

Appendix A

Pictures and Information Related to
Unauthorized Camping
In the City of Seattle

Chronic Camping Locations

- **WSDOT properties**
 - Downtown exits
 - Chinatown/ID exits
 - 45th/50th/85th/145th exits
 - Greenbelt
 - I-90/Rainier Ave S
- **SODO area**
 - Airport Way S
 - Spokane St
 - Colorado Ave
 - I-5 East Duwamish Greenbelt
- **Ballard area**
 - Ballard Locks
 - Lower Ballard
 - Ballard Commons Park
- **North end**
 - University District
 - Ravenna Park
 - Aurora Ave
 - Licton Springs Park
- **Downtown**
 - Waterfront
 - Chinatown/ID
 - Convention Center
 - Eastlake

Chinatown/International District At S. King and S. Jackson



Elderly Asian immigrant population waiting in line to access food bank next to unauthorized encampment with significant accumulation of needles, refuse, biohazard, and criminal incidents

Wing Luke Museum almost closed permanently in July 2016 because of crime and drug dealing associated with King Street encampments



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August 2016



Dear Friends,

You may have read recent news reports on the state of our Chinatown-International District neighborhood. We wanted to communicate with our supporters directly to let you know how the Wing Luke Museum is faring.

This summer Seattle's increasing homelessness problems and the clearing out of "The Jungle" resulted in a large illegal encampment just a block away from the museum. It involved tents serving as drug galleries, open-air drug dealing and drug use, and drug-infested garbage piles in the heart of our neighborhood. Parking lots and sidewalks were crowded with illegal activity.

Negative reviews citing safety concerns about the neighborhood appeared on highly-trafficked websites like Trip Advisor just as our regular summer tourist season began. Long-time partner House of Hong closed down, reporting the encampment as a factor in their decision. The recent loss of the neighborhood's beloved protector Donnie Chin contributes to the neighborhood's vulnerability. In June, at an emotional all-staff meeting, some said they no longer felt safe coming to work, and irresponsible asking visitors to come visit. The Wing is a significant tourist attraction, educational resource, and community gathering space in a fragile neighborhood, and in July the Museum board came close to closing down operations.

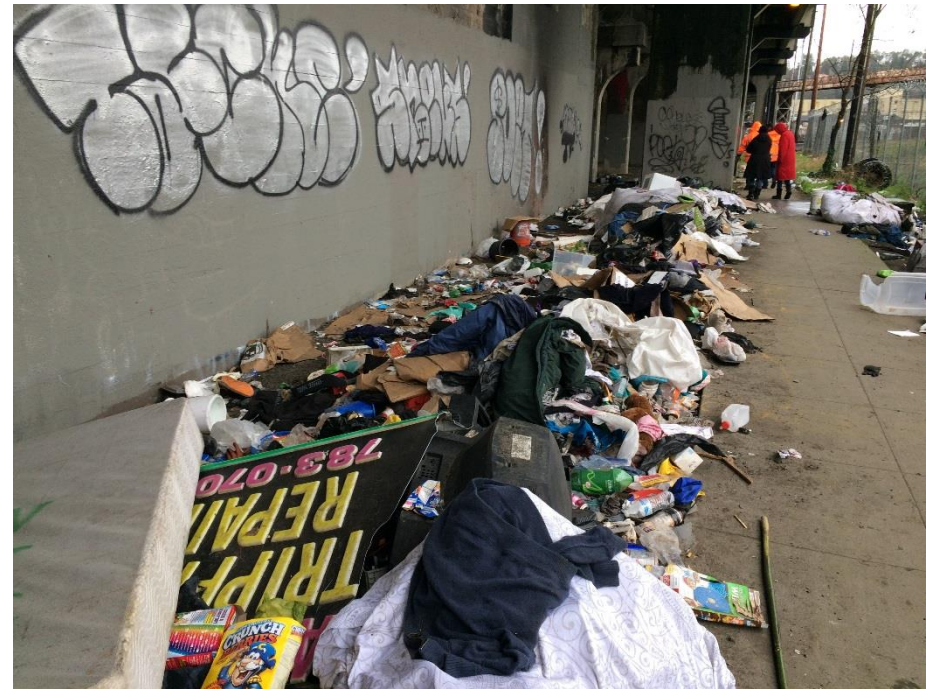
The good news is that in late July, after a report from the mayor's office, city and state departments joined with neighborhood advocates and social service agencies to clear out the illegal encampments. It took several days but our neighborhood already feels better. We are hopeful that all parties will continue efforts and work towards a safer neighborhood for all. But there is still work to do. [...]

