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This proposal is in direct opposition to what we are trying to achieve in Portland and the rest of Oregon. We have ALREADY TRIED allowing people to camp wherever they please and it has resulted in an increase in crime, vandalism, and violence against people. It has trashed the city. It has endangered lawful, taxpaying citizens who are trying to help. People are sick and tired of vandals and thieves living among their neighborhoods. This is exactly the reason that people have demanded a different remedy! Sanctioned camping areas with access to water and sanitation, food/cooking facilities, supportive/behavioral care in the form of Pods/tiny homes is the approach that the city has agreed to try.

It is ridiculous to think that allowing camping in public areas won't further the disaster that has already been happening over the last few years. I, like many, have LOST my compassion for these people. The majority DO NOT WANT HELP. For the people and families with children who need food, shelter and help getting into affordable housing WE HAVE THOSE PROVISIONS IN PLACE. Please stop allowing this wound to fester; it is making Portland undesirable and unlivable.