

Hello,

George Rode from Eugene. I have been a businessperson in Eugene for 50 years now.

I do a lot of volunteer work in Eugene, including Food for Lane County. I have personally housed 2 men who used to live at Eugene Mission, given them work and a wonderful place to live. I once was homeless for 9 months, very thankful I no longer am. I'm very thankful for that.

In my businesses and properties I own in Eugene, a few homeless have created large problems, breaking in, using covered areas as a bathroom, stealing, leaving messes, harassing customers, breaking locks on our dumpsters and in one instance, took a swing at me when asked to leave.

I so understand, it's a huge problem with no answers for many reasons are the cause. I have empathy and understanding.

Being a small business owner and having small business owners, it's getting hard to survive. Just look at the businesses moving out of Portland.

Please, please, this is not the way to solve this problem, it's a way to...

Thanks for your time to work at understanding another view.

George Rode

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My mission in life:

To enhance the people's lives I touch.

To bring people together.