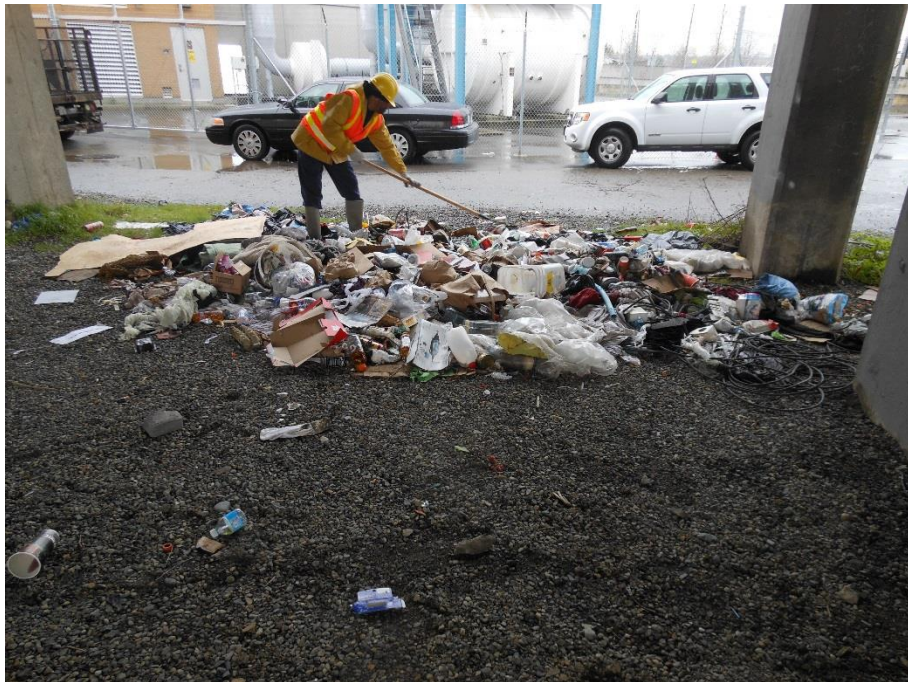
In retrospect, it is hard to believe how quickly things deteriorated. Going forward we know we must remain vigilant. We thank all of you, and our entire community. We are especially grateful that The Wing has such a tremendous community of supporters who are invested in the success of our museum and who want to know how to help.

Our profound thanks,

Wing Luke Museum Board of Trustees

Magnolia Bridge





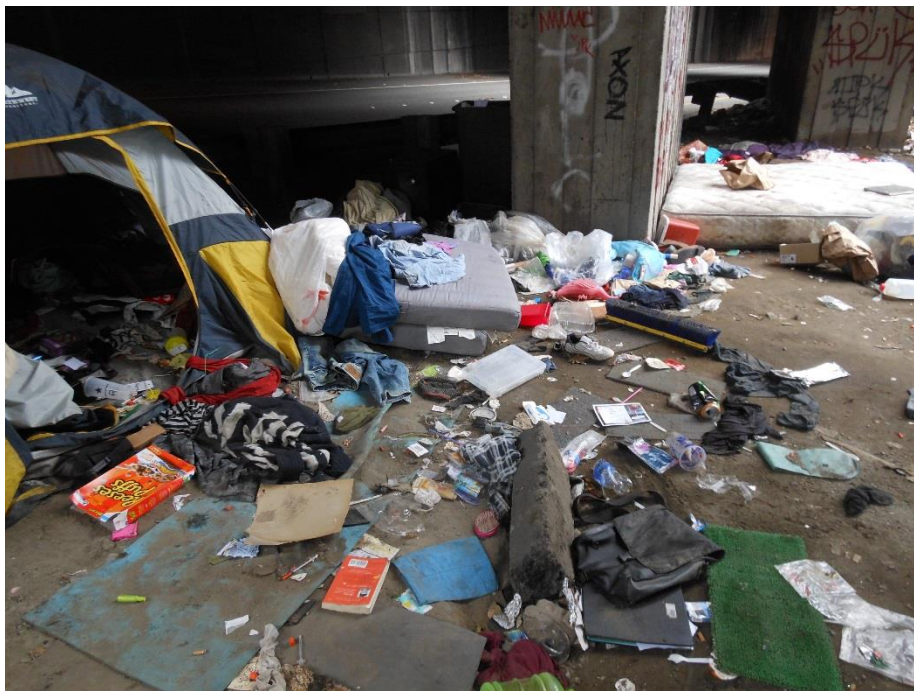
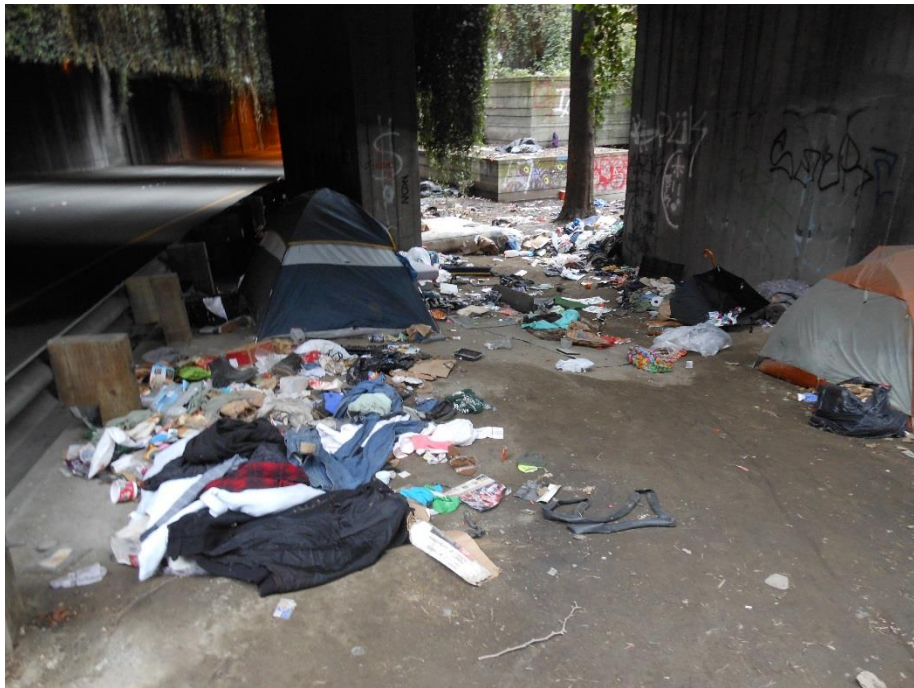
Clean-up at Magnolia Bridge

