability of housing to that person. Most shelters in Portland are not fully accessible.<sup>1</sup> Some have physical barriers at their entries, like stairs or other obstacles. Others may permit the entry of wheelchairs but may have only low cots or floor mattresses that people using wheelchairs may be unable to shift themselves to. Still other people with disabilities find that shelters will not accept their service animals, provide necessary supports, or otherwise make accommodations necessary for them to live in those shelters. In the absence of full accessibility for shelters, the city may be able to identify some shelter beds that are available, even if inaccessible to many people in homelessness. In *Johnson v. City of Grants Pass*, the inaccessibility of a local shelter to people with certain disabilities was part of the

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Abe Asher, *Unhoused and Unaided*, May 10, 2023, PORTLAND MERCURY (documenting extensive inaccessibility of homeless shelters in Portland area).

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rationale for finding the city's practices unconstitutional. The test of constitutionality of enforcement articulated in *City of Boise* is whether sleeping space is "practically available," not theoretically available. The proposed definition of "involuntarily homeless" in the ordinance contains no clear signal that the unavailability of suitable housing for that person, in light of any disability, should be a factor in that determination.

## **B. Due Process and ADA Concerns Regarding Procedure**

Second, the ordinance does not provide any way to determine in advance whether one is or is not "involuntarily homeless." The only way to test that question would be to expose oneself to multiple warnings, be cited or arrested, and then go to trial on the citation. The ordinance is not in fact clear on how or even if, a citation under the ordinance would be adjudicated, but DRO will assume for the purpose of this testimony that a hearing would be held prior to imposition of the fines or 30-day incarceration sentence.

A person who believes that, by reason of their disability or by reason of the lack of shelter beds, that they have no means to secure shelter for themselves may attempt to comply with the ordinance by camping overnight. If a city employee or agent nevertheless issues two warnings to them for camping overnight, the person will have no avenue to challenge the warnings or to make the case to the city that they are in fact "involuntarily homeless." The only way to discover whether a camper acting in good faith is involuntarily homeless would be to camp overnight a third time, expose oneself to the prospect of confinement, and hope for the best at a hearing. A person guessing wrong about what level of difficulty they must experience in finding shelter to qualify for an involuntarily homeless exception would be thrown in jail. As a general matter, a person seeking an accommodation must be able to discover whether they will be afforded such accommodation, without the immediate consequence of fines or jail where the accommodation is denied.

## **C. Time, Place, and Manner Conditions Are Unreasonable for People with Disabilities**

The provisions of the proposed ordinance require involuntarily homeless people to both tear down their camps every day by 8am and to store their belongings some unstated other place. In the absence of safe, secure places to store one's belongings, that condition may be unreasonable as applied to virtually every homeless person. The Ninth Circuit in *Johnson* stated that Grants Pass's ordinance could not be saved by the possibility that a person could sleep in a park "without the items necessary to facilitate sleeping outdoors." For those "who have no access to private spaces, these acts can only be done in public," as the Ninth Circuit in *Jones* stated. Homeless people with no access to storage in private spaces must presumably rely on public ones for storage as well. The proposed condition of breaking down one's camp every day is particularly unreasonable as applied to people who have disabilities who are homeless. The

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physical effort and challenge of setting up and breaking down a tent every day is much different for a person who uses a wheelchair or who has other mobility challenges.

People with a variety of disabilities may find it difficult or impossible to tear down their campsite by 8 a.m. every day. They may likewise be physically unable to carry their belongings away from the campsite and hold their belongings throughout the day. A person who desires to take the “most rudimentary precautions” against the weather by having a tent or bedding merely pursues a “life-saving imperative,” as described by the Ninth Circuit in *Johnson*. Those materials, if left behind in any manner that facially violates a city ordinance, may be “removed or cleaned up by the City or its designated contractors” under the proposed ordinance. How should a person with disabilities who is unable to remove their belongings and break down their camp every single day indicate to the City that they seek a reasonable accommodation to keep their belongings on public land during the day? In the absence of some defined accommodation process, it seems likely that many people with disabilities will discover their belongings were thrown away before they could request an accommodation.

Other restrictions on where people can camp are likewise unreasonable as applied to people with disabilities. A blind person who is homeless may set up a camp in a place posted no trespassing, too close to a school, or too close to a construction site described in the ordinance, but that person may be totally unaware of whether their site is in a prohibited zone. As long as the city provides only visual signals of those prohibited sites, the city cannot enforce those prohibitions against people with disabilities.

In short, the many time, place, and manner conditions imposed by the proposed ordinance do nothing to consider the unique needs of people with disabilities. The proposed methods of enforcement will give people with disabilities little or no opportunity to request accommodation before their camps and belongings are removed.



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473 (451)	Michelle Stevenson	Oppose	<p>I am a 39 year old woman who owns a little condo in the Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhood. I am a seventh generation Portlander. I oppose this item because it criminalizes being poor and houseless.</p> <p>I understand, albeit with personal conflicting emotions based on personal experience, that there needs to be serious action against violence, theft, property crime, open drug use and drug use in general.</p> <p>I agree that at some point some folks need to be forcibly institutionalized for mental health reasons. I don't know where that line is, I'm not very knowledgeable on the matter and don't want peoples' civil rights trodden on.</p> <p>Criminalizing existence is not something I agree with. Criminalize firebombing (this happened 5 times on Clinton and 136th with no police response), criminalize attacking a small child with a knife (this happened, it took 12 hours for the police to respond), criminalize my old landlord flooding my house making me homeless with my 3 year old child after I paid ahead of time and the workers for my old apartment pooping in my bath, leaving me to clean it up and the workers throwing away my mail (I called the police, they said there was nothing they could do, that it was a civil matter), criminalize my next door neighbor yelling monkey face at my son and my son's father who are Hispanic (I was told by police this was not a crime), criminalize my next door neighbor's romantic partner coming to my door and telling us that he's going to kill my whole family baby first because he didn't like Hispanics (I called the police about this one, but they didn't do anything about it, it's illegal but there is no enforcement).</p> <p>The city needs to enforce basic law like don't steal cars, don't assault people, etc. The city is jumping from enforcing NOTHING to enforcing stuff like sitting down and existing. This law is a blunt instrument, and blunt instruments are famed for causing collateral damages to the vulnerable innocents among us.</p> <p>I am SO upset with my community for being unable to differentiate actual crimes from just existing/ okay you don't like how that RV looks. Where else do the houseless go? They're people! They're actual people who deserve love and care and are sacred.</p> <p>I know from lived experience that this will affect women/LGBTQ+ folks the most. When I was homeless I would sometimes walk all night. I would sleep on park benches during the day. Only sometimes would I find a place I felt safe enough to sleep during the night. I was only homeless for a very, very short period of time long ago, my heart aches for the young folks and women out there now. I want them helped. I'm willing to sacrifice significantly to get them help. I've voted yes to every single thing that could possibly get them help, but I haven't seen any changes. It is so very upsetting. This item makes me want to hurl, it is so dehumanizing and will cause trauma to those hurting and already traumatized.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing me. Michelle Stevenson</p>	No	06/07/23 11:57 AM
473 (451)	Sebastian	Oppose	Criminalizing homelessness further hurts and harms our community. Be for the people!	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Margaret I. Johnson	Support	As a downtown resident I support the proposed ordinance changes regarding camping in public places etc. While the City does need to provide places/resources for the homeless, allowing camping anywhere on public property has resulted in Downtown being a disgraceful place and has been a major factor in ruining the downtown economy. HOWEVER, as a retired city bureaucrat it appears there are conflicting provisions in the changes - has an attorney not reviewed them? I also believe that the provisions of the changes, particularly "voluntary" vs. "involuntary" homelessness, will make enforcement more of a nightmare than it is currently. Enforcement is one of our biggest problems.	No	06/07/23 12:04 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please pass the camping ban. As a Southeast Portland resident of nearly 20 years, I have seen firsthand how destructive the current camping situation is to the safety and peace of our neighborhoods, schools, and homes. We have been yelled at and threatened by campers, plagued by rats from out of control camps, had sidewalks blocked by trash and debris, and we worry constantly about the safety of ourselves and our neighborhood. Allowing these camps is not compassionate, it's enabling. It's a health and safety debacle for everyone involved. And data has shown that most of the camp residents are not local; we should not be a magnet for the country's homeless population because of lax and lenient policy. Portlanders are for the most part kind and good-intentioned people. But as it stands, our current camping situation is untenable. It's ruining our beautiful city and ultimately, it's not benefiting anyone involved. Pass the camping ban!!	No	06/07/23 12:07 PM



