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There is already a court ruling (Martin v. Boise) that protects homeless people from being moved if there is no available space in shelters.

This could allow sidewalks in front of homes and businesses to be used as campgrounds/place to rest.

We need to spend our resources for homelessness on mental health and drug addiction treatment, and shelter and housing, not on protecting unsanctioned camping on public property.

This will nullify the “no unsanctioned camping/safety zone” around Safe Rest Villages that is in place to protect the participants of the village as well as the entire neighborhood.