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Enabling houseless/homeless people to indiscriminately camp in public places will not solve any homeless/houseless issues. We need REAL affordable housing, and a continuous monitoring of our streets and public places. We need experts in diverting people to the correct place for assistance. Start with "How did you get here? What happened to you?"

I recommend that the City Council and Deschutes County take a SERIOUS look at an organization out of Portland, called Helping Hands. Leave your politics and conflicting interests aside, and look for solutions. Thank you.