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Please do not allow those that are currently breaking excessive loitering, littering, destruction of public (and private) property, poor stewards of the environment and non-contributing members of the "community" have more rights than the owners, patrons and contributors to the community. I have a heart for those that need a hand up and some time but there are services already provided for those that are willing to take some action/responsibility to improve their situation. Being a good steward of the area people reside in is the very least they can do. Theft, vandalism and violence associated with many illegal encampments is out of control. Oregon laws have already drawn delinquent and drug addicted non-contributors to our beautiful state only to destroy nice things and suck the system for those that need help dry... This would just bring more burden upon the good people and what was once clean and beautiful (including Portland) state I have lived in my entire life. I guarantee that the rural community will not allow people to set up camp and destroy their properties and green spaces without taking action. As they should. Making laws for non-contributors to have rights above those that are contributors is not how Democracy is supposed to work. There are several houseless people have respect for the people and community they reside in and typically cause no issues. There are already laws ensuring those that will be displaced by sweeps are notified, currently. If those that take no action to move from an illegal camping location, once notified, have not lifted a finger to improve their situation (at least pack up and clean up) they should not be rewarded. Paying them to do nothing will NOT solve anyone's issues, including the houseless.