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In Medford we witness the homeless having sex in public in front of small children. Drugs are rampant here. The police need the ability to move the homeless when they are destroying property and using drugs in public. They are also very aggressive trying to get you to give them money. It is not safe for children and seniors who are disabled. In 2020 we had a major fire, the Almeda fire, that started from the greenway where the homeless camp. The end result was 2500 homes were destroyed. If we can't get the homeless out of the greenway in the middle of the summer when everything is dry we will suffer another devastating fire that could be avoided. This bill is a very bad idea. The police need more tools not less to ensure safety for the general public in a compassionate manner.