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473 (451)	Rhea Hannon, Sisters of the Road	Oppose	<p>Dear Portland City Councillors,</p> <p>Juan Chavez, director of the Civil Rights Project, says it best : "We're going to be in this endless cycle of increasing criminal penalties on houselessness without ever addressing the underlying causes, the underlying issues, and, frankly, the solutions to this." After hearing from so many people with lived experience, community advocates and leaders, neighbors, and lawyers, your lack of empathy and logic is astounding.</p> <p>Reading through the written testimonies in support of the ban, several key themes emerged. I'll address two of them. First, a suggestion that " the people on the street need help- either with employment and housing, or dealing with addiction and serious mental health issues, and enabling them is not the solution." Next, a suggestion that "Doing nothing is not kind."</p> <p>I agree with the first anonymous suggestion that unhoused people need access to employment, housing, and mental health and addiction resources. In fact, most of the people speaking out against the daytime camping ban would agree. When Sisters of the Road advocates for housing first measures, we do so because we know that access to housing enables access to employment and recovery. We are supportive of wraparound services, but understand that the stability of long-term housing promotes the long-term success of these services. In advocating against the camping ban, we are not "enabling [unhoused people]," as suggested, we are simply advocating for more sustainable, ethical, systemic solutions. How can people access the services they need if they lack stability, community, or safety?</p> <p>Next, the assumption that opposers want to "do nothing" could not be further from the truth. We have shown up demanding action time and time again, but we will not stand for actions that cause harm to our communities. We agree that we need leadership, action, accountability, and change. We agree that the current state of Portland is unacceptable. We agree that we need an increase in services. However, we reject the notion that any action is forward motion. The proposed camping ban is a large step backwards that we cannot afford to take.</p> <p>Mayor Wheeler's proposed camping ban is both unethical and ineffective. Commissioner Gonzales' amendments will further complicate the understanding of this ordinance and increase harm. Sisters of the Road was founded on the tenants of anti-oppression, systemic change, and gentle personalism, and we will always advocate for just, empathetic, and humane treatment of all Portlanders. We know you plan to pass this ordinance, regardless of our efforts to speak out against it, but we will not let you do so silently.</p> <p>Sincerely, Rhea Hannon Sisters of the Road</p>	Yes	06/07/23 12:09 PM
473 (451)	Reese Mange	Support	<p>I strongly support increased camping restrictions. Portland has become a magnet for houseless people from across the nation because the city is lawless. There are seemingly no repercussions for lawbreakers.</p> <p>I also support outreach and assistance programs for the unhoused, but my tolerance for addicts, dangerous mentally ill people, and criminals occupying our city is at an all time low. In fact my partner and I are moving out of Portland next month due to the ongoing safety concerns. Moving here was a mistake and we are letting everyone we know exactly what it's like living in this city. It's embarrassing.</p> <p>Something must be done to stop this downward spiral or Portland will lose all of its contributing members of society.</p>	No	06/07/23 12:09 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please pass this! Signed, a local business owner	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	A ban has to be instated, if the city keeps just accepting this situation, soon everyone who contributes in the form of taxes to support any initiative will soon be gone. We are tired of the safety issues, if not being able to walk freely, yet still taxes keep going up.	No	06/07/23 12:21 PM
473 (451)	Kristle Delihanty, PDX Saints Love	Oppose	Please read attached letter. Please reconsider this ban while we work on systemic failings in our city.	Yes	06/07/23 12:22 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	I oppose Wheeler's ban. how is this a humane response to the Governor's order to address the housing crisis?	No	06/07/23 12:22 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	<p>Unregulated camping is running lives for housed and unhoused people alike. The local environment is being despoiled with sewage being dumped into our local water and public urination and defecation being normalized by unsanctioned settlements. Allowing this encampments just causes further trauma when they are inevitably swept and also allows us to kick the can down the road by not forcing individuals and the city to look for more permanent solutions.</p> <p>I support finding housing and offering support. I do not support ongoing unmanaged encampments or day camping in areas that are dangerous to both homeless and housed people.</p>	No	06/07/23 12:26 PM



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Portland City Council

1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 130, Portland, OR 97204

Re: Amend City Code to update existing public camping restriction policies to comply with House Bill 3115

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Sisters of the Road



My name is Kristle Delihanty. I am a Community Health Worker in East Portland. I also founded an organization that works with unhoused populations 5 days a week, in the same area.

On Monday June 05<sup>th</sup>, we were having a Community Wellness Fair in the parking lot of a church in the Lents District. This wellness fair offers showers, haircuts, clothing, a hot meal, detox referrals, ID replacement vouchers, assistance applying for either Multnomah County Coordinated Housing Entry, or Clackamas County Coordinated Housing Access. We also partner with many other organizations in the community to bring vital resources to no barrier open air fairs, in order to reach individuals and families who might not otherwise have capacity to seek services.

This Monday, we had a couple of very important things happening –

Our Community Health Workers were aiding, individuals without internet access, in the opportunity to sit down with us to apply for Home Forward's Housing Choice Voucher List. We also had CODA on site with us to begin talking to clients about the use of a new MAT program using Sublocade (a once monthly injectable shot) in the recovery of both Methamphetamines and/or Opiate addiction.

Mid-day, it was getting warm, and we had a younger gentleman walk up. He was sweating and I noticed that he had so much stuff. Upon closer inspection, I realized he was carrying a tent, a rolled up sleeping bag, a huge duffle bag that was overfilled, a smaller backpack, and a cooler. I noticed the weight of the belongings on his back was pushing the back of his pants down and he kept trying to pull them back up. I could see him look around to see if anyone noticed.

I walked over to explain what we were doing today and to get his name on the shower list. He said he was referred there for the opportunity to get housing.

We got his name on the shower list and created a safe place to sit his stuff down, letting him know we'd keep watch over it. The first thing he zeroed in on was the conversation around a new MAT program and how that could help with his substance use disorder.

