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1.  Richmond Beach
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7. Please please do not allow homeless camping on private residence. Have any of you ever gone out to feed the homeless or offered them something to eat or a warm blanket? We have and there are many hardships, stories and mental illnesses. We realize the need to help! What these people need is there own place, not a tent on some else's property. Yes, I know there is a shortage of affordable housing and shelters, but there has to be some other way to get them off the streets. Most tent city's have rules for their residents and flushing toilet facilities that move with them from camp to camp. Many residents are grateful and will follow the rules to stay in the camp. If a resident does not follow the rules or is drinking in excess, selling drugs or doing drugs they are sent out of the camp. How are you going to enforce safety and these types of rules on a private residence? Your most average citizen may want to help by letting someone live on their property, but what if trouble arises and they are not sure how to handle it. Now we have caused stress for that good citizen and a possible dangerous situation. Most people do not know how to deal with the mentally ill. They could call the police, but don't the police have enough on their plates already? Many of these people are mentally ill. Have you ever worked with the mentally ill? I have and when many of them are not on their meds they are dangerous to themselves as well as others in many ways. How are you going to keep our kids safe from these dangers? There are many schools and no none can keep a watchful eye 24-7 on their child. I realize counsel that you want to help, but I am not sure that you have considered all the possible causes of harm allowing this could produce. It may seem that you are solving a problem, but in turn by allowing this you would be causing a greater problem. Please reconsider and let's find another way to help these people!

Thank you,  
**City of Shoreline**

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