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Subject: Pls don't displace our homeless encampments

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Hi!

I'm a ward 2 resident who lives at John & Barton.

I'm writing to ask that The City not dismantle homeless encampments Downtown.

The City should provide interim and permanent housing for encampment residents with necessary supports.

The City needs to prioritize individuals experiencing homelessness for urgent housing placement. And The City needs to engage encampment residents in assessing their needs prior to dismantling, if it happens.

The City needs to remove barriers in shelters and hotels in order to accommodate the individual needs of encampment residents.

The City should allow for sanctioned encampment sites and/or designate specific parks/public lands where individuals are allowed to set up tents/temporary structures.

The City allow for a streamlined, low-barrier, accessible process of issuing permits allowing for tents and temporary structures.

Just let folks take care of themselves & each other however they see fit.

Jackie

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