I had to use the rest room and when I came back out, he had already signed up for MAT and was working with one of our CHW's on the Home Forward application. He was visibly exhausted. Suddenly, I heard from across the lot "I can't do this right now, I'm sorry."

He got up and walked towards all his belongings, he started packing each piece on his back again, and things kept dropping or sliding down. He would go to pick it back up and something else would fall. By this time, other participants are staring at him, and I can see him get embarrassed. He then dropped his phone and he just started crying and threw his tent down and yelled "Fuck!"

He was exhausted, mentally and emotionally. He couldn't get through the process of vital resources and that likely felt very defeating for him. I wondered if that exhaustion was caused



by the act of carrying that much stuff on his back to reach us, especially in the high sun of the day.

Upon inquiry, he couldn't remember an email address that he would need for the application process and felt overwhelmed trying to find that out.

He likely, already has a sense of "other" in him based on policies that continue to separate us by "us" vs "them" and "poor" vs "prosperous" – policies that decide where I am to belong in my oppression vs where they "get to" belong in their privilege.

All eyes on him. I am sure he feels daily the "all eyes on him," in all of this otherness...

I have partnered with Portland in the recent heat emergencies of the last few years, two years ago struggling through some 115-degree days in our neighborhood of East Portland. We many multiple heat strokes that required medical attention, not to mention the vast instances of mental health crisis that is happening in these heat domes, along with climate change.

If we move forward with this camping ban at this current time in Portland, we are going to exacerbate the already crumbling mental health crisis we are experiencing. We will likely see people die to heat exhaustion, or in the winter, lose limbs to frost bite or die to hypothermia.

I would encourage that we reconsider this proposal while we roll out more programs for housing, while we work with the funding from Measure 110 for some amazing treatment services coming down the pipeline, and while Oregon finds a way to create better access to mental health care, especially for our youth.

If we do this now, there will be an even larger crisis on our hands. There might even be the blood of people's sons and daughters, sisters and brothers on our hands.

Can we stop making policies that segregate poor people, in order to make those with more privilege comfortable not having to think about or even see the complexities of homelessness.

Let's work hard together for all of the people. ALL of them.



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
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473 (451)	Evelyn Lowry	Support with changes	No person shall sleep on play equipment in public parks	No	06/07/23 12:32 PM
473 (451)	Brainard Swett	Support with changes	As a central city resident conditions have reached a crisis of public health and commercial impacts. As a change, in addition to Schools, I would include public Parks as a sensitive location needing added protection in their proximity, camping there is now negatively impacting residents and visitor's safety and sanitation alike.	No	06/07/23 12:32 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support with changes	Changes as proposed by Commissioner Gonzales. Resident of Downtown PDX wondering where these people will go during the day. Please fund the police so they can enforce the law.	No	06/07/23 12:35 PM
473 (451)	Sermin Yesilada	Oppose	<p>Dear Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Rubio, Ryan, Gonzales, and Mapps,</p> <p>I wrote last week as well to voice my opposition to Agenda item 473, camping restrictions. I strongly urge this proposal be rewritten and resubmitted for consideration because as currently written, it violates the intent of House Bill 3115/ORS 195.530 and the 2018 Martin v. Boise case.</p> <p>We do not yet have the shelter capacity to offer our houseless neighbors. Even when all Safe Rest Villages and Temporary Alternative Shelter sites are operable, we are short the capacity needed. It will take more time for the County's shelter efforts, community driven micro village shelter efforts, and development of permanently supportive affordable housing to meet the demands so that people who live on the street have an alternative to the street. We also are short capacity on day centers, detoxification centers, and rehab clinics. Plenty of people want to get off the street and into treatment but there is not enough room.</p> <p>I support Commissioner Rubio's amendment to delay implementation until we have the shelter capacity. I would also support a camping ban that can be enforced in the meantime that would include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Buffers around schools, temporary alternative shelter sites, safe rest villages, and waterways.</li> <li>2. Bans on camping in high crash corridors, environmentally sensitive areas, and other hazardous areas.</li> <li>3. Pedestrian R.O.W. encroachment is not allowed.</li> <li>4. Limits on trash and object accumulation in camping areas - but less restrictive than currently written. People band together for protection and to share resources. The current proposal penalizes this survival strategy. Trash service should be provided as a service in coordination with existing nonprofits that provide trash service.</li> <li>5. Existing micro villages that have been allowed to exist are exempted such as Dignity Village, Hazelnut Grove, R2D2, and the like. These self-supported and self-regulated villages should not be penalized or destroyed. They function as affordable housing. Their ongoing registration and supervision by the Fire Marshal's office should be maintained.</li> <li>6. Restrictions on toileting and shower needs should be addressed with portable toilet access and mobile shower access.</li> </ol> <p>There are existing nonprofits that can provide this service but need funding to increase capacity.</p> <p>I do not support criminal penalties because this makes it harder for people to get jobs and housing. I do not support daytime bans because many people, especially women, sleep during the day and are awake at night for safety reasons. Many houseless Portlanders also work night shifts. I do not support the requirement to take down the camp every day. This is unreasonable for able people. We have many disabled houseless Portlanders who cannot physically comply. I also do not support the ban on vehicles or RVs for camping. A vehicle or RV is better shelter than a tent. Many families live in vehicles and RVs.</p> <p>Thank you for your leadership on establishing the Safe Rest Villages and Temporary Alternative Shelter sites. Thank you for your leadership in zoning reforms for the Shelter to Housing Continuum and investment in developing affordable housing. I am honored to be working with the City in these efforts.</p> <p>Please either approve Commissioner Rubio's amendment or rewrite the proposal to better take into account the issues raised by advocates who work with the houseless.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sermin Yesilada</p> <p>resident, Portland Oregon founder, Sosyal Architecture and Community Development, LLC</p>	No	06/07/23 12:37 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose		No	06/07/23



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	The homelessness crisis has had me and my family including our 7 year old son feeling very unsafe as we frequently hear arguments, yelling and even saw a gunshot fired along our street passing in front of our house not too long ago. Our son was riding his bike on the sidewalk the moment that gunshot was fired. We would love to feel safer to spend time outside in our neighborhood.	No	06/07/23 12:39 PM
473 (451)	Shannon Williams	Oppose	I oppose this ban because it infringes on the freedoms of Portlanders (residents and visitors alike) by eliminating the opportunity for individuals and families to seek the basic human right of shelter.	No	06/07/23 12:40 PM
473 (451)	Susan Aromaa	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Longtime Downtown Resident/Owner	Support	As a 40+ year resident owner downtown Portland, I beg you to support the proposed camping ban. It is a step in the right direction in starting to clean up the mess Portland has become. The rampant camping has fostered the decline of Portland's quality of life and sustainability, tourism, etc. Along with the crime that follows, it has driven thriving businesses elsewhere and downtown Portland is a shell of its former self. It feels unsafe in downtown Portland due to the rampant camping and the erratic, threatening and often illegal behavior of those who occupy the campsites. It has caused significant decreases in property value and occupancy, both residential and commercial. This negatively affects the tax base for Portland, including programs that help the homeless. In effect, it's a vicious cycle in this aspect and many others. The first step to breaking the cycle is supporting the ban on camping. I urge you to support the ban on camping being proposed.	No	06/07/23 12:47 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	A ban cannot be instituted without adequate shelter space. Consider using eminent domain on empty commercial properties, like the north Walmart.	No	06/07/23 12:51 PM
473 (451)	Matthew Bryant	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Robert C Liebman	Oppose	Banning homeless camping from 8 to 8 when there is a lack of shelter space robs the unhoused of dignity and adds to the disequilibrium they must handle everyday The focus should be on adding shelter spaces and support workers, preventing evictions, and increasing affordable housing for all Portland residents.	No	06/07/23 12:52 PM
473 (451)	Multiple community members	Oppose	A few examples (excerpts) from 5 hours of citizen and NGO testimonies -- a majority OPPOSE City's proposed 8a -8p Camp ban for unhoused for the following reasons, attached.	Yes	06/07/23 12:53 PM



