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Our open public spaces were not designed nor were they funded for the purpose of overnight camping. Much less long term residence. There are many uses that can not take place in public spaces simultaneously without adverse impacts and the risk of injury. No one would consider allowing a soccer game, a baseball game, a frisbee game, a picnic and reading a book in the sun all at the same time in the same space. They all require different space and time to actually be effective. Camping is the same way. It can not occur simultaneously with the current uses of these public spaces. If they are taken over by the unhoused it will have a dramatically negative impact on the mental and physical health of the rest of the population. You don't want people driving causing pollution but they will not be able to use the parks in town. Do not pass this bill.