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Good morning and happy Monday to all of you. I just wanted to take a moment to voice my family's concerns over the potential "encampment boundary" for our city parks. This philosophy of dealing with our homeless population doesn't make any sense to me. I understand we a problem on our hands with the homeless population and need to come up with some solutions, real solutions. However, spreading them throughout our city parks is not acceptable. I live across the street from Weigent Park. I see all of the activity that takes place daily at that park and it will be a huge problem if you suddenly decide to place homeless people there. People of all ages are utilizing the park daily for healthy outdoor time.

Here is what I see as I watch the activity at that park:

Softball teams practicing, soccer teams, tee ball, little kids track, tennis, children at the playground, volleyball, individual soccer training, college kids playing flag football, families playing Frisbee, mom's and dad's playing baseball with their kids; kids flying kites, adults flying remote airplanes, kids walking to get ice cream at Ranisons, birthday parties, graduation parties, tennis lessons, dogs getting exercise with their owners, people doing individual strength/cardio training, adults reading a book, people bathing in the sunshine, etc etc etc. The activity at this park is endless. My own kids are at this park many times a week playing. I have HUGE concerns of needles, fights, crime, violence, drugs, etc if this park ends up with an encampment boundary. I have seen these teenagers hanging out at the park and I know there will be confrontations happening. It is a given! My neighbor shared yesterday she has already found a couple needles in the boulevard next to her home. i really hope this gets voted down. Our parks are for our children and families to utilize for healthy outdoor activity, not for our homeless population. Please vote to keep our parks safe for our families. Thank you. Rick

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