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"Can you name 1 mass encampment that was NOT a human rights violation  
!?" - Je Amaechi



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**Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking Water**

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"We respond to every catastrophe" -Scott Kerman, Blanchet House

"We're at a breaking point" -Katie O'brien, Rose Haven day shelter

"I'm not going to be able to persuade you to do the right thing" - Ed  
Johnson, Dir of Litigation OR Law Center

"We wish you would listen to us" - S.

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"This ban suggests that unhoused citizens...have less of a stake in the common life of the city than those who want them to disappear" - Sara Fisher, Episcopal priest

On [#portland](#) OR City commissioners proposal for an 8am-8pm camping ban. [#homelessness](#)

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"[#HouseKeysNotHandcuffs](#)" - Rhea Hannon, [@sisterspdx](#)

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**Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking ...** @ThePpls... · May 31 ...

"You're breaking our collective civic heart" - [@mkaiasand](#), Executive Director of Street Roots

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**Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking ...** @ThePpls... · May 31 ...

"We are not homeless because we gave up on work...but because we were driven out" - George McCarthy, houseless citizen

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"When you criminalize ppl for sleeping...who you criminalize becomes arbitrary" - Peter Salzmann

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**Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking ...** @ThePpls... · May 31 ...

"To ask[women and children] to go to sleep at night...we don't sleep at night...is unrealistic" - Michelle Hornbeck, Welcome Home Coalition

on the 8am - 8pm camping ban



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**Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking ...** @ThePpls... · May 31 ...

This is "an impractical kneejerk response for being unhoused" - Joanne Rees, Making Lunch a Home for All Our Neighbors

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**Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking ...** @ThePpls... · May 31 ...

"Let's learn from Austin's [Texas] experience...[after camping bans were enacted] shows there's actually been an increase in homelessness!" - Molly Hogan

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"I was unhoused for much of my adolescence...this [8am to 8pm camping ban] shows how cold-hearted y'all truly are." - Avery Temple

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"We don't believe our words are going to have any affect on your vote... [but] we believe firmly in compassion" - Edie T, student

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"This law is cruel...I see hunger, no water, no food, no heat, no way to get out of the cold...afraid to sleep during the nighttime so they sleep in the day" - Kim Dody, ICU nurse

[#WouldTurnJailsIntoShelters](#)

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"This is a massive inequity disguised as a pragmatic plan...I'm not buying it...you will not end homelessness...you'll make it so much worse"

- Annie DeMotta, social worker for 10 years working with unhoused ppl

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"Any proposal to ban camping without first providing housing, and mental health services, only seeks to whitewash the writing that's already on the wall"

- Daniela del Mar, educator and artist (who came armed with data and research!)

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"I ask you to reconsider...on why and how we got here in the first place" - Kristle Delihanty

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**Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking ...** @ThePpls... · May 31 · ...

"The simple solution is housing...not criminalizing unhoused" - M. G., 17 yrs old, downtown resident (also came with data!)

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"These proposed changes will put ppl into the criminal system" - Marina Haven, educator

"You can't make ppl disappear...calling this 'compassionate' is a lie" - Emily Haven, married to Marina

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"I urge you to make eye contact with the ppl in this room...a lot are going to street in fear tonight...how are they supposed to find solace [if you criminalize camping]" - Jason Bolt, business owner

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**Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking ...** @ThePpls... · May 31 · ...

"You will be driving them to large compounds....Did you research Urban Alchemy - who are being sued for their treatment of staff and clients - before you hired them?!"

- Margaret Zebroski, board member of Hazelnut Grove

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"This camping ban is incredibly unrealistic, asking ppl to pack up their belongings every day...This council continues to show us exactly who you are"- Monica Cory

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473 (451)	Darius Mani Yaw	Oppose	<p>We need to identify our goals and community in order to achieve ending houselessness and food insecurity. We then have to analyze what has worked and has not worked in the past as well as currently. We know that "Sweeps" do not work whatsoever, but yet our city government continues to "sweep" regardless of the lack of positive results, and the gained trauma on these people. We also have to have the houseless community represented in these conversations, and plans for their future. We must not identify houselessness as the overall problem as many currently do. We must look at why these people are houseless? And start working backwards from there instead of just concentrating on methods that do not work, nor continue to marginalize and stereotype these people. We need to look at what services are actually available? Rehab, housing, social workers, temporary housing options, but also look at the entire scope to truly understand to see how we move forward together.</p> <p>RENTS are extremely high. Lack of affordable housing, city council that seeks approval of rich development companies, rich taxpayers such as in Laurelhurst Park instead of looking at the city as a whole. Addiction with no end in sight, or lack of services to that is supportive of addiction rehab. Systemic racism and discrimination practices. Lack of cost of living jobs. Many people cannot afford to stay in their housing because of rent increases, and lack of better protections for renters. The cost of living in Portland is way too high whether you rent or own a house, or the lack of equity in even being able to afford to buy a house.</p> <p>Our society, our city, does not try to prevent or end houselessness, our leaders continue to move the identifying problem from neighborhood to neighborhood, and force people out without solutions.</p> <p>Our system suffers from many systemic issues and continues to criminalize many of these issues as well as pass judgment onto those who are in need the most. Our city criminalizes homelessness, our mayor speaks of concentration camps for the houseless if they "Do not comply" . We need to be addressing the relentless increase of cost of living in our community and without cause which also pushed many people out onto the streets. We don't evaluate enough why people are houseless, why did they leave their job, why were they evicted? why are they addicted? Why do we allow long time Portland institutions such as St. Francis Dining Hall to be closed permanently by the church, and forced by the city in many covert ways. We do not have accountability with any consequences that will force many to make better decisions, to uphold laws that are in place. We only look or pass judgment at a symptom of what is happening around us, instead of the much larger picture that unfolds in front of our eyes.</p> <p>I do believe that everyone who is working towards ending houselessness needs to be qualified one way or the other. Consistent follow-up and accountability is absolutely needed on all levels. For example, the Rapid Response Team, in my experience and knowledge of meeting many who work for this company, these sweepers are not emphatic, nor qualified, many lack experience, and there is no accountability for their actions. If they are going to be contracted through the City of Portland, then they need to be 100% accountable to the citizens of Portland and to law enforcement. I would also say the same thing about NWE's / CEIC. There is no proper training for their street response, many lack training and qualifications as well as the resources. CEIC should not just be on the streets passing out cigarettes, handing out Street Roots booklets and calling it a day. I am speaking on professional experience of working, trying to work with these organizations in the past.</p>	No	06/07/23 12:58 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	Please lead with empathy! NO to this ban, NO to dehumanization, NO to more people imprisoned and forced into sanctioned camps. We are all so much closer to being without housing that we are to being billionaires.	No	06/07/23 1:01 PM
473 (451)	Dale Smith	Support	I urge all commissioners to vote to ban daytime street camping. The chaos in our neighborhoods has gone too far and must be stopped. This city is not and was never meant to be a lawless campground. I have supported and continue to support shelter options, mental health, job search, addiction treatment, and similar services directed to the people most in need in our community, and it is clear that allowing them to inhabit sidewalks, parks, and other public spaces is NOT helping them, is NOT humane, is NOT good for local businesses, is NOT good for our natural areas, and is NOT consistent with our highest civic values.	No	06/07/23 1:07 PM
473 (451)	Lisa Ferrari-Harwood, True Life Fellowship Church	Oppose	Where do these people "disappear" to every day for 12 hours? Does making them move every day solve the root causes of homelessness? Is the city prepared to deal with a massive uprising from businesses and homeowners when crime and violence increase? Or the uprising of the homeless that refuse to move? Portland is a catch and release city for criminals, and how do you fine a person that can't afford food and/or housing? I do not believe this "plan" has been thought through with intention of helping anyone. Is the city ready to address the security issues or will we have a repeat of 2020? All questions we would love to hear REAL answers to, and until we do, I firmly oppose this current bill.	No	06/07/23 1:11 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Jason Wald	Support	Please approve this long-overdue common sense bill to limit the destruction of public property and restore dignity to the City.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Tianna McMullen PDX Saints Love	Oppose	We need to find different solutions that don't involve further traumatizing people who have already been through so much trauma. Each one of these people are humans too and they each have a story. Instead of kicking them while they are down , we need to create more space for community so people will be more accepting of help when it becomes available. Please and thank you.	No	06/07/23 1:25 PM
473 (451)	Steve Cheseborough	Oppose	<p>Almost everyone agrees that the sidewalk is not a good place for people to sleep. What we disagree on is how to solve the problem. This measure is not the solution.</p> <p>Further criminalizing people who are already hounded by police and vigilantes, and charging them fines when they are penniless, will not help. Filling jails will cost more than finding regular housing for needy people.</p> <p>Please focus on providing housing, which many studies show is the only good way to reduce homelessness. Thank you.</p>	No	06/07/23 1:29 PM



