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When the rest of the public does not feel safe using public areas such as parks or walking on city streets that is a problem. There are needles on the streets and in most parks, so it is not safe to take your kids. Addiction and mental health seem to be the leading cause of homelessness. What are we doing to help with these issues? There is not enough rehab facilities for people to go to if they wanted to. There is a waiting list...tell an addict to come back in two weeks?? They don't even know what day it is. And mental health help...people that advocate for themselves and fight for themselves have a hard time getting an appointment or the appropriate medication to help them. As a state we are so focused on people that are homeless without actually getting to the root cause of the problem. We just keep throwing money at it without ever fixing anything. It's very sad.