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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I want to express my opposition to HB3501. You want to let homeless people reside in city parks? And afford them "privacy"? Please take a moment and think about how that sounds to the taxpayers that pay for those parks and their upkeep. The idea of parks is that anyone can use any part of them, very temporarily. The idea is also that those who use them will leave, usually before nighttime, and will leave the park as they found it (e.g., no feces, trash, needles, condoms, or junk items). Letting ANYONE camp in a park, homeless or not, is completely at odds with the basic tenets of a park. What this bill sounds like to me is that I will pay taxes for parks, and have to forfeit the privileges that I pay those taxes for. Then, those privileges will be given to someone who doesn't pay taxes at all, so they can commandeer the parks and it will be either too "private", too repugnant, or - admit it - too unsafe for me to use. Come on.

NO on HB 3501.