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473 (451)	PDXSaints, Father's Heart.	Oppose	To not have safe and stable housing is demoralizing. As we and other organizations work to provide access to this basic need that everyone should have right to, based on position of human and not merit, a "home" is the least we can provide. I call a tent a home because it is what many people utilize as a safe haven. This place holds their belongings, it's their resting place, and their community members work around these to protect and love where others seldom do. To ban folks from being able to hold space the only place they physically can is to kick a horse while it's down, for lack of a better term. Why? Because it's an eyesore? No. The real eyesore is why the systems in place allow human beings to ensure life with no stabilized housing. Until folks are ready and able to attain this, we ought to allow them to rest their hands where it's safe to do so.  Thank you for your time and consideration.	No	06/07/23 1:34 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Payer of \$40,000+ in local 2022 taxes who may leave forever	Support	Pass the camping ban now — and then strengthen it! I pay a fortune in city, county, metro, and state income, and if things don't get way better, really quickly, I'm decamping to WA or the 'burbs — and pushing Portland closer to the fiscal crisis to which it's lurching. Stop letting lecherous methheads destroy Portland. "Rich" people like me can always leave; less well-off people will be the ones who truly suffer if things continue to get worse, especially once the taxpayers forced to fund these ridiculous experiments depart en masse.	No	06/07/23 1:40 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	It is time to end camping within the City of Portland. I fully support Mayor Wheeler and the City Commissioners' efforts to allow people to die on the streets while the rest of the residents in Portland suffer.	No	06/07/23 1:40 PM
473 (451)	Em	Oppose	This camping ban is inhumane and a detestable way criminalize unhoused citizens. You heard hours of testimony last week from so many experts, care providers, lawyers, currently and formerly unhoused people, stating their staunch opposition to this. Why are you refusing to listen to this expertise? Conservatively we can offer shelter beds to 30% of our unhoused population, so your plan violates Martin v Boise. You said you thought likely "no one would be arrested" under the plan, and that you "wanted to find diversions away from jail time" but have offered not clear methods for enforcement, and still included the fine and jail time in the plan. Why not remove that if you are truly committed to not criminalizing homelessness? You have not provided any plans, maps of guidelines for folks who will soon be burdened not only by increased harassment by your racist police force, but also packing up and moving every 10 hours, continuing to move all day, and by having to navigate a needlessly confusing list of constraints in order to find a place to simply rest. There are proven, humane, and less expensive methods of supporting unhoused people, and you have chosen to waste our money, criminalize homelessness, and ignore the will of the people.	No	06/07/23 1:42 PM
473 (451)	Jane Windsor	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	PDX Saints Love	Oppose	I am writing to oppose the camping ban. I am with PDX Saints Love and we are out there 5 days a week meeting people where they are at. A lot of people are on housing lists and can't physically pack up every day haul their belongings around. There is no place for them to go either. Please do not move forward with this and instead work toward finding available transitional housing, open more mental health and substance abuse treatment centers. We need to go after the root cause instead of these bans and sweeps. Thank you!	No	06/07/23 1:45 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I strongly support the ban. Though homelessness is a chronic, complex issue that MUST also be addressed at the national level, Portland can no longer continue at the current trajectory. You cannot expect to assist those in need when there are hundreds of unsanctioned campsites across the city. This is an appropriate starting place for longer-term mediation efforts. We have become a destination city for the homeless, while fast-becoming a place that is no longer hospitable to the housed. As the latter depart, Portland/Mult Co will lose the much-needed resources to address this crisis. The overwhelming majority of Portlanders support this change. Please allow their collective voices to be heard, and let the ideologues take a much-needed seat.	No	06/07/23 1:50 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	The city has been in an economic and social free fall since unregulated camping was allowed. I have watched the businesses in the blocks surrounding my downtown condo building wither and die on the vine of a lax policy that allows those with a tent and a desire to set it up wherever they like turn a city I love into a dumping ground for their fecal matter, drug paraphernalia and campfires which go unchecked. This has to stop for the good of the city. Why am I paying tax rates that rival the most expensive in the country?	No	06/07/23 2:00 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	The current hands-off system for camping has proven to be a disastrous policy and is neither compassionate nor a reasonable long-term solution. The people calling a "camping ban" inhumane hypocritically have no issues letting people wallow away and die in substance abuse & mental illness outside. Assuming reasonable outreach and services are provided in concurrence of this ban, then this is a reasonable government response to the managing the crisis we are in. The city needs to work for everyone and ceding public spaces to a select few is not how governments should run things, at least a functioning one.  We also need to consider that some of our lax policies on camping sends a very inviting message for people to come to Portland and be homeless. Unfortunately, this a third-rail topic that gets rejected by some, but a camping ban will help make resources more efficient. We simply do not have the ability as a city to handle the region's (and nation's) homeless population and it is making taxpayers bitter about having to pay for other jurisdictions' problems.	No	06/07/23 2:01 PM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Please ban camping during the day. The parks are filled with crazy people. It's not fair to kids in the parks.  There are two types of homeless people: people are down on their luck, and those with severe mental illness/ addiction/ want to be homeless. The second group makes the life of the first group harder.  dont believe me? read this article: <a href="https://www.wweek.com/news/2023/06/07/a-28-million-low-income-apartment-complex-descends-into-chaos-in-just-two-and-a-half-years/">https://www.wweek.com/news/2023/06/07/a-28-million-low-income-apartment-complex-descends-into-chaos-in-just-two-and-a-half-years/</a>	No	06/07/23 2:02 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Nathan Brauer	Oppose	I recall a time when as a broke college student I met a gay couple living under the awning of the Eliot Tower Condos. One of them was handicapped, dying from pancreatic cancer, and homeless despite serving the nation in Iraq. I gave them food. There is a sick irony to the camping ban led by Rene Gonzalez, being pushed during a time of year when we remember both those who fought for our nation and struggled to achieve equal rights. The incredible disregard for the health and wellbeing of Portlanders only serves to demonstrate how depraved the leadership of Ted Wheeler and Rene Gonzalez truly are. While that couple has long moved on if they were there today, if they were in our city today, they'd be the victims of the cruelty to Portlanders, both Wheeler and Gonzalez have displayed nearly every second of their tenure on the council. Pitting Portlanders against each other to push an extremist agenda with opaque but increasingly visible shades of white nationalism is why trust in our city's leadership is so low. I worked on Ted Wheeler's first run for office. His promises became corrosive acid to many Portlanders, causing grave harm. I'm disappointed by his absent leadership. Gonzalez in particular though exhibits a dangerous disregard for humanity itself. The council should vote no on a camping ban.	No	06/07/23 2:08 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I walk my child to school past people who are camped for weeks in one place, leaving their sewage and trash on the sidewalk, having sex in their tents, blocking the sidewalk and forcing us to walk in the street.  We live in a society - there are 600,000 of us here, and we have to have some shared expectations of each other if we're going to make it. It's on the five of you to create those expectations and you should set some of them today with a yes vote.	No	06/07/23 2:35 PM
473 (451)	Marla Thayer, math teacher for Portland public schools	Oppose	While I agree there is a crisis in our city, this is not a solution. Without adequate time for day shelters and people who are actually working on supporting h houses portlanders, this plan will only cause more trauma, violence, and crime in our neighborhoods. Please don't do this until there is an actual plan other than tickets and jail.	No	06/07/23 2:39 PM
473 (451)	Keeley H	Oppose	The people have spoken and we say NO to this ban. NO to dehumanization. NO to criminalizing homelessness. We need real sustainable solutions that put our unhoused community first. We've all given you many ideas and solutions, listen to us and work with us to create a safe and happy place to live FOR ALL.	No	06/07/23 2:52 PM
473 (451)	PJ	Oppose		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Stacy K.	Support	I strongly support the measure with the additional time/place/manner restrictions suggested by commissioner Rene Gonzalez to bring Portland in line with most of our neighboring jurisdictions.	No	06/07/23 3:23 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	It's long past time to clear our sidewalks. I live downtown and I'm distraught at the number of businesses that have closed and the tax dollars we're losing because of the tents, crime, and drugs on our streets. Just back from Denver and NYC, and we look pretty awful in comparison. And please, it's more than homelessness: the mentally ill must be helped.	No	06/07/23 3:25 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	It is a shame that a very small minority of people who are currently homeless have created a situation that calls for measures such as 473/451. But that is where we are. I live downtown and have seen many of my friends and neighbors move away (and take their tax dollars with them). Mayor Wheeler is doing his best to get Joint Office funding redirected. Chief Lovell continues to be stuck between a rock and a hard place in terms of dealing with a large volume of low-level offenses. But at least they are both trying to do something. It's the Council's turn to roll up their sleeves and not let the "loudest voices in the room" crowd out rational decision-making.	No	06/07/23 3:25 PM
473 (451)	Multiple community members	Oppose	A few examples (excerpts) from 5 hours of citizen and NGO testimonies -- a majority OPPOSE City's proposed 8a -8p Camp ban for unhoused for the following reasons, attached.	No	06/07/23 3:41 PM
473 (451)	Jamie Latham	Oppose	As a community member living in a rental house in SE Foster/Powell area I have houseless neighbors. I am deeply concerned with the burden this ban will place on people being able to meet their basic health needs. This ban seems like it will put even more pressure on front line aid workers. I work as a personal support worker for adults with disabilities. This ban is inaccessible for many people I know. They simply will not be able to comply. What happens then? My heart is broken that Portland seems to have become a place where we associate human people with trash. This ban is not in line with my vision of a healthy thriving city. This ban will only increase human suffering. Please do not pass this ban.	No	06/07/23 3:42 PM
473 (451)	Erin McNamara	Oppose	As a nurse I am extremely worried about the health impacts this inhumane and immoral proposal will have on our most vulnerable community members. Please vote no!.	No	06/07/23 3:42 PM



