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Decriminalization is generally a bad idea. It sends a message that anything goes, and many of the homeless people affected have absolutely no respect for anyone else. This bill seems to encourage the homeless to take over our parks. Since many homeless people have significant mental health and/or drug issues, they make the parks unpleasant and unsafe for the residents who want a safe place to go, and have paid taxes to establish the parks.