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**Subject:** Please amend the homeless encampment legislation

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## Honorable members of the Shoreline City Council:

Please amend the upcoming legislation about homeless encampments to **provide maximum flexibility** for the location of organized encampments within your city. Especially, please **do not create barriers for churches** to host these camps.

I am a volunteer who cooks meals for Camp United We Stand, now in residence at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. I work closely on a weekly basis with the members of the camp and with Greater Seattle Cares. I have found working with the campers to be rewarding, educational, and personally enriching.

The people who live at the camp are working hard to correct the problems that have disrupted their lives. They are working in community to take care of themselves and each other, and they deserve every chance to succeed. I hope you will support them.

Best wishes,

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