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473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Honorable members of the City Council,  I strongly support Mayor Ted Wheeler's proposed camping ban in Portland. Unregulated camping poses significant risks to public safety, creates unsanitary conditions, and hinders the livability of our city. The ban will ensure the safety of homeless individuals and the broader community, promote fairness and equity by differentiating those in need from those exploiting the situation, and enhance the overall quality of our public spaces. I commend Mayor Wheeler for his leadership and urge the City Council to back this crucial step in addressing homelessness.	No	06/07/23 3:58 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	It is time for a change in approach and this camping ban is a step in the right direction. We cannot continue to pour taxpayer money into a system that lacks accountability and enables destructive behaviors. We need swift and decisive action to ensure the safety of our citizens while providing real solutions for those struggling with addiction and homelessness.  I implore you, as our elected officials, to listen to the concerns of your constituents and take a decisive steps to making our city safe and livable for all.	No	06/07/23 3:59 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	Time to give the city back to the people that pay for it. Ban camping and sweep constantly and consistently.	No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Rebekah Yli-Luoma	Oppose	Before deciding people should be off the streets, we should stop building giant over priced poorly built apt buildings and consider taking care of our community who have already been living here—in the streets. Investing in the care of people and their well-being is the only way to make real change. Otherwise, it's just an illusion & inhumane	No	06/07/23 4:10 PM
473 (451)	Michael R Coates	Oppose	As a long time Portlander/Oregonian voter, I am vehemently opposed to ANY SRN on Naito Parkway. There is proof positive that neighborhoods surrounding such facilities suffer quality of life. That is the last thing we need in our City and we need to be making positive improvements, not negative moves.	No	06/07/23 4:20 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Sarah Dunlap	Oppose	Unethical, inhumane course of action that does nothing to actually solve the ongoing housing crisis and only furthers harm against stealing and at risk individuals in our community	No	06/07/23 4:25 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Oppose	As a long time Portlander, I have struggled with the recent uptick in unsheltered campers just like the supporters of this ordinance. However, without the shelter and camping capacity in place, I believe it is unethical to ban daytime camping. People like to pretend that it will be easy for the homeless population to just pick up and move each day, but the reality is this will cause a high level of and suffering and stress on an already vulnerable population. This ordinance will cause people to die. Without a doubt. I hate the large campsites as much as anybody, but that is a price I am unwilling to pay.  City council needs to work to create a realistic alternative FIRST before they can seriously consider a camping ban. I'm still waiting on those 6 safe rest villages that where supposed to be open BY 2022 Mr. Ryan...	No	06/07/23 4:41 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support		No	06/07/23
473 (451)	Alex Ospina	Oppose	No one wants to see members of our community unhoused and unsafe, but this is NOT the way to solve this issue. Criminalizing being homeless is deplorable, expecting people to walk around with their entire lives on their backs for 12 hours a day is inhumane, and this is an obvious attempt to hide away an entire group of portlanders from the view of the rich and privileged.	No	06/07/23 4:54 PM
473 (451)	Anonymous	Support	I wholeheartedly support these measures. My downtown condo has lost \$100,000 in value due to the homeless and lawlessness that us every day life in Portland. If homeless are sheltering in places supported by tax dollars and they do not have a job, they need to go out and collect litter and clean graffiti off of Portland buildings.	No	06/07/23 5:20 PM



