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We need to stop enabling the homeless (even they have said this) and robbing them of the pride of making it on their own. It also just draws more homeless to our city (don't feed the bears!) and makes the problem even bigger and places more financial strain on our city. Let the non-profits address this so the city can maintain roads, schools, and infrastructure. Pay the homeless to pick up after themselves/clean camp areas, provide more trash receptacles in "camps", use more boulders under over ramps. And stop the sunk cost fallacy (a cognitive bias that causes people to stick with a plan, course, or approach that isn't working because of how much has already been invested in it) and pouring more money into this. We need mental health services, less school drop-outs, more Vet services and to criminalize drug use again (meth and heroin) to prevent the cause of homelessness and to stop just treating just the symptom!