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Absolutely not. PLEASE do not take away the authority of the city and/or police to intervene in a situation if a homeless person camping on public property is causing trouble to people and/or cars or bicycles that are trying to safely pass or trying to live in adjoining areas. Just last month the city finally got a person to move who had set up camp onto a small sliver of "public property" between the street and an owners property. He expanded his shopping cart home into 4 carts of junk and it was flowing into the owners property and no one could walk by or see if a car was coming when trying to turn out of the nearby side street. He was always walking around into neighbors yards. In my neighborhood people park their car(s) on legally public property. So....it could all be filled up by homeless people with cars/rvs. We couldnt even complain about their garbage or noise or making it difficult to get into our own homes. Because I live in a poorer area of town there are already lots of homeless. Seems like they are left alone unless they start doing things that cause trouble. THEN the police/city are called. PLEASE don't take away our right to intervene if things go badly. Please!!!