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473 (451)	James R	Oppose	<p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I am a 3rd generation Portland native who cares deeply about this city, all its people, and remembering our long history of making questionable choices.</p> <p>To put it simply, this ban will not accomplish its goal. I have seen many comments supporting this bill that claim that it is a step in the right direction and that it will incentivize houseless individuals to seek the help they need.</p> <p>This is laughably naïve.</p> <p>Sleeping on the street is a last resort. I would challenge anyone in support of this bill to live out of a tent near a freeway for a week, then ask yourself if you need any additional motivation to change your situation. That lifestyle grates on your physical and emotional well being in ways we can never understand (without listening to the voices of the people experiencing it). It is truly ludicrous to believe that attaching a criminal penalty to people's only means of existence will improve the situation.</p> <p>This can only result in the jailing of the unhoused, which unfortunately is what I believe many people in support of this bill are hoping for.</p> <p>This ban will waste money.</p> <p>This ban will not decrease the population of unhoused.</p> <p>This ban will traumatize people who are already at the breaking point.</p> <p>This ban does nothing to stanch the flow of people entering houselessness every day.</p> <p>We all know this is a complex issue. Terrible policies like this one have burdened the housed and unhoused alike. This city will not heal if we only address symptoms.</p> <p>This is an issue of housing affordability.</p> <p>This is an issue of mental health.</p> <p>Paying cops to chase traumatized citizens in circles around the city is the opposite of justice.</p> <p>Justice looks like rent control, so people who have lived in this city and have helped build it can continue to do so comfortably.</p> <p>Justice looks like a livable minimum wage, especially for those who work for companies with CEOs making millions and billions.</p> <p>Justice looks like mental health services and affordable housing so that people can get their feet under them.</p> <p>Do not give up on our unhoused, they can be productive members of our neighborhoods once again, unless we make them into perpetual criminals.</p> <p>Do not mop up the blood and tell me you've stopped the bleeding.</p> <p>Oppose this ban and get to work on policies that will actually make a difference. Please reach out if you've forgotten what that looks like.</p>	No	06/07/23 5:22 PM
473 (451)	Elizabeth Withers	Oppose	<p>I wholeheartedly oppose the camping ban. Criminalizing homelessness when there are not even enough shelter beds available is such an abhorrent way to treat our fellow Portlanders who have already been failed by the dysfunctional safety net systems in this country and in Portland. This is such lazy leadership to turn even more in the direction of punitive approaches. This is what happens when your leaders lack compassion and creativity. Housing in Portland is so outrageously expensive - I would much rather my taxes pay for affordable housing and direct services than for cops and jails.</p>	No	06/07/23 5:45 PM



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Ban Zenith that endangers the lives of tens of thousands of people locally and global climate; don't ban and terrorize people who have the smallest carbon footprint and do the least harm, but suffer the most harm, and have the least ability to obey this draconian ordinance. Hold



cops accountable to stop and solve crimes, providing evidence and testimony for ethical, lawful convictions, instead of wasting cop time and resources making cops more unavailable, distracted, unwilling, and inept, while less credible for citizen cooperation. Instead of punishing people for being victimized by abusers, bad employers, bankers, landlords, and cops, hold employers, bankers, landlords, cops, and abusers accountable. Instead of requiring the poorest and most disabled to have the time, money, energy, and resources that middle class people lack and that you don't spend each day and night, simply pay directly for the housing and services needed. When we have peopleless housing that is 41 times more than the houseless people in Portland, require property owners to make that housing available and accessible. Instead of wasting \$15 million on bad digital security and \$30 million on additional payouts to white outsider private sports managers to run two or three golf courses in east Portland when you closed parks and playgrounds, require golf courses to provide pesticide-free housing, showers, storage, parking, organic food gardens, and natural regenerative areas, and have them managed by our city employees. Remodel Lloyd Center into housing services with food gardens in the above ground parking, RV and car camping in some parking lots, and vehicle parking, dog runs and dog parks, dorm rooms with central living places and kitchens, one-bedroom to four-bedroom apartments with sunlight and fresh air, and schools/worksites, addiction recovery and interpersonal violence recovery services. Instead of punishing the victims of crimes and horrid public policy, solve the real problem's causes which is public/corporate policy that keep jobs bad and inadequate, housing wasted, tax dollars wasted, and rents too high. Have a municipal public bank and public owned electrical utilities while you outlaw methane/gas lines that could blow up Portland, and use the money saved from interests and Wallstreet fees. DO NOT BAN CAMPING and DO NOT CRIMINALIZE AND TRAUMATIZE AND HARM PORTLANDERS DENIED HOUSING.



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them from hate crimes on their long routes each day, and protection and assistance as they set up camp each night, and provide the food they miss as a result of the time you require them to waste traveling with gear they cannot take to meal providers, jobs, and doctors offices. You will have to provide them lighting and shade or rain/snow protection with physical help setting up and removing their camps, protecting the environment that your ordinance would harm worse.

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You let housed people shoot and kill anyone they don't like the looks of, but would you allow our neighbors denied housing and health defend their necessities, health, safety, freedom, livelihoods, and lives? You'd push them past their limits, increasing their defensiveness against your violence and injustice, increasing trauma, mental illness, poverty, addiction, theft, violence, and deaths. Parading these dear Portlanders in their misery might make some Portlanders colder, crueler, angrier, and scarer, making rents higher with pay and services lower and Portland liveability, liberty, equality, and justice for all impossible. You don't require disabled housed people to unpack and set up, then pack up and move all their belongings each morning and night often without the use of vehicles, and you don't terrorize them with threatened attacks and theft at any time day or night. It would be cheaper, smarter, kinder to simply provide the housing and services while



holding landlords, employers, and cops accountable, and this would better attract the kind of kind people and jobs we want in Portland.

