

I believe it is not the unhoused with whom people are angry, but it is the government which denies them a place to safely shelter. I think it is easy for the housed to forget they are sometimes one incident away from being unhoused themselves: an unplanned illness, an accident, loss of a job due to COVID then eviction, loss of a home due to unforeseen circumstances as in the Blue River fire. Due to COVID, loss of jobs, eviction and the Blue River fire many more people are on the streets than before. I hear the lament of government that there is not enough money to help the situation, but then I wonder just how much the taxpayers are paying for Public Works cleanup after sweeps, the hours police spend in pursuit of the unhoused, and the court costs when someone is prosecuted. The sweeps are immoral and just might be an unconstitutional violation of personal freedoms. In those sweeps people do not just lose their sleeping bags or tents, but important papers, medications, glasses, etc. How very cruel is that! When considering what to do I think we should all just take a minute, look around at our comfort, and then see ourselves losing all of that through no fault of our own. Thank you.