



**City of Portland  
Office of Commissioner Dan Ryan**

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**Hazelwood Questions—Commissioner Ryan**

**1. Have you ( Dan Ryan) ever lived near a large homeless facility?**

- Commissioner Ryan lived at 110<sup>th</sup> & Manhattan Ave in the Harlem Neighborhood of New York City from 1987 to 1990. At that time, Harlem was the epicenter of the crack epidemic and Commissioner Ryan lived next to the largest “crack den” known at that time and had numerous unhoused neighbors. Commissioner Ryan also lived in the First Hill Neighborhood of Seattle in the 90’s where there was a significant amount of unsanctioned camping between Freeway Park and Capital Hill. Currently, Commissioner Ryan lives in Arbor Lodge where a new facility is in the works to support unhoused Portlanders, and unsanctioned camping along the I-5 greenways is just 5 blocks from his house.

**2. Mingus and JoAnn have been both engaging in East Portland with town halls and neighborhood association meetings. Why haven’t you done that?**

- Commissioner Ryan has met with your Neighborhood Association to discuss Safe Rest Villages, and the Safe Rest Villages Community Engagement team has conducted outreach throughout East Portland. Commissioner Ryan has been laser focused on identifying additional locations for Safe Rest Villages while securing an unprecedented City/County investment in houselessness that will directly benefit East Portland. To be clear, Commissioner Ryan has not been attending or headlining town halls or more public-facing engagement events with other neighborhoods unless they are a potential Safe Rest Village site—Safe Rest Villages are his top priority right now. Commissioner Ryan looks forward to spending more time with East Portlanders when all six sites are selected and construction is underway for Safe Rest Villages across the City.

**3. Are you willing to do a Town Hall so that residents can provide feedback and ask questions directly?**

- Commissioner Ryan is ABSOLUTELY willing to do a Town Hall with Hazelwood and other East Portland neighborhoods! Commissioner Ryan values direct dialogue with constituents, and the Safe Rest Villages team would be happy to set this up once we are through the site selection phase of our initiative and building villages across the City.