Ban Zenith that endangers the lives of tens of thousands of people locally and global climate; don't ban and terrorize people who have the smallest carbon footprint and do the least harm, but suffer the most harm, and have the least ability to obey this draconian ordinance. Hold cops accountable to stop and solve crimes, providing evidence and testimony for ethical, lawful convictions, instead of wasting cop time and resources making cops more unavailable, distracted, unwilling, and inept, while less credible for citizen cooperation. Instead of punishing people for being victimized by abusers, bad employers, bankers, landlords, and cops, hold employers, bankers, landlords, cops, and abusers accountable. Instead of requiring the poorest and most disabled to have the time, money, energy, and resources that middle class people lack and that you don't spend each day and night, simply pay directly for the housing and services needed. When we have peopleless housing that is 41 times more than the houseless people in Portland, require property owners to make that housing available and accessible. Instead of wasting \$15 million on bad digital security and \$30 million on additional payouts to white outsider private sports managers to run two or three golf courses in east Portland when you closed parks and playgrounds, require golf courses to provide pesticide-free housing, showers, storage, parking, organic food gardens, and natural regenerative areas, and have them managed by our city employees. Remodel Lloyd Center into housing services with food gardens in the above ground parking, RV and car camping in some parking lots, and vehicle parking, dog runs and dog parks, dorm rooms with central living places and kitchens, one-bedroom to four-bedroom apartments with sunlight and fresh air, and schools/worksites, addiction recovery and interpersonal violence recovery services. Instead of punishing the victims of crimes and horrid public policy, solve the real problem's causes which is public/corporate policy that keep jobs bad and inadequate, housing wasted, tax dollars wasted, and rents too high. Have a municipal public bank and public owned electrical utilities while you outlaw methane/gas lines that could blow up Portland, and use the money saved from interests and Wallstreet fees.



**From:** [Charlie](#)  
**To:** [Wheeler, Mayor](#); [Commissioner Ryan Office](#); [Commissioner Mapps](#); [Council Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Camping Bans Continue the Cycle of Trauma  
**Date:** Thursday, June 1, 2023 9:46:51 AM

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It is cruel and unusual to take measures criminalizing homelessness, especially during a housing crisis. More than ever before, the middle class is shrinking, and the average Portlander is at risk of homelessness through no fault of our own. I am contacting you to express my opposition to the proposed camping ban.

Why are we snipping lifelines instead of offering a hand up?

Criminalizing homelessness only increases the barriers to getting out. 30 days in jail is plenty of time to miss job interviews, medical appointments, and sobriety milestones. \$100 can be the difference between life and death - or at least the barrier between someone and their food, hygiene, or medicine.

Under this proposal, houseless people will be forced further into the margins - needing to travel greater distances to access healthcare, food, and support. It will only cause people in crisis to hide in deeper isolation.

We lack critical infrastructure. Complaints about our houseless neighbors often circle back to trash, human waste, fires, and sidewalks. Yet those who complain, lock their dumpsters. Close their public bathrooms. Trespass people attempting to quietly sit indoors. While promise after promise of new sidewalks being paved in east Portland neighborhoods is broken.

If you are concerned about trash, *install more dumpsters and service them.*

If you don't want people to urinate and defecate out in the open, *build more bathrooms and service them.*

If you don't want people building survival fires, *give them a safe source of heat.*

Invite them into public and private spaces with heat.

If you don't want homeless people to exist in public, *house them.*

When I say "house them", I don't mean "warehouse them". Each human on the streets has different needs. Some may be comfortable in congregate shelters, while many others are not safe in them. Some may need space for just themselves, while others are struggling to provide for a family. Some may need addiction treatment, while others have been sober for their entire lives. The full spectrum of humanity is represented in houseless people, and therefore we need a full spectrum of solutions to meet their needs.

Instead of punishing people for existing while poor, *invest in real solutions.*

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**From:** [Anne Hagge](#)  
**To:** [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Camping Ban  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 5:42:59 PM

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Please ban camping in Portland! The people camping are not interested in shelters or jobs or getting off the streets. Addiction is an issue and crime has increased because of this. Portland has turned into an embarrassment and I aspire to move out of the city I have lived in since 1967. Time to take action and ban camping!!!

Sent from my iPhone



**City Council Meeting - Wednesday, May 31, 2023 2:00 p.m.**

<b>Agenda No.</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
451-001	Heather-Lynne	Van Wilde
451-002	Lance	Goldenberg
451-003	Tim	McCormick
451-004	Vadim	Mozyrsky
451-005	Erik	Cole
451-006	Sandra	Comstock
451-007	David	Dickson
451-008	Jonathan	Malsin
451-009	Art	Fortuna
451-010	Scott	Kerman
451-011	Chris	Hansen
451-012	Katie	O'Brien
451-013	Alan	Comnes
451-014	Edward	Johnson
451-015	Emily	Hawley
451-016	Jessica	Shellhorn
451-017	Sara	Rudolph
451-018	Richard	Perkins
451-019	Tim	Larson
451-020	Sara	Fischer
451-021	John	Hollister
451-022	Lauren	Armony
451-023	Finn	Oviatt
451-024	Michael	Ocallaghan
451-025	Rhea	Hannon
451-026	Evelyn	Tirosh
451-027	Kaia	Sand
451-028	Annette	Johnson
451-029	George	McCarthy
451-030	Peter	Salzmann
451-031	Joseph	Smits
451-032	Joshua	Magnanimously
451-033	Duane	Reynolds
451-034	Chris	L
451-035	Michelle	Hornbeck
451-036	Mia	Winters-Cumming
451-037	Joanne	Rees
451-038	Molly	Hogan



451-039	Keeley	Higgins
451-040	Tina	Prettyman-Silva
451-041	Derek	Avery
451-042	Char	Pennie
451-043	David	Potts
451-044	Avery	Temple
451-045	Shaun	Hardy
451-046	Edie	T
451-047	Frank	Blackston
451-048	Sanga	Mbaklene
451-049	Isabella	Gurnick
451-050	Kim	Dody
451-051	Lajune	Thorson
451-052	Annie	DeMotta
451-053	Daniela	del Mar
451-054	Andy	Miller
451-055	Jeffrey	Liddicoat
451-056	Matteo	Gutierrez
451-057	Marina	Haven (read by Emily Haven)
451-058	Emily	Haven
451-059	Jason	Bolt
451-060	Margaret	Zebroski
451-061	Kara	Helgren
451-062	Je	Amaechi
451-063	Monica	Cory
451-064	Stephanie	Phillips Bridges
451-065	Bryan	Kim
451-066	Gillian	Boudreau
451-067	David	Linn
451-068	Amy	Wood
451-069	Mo	Phillips
451-070	Kathryn	Kirstein
451-071	Michael	Hurst
451-072	Kelcie	Greg's
451-073	Justin	Skolnick
451-074	Lena	Roper
451-075	Juanita	Swartwood
451-076	Aaliyah	Mumtaz
451-077	Anna	Shank-Root
451-078	Sidney	Poole
451-079	pikake	kahananui
451-080	Mary	Nichols



451-081	Bridgecrane Charles	Simcha Johnson
451-082	Wren	Ronan
451-083	Larry	Mills
451-084	Kaitlyn	M
451-085	Renn	Simmons
451-086	Pryzm	Zamrzla
451-087	George	Bautista
451-088	Todd	Littlefield
451-089	Edward	Kay