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Re: 1/11/21 meeting, agenda item 6.f., Sheltering in Cascades Gateway Park and Wallace Marine Park

Mayor Bennett and Council Members:

As you consider the "Safe Park Camping Unwind Plan," please remember that the unsheltered individuals within our community are human beings. They are our neighbors. They are a part of this community as much as you and I are. As a society we would rather look away and treat them as "those people," but they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. They are someone's mother, father, sister, brother, daughter, son. "They" are individuals with unique stories that we will never know. They could be us if our lives had taken a different turn. Please be sure that compassion is also a guiding principle as you develop a plan.

Respectfully,
Cathy Ostrand-Ponsioen