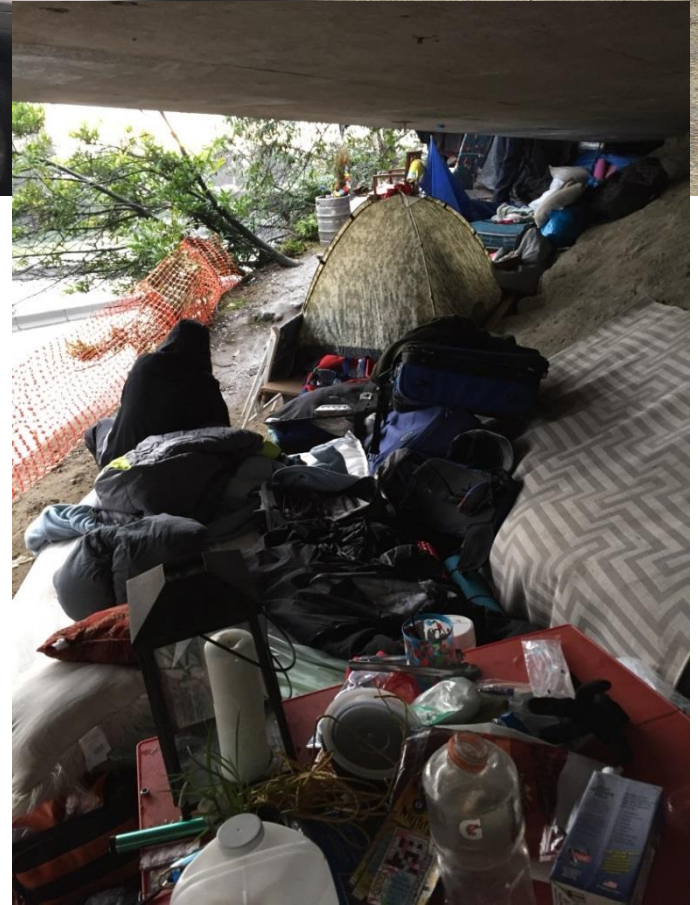
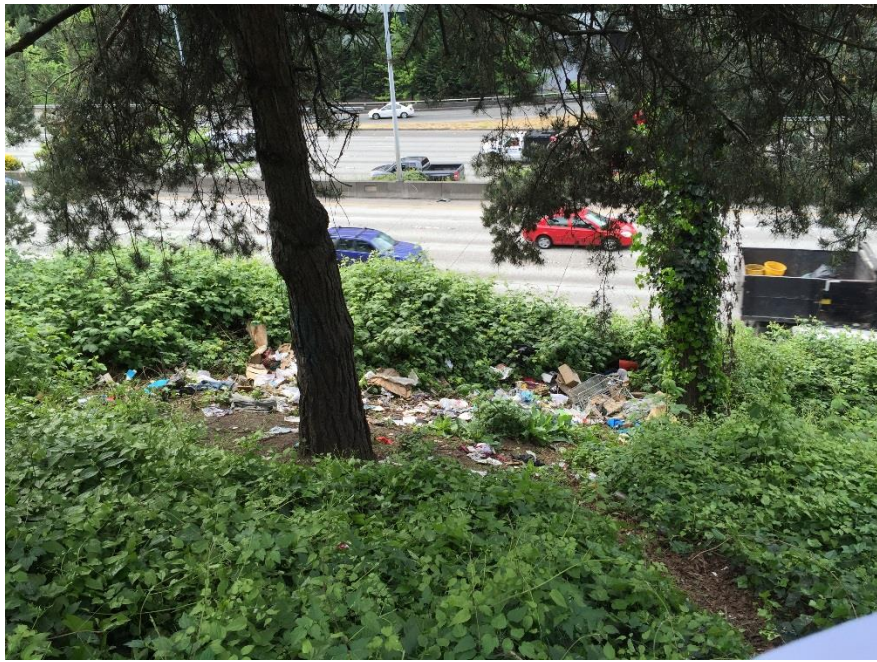
Encampments in Dangerous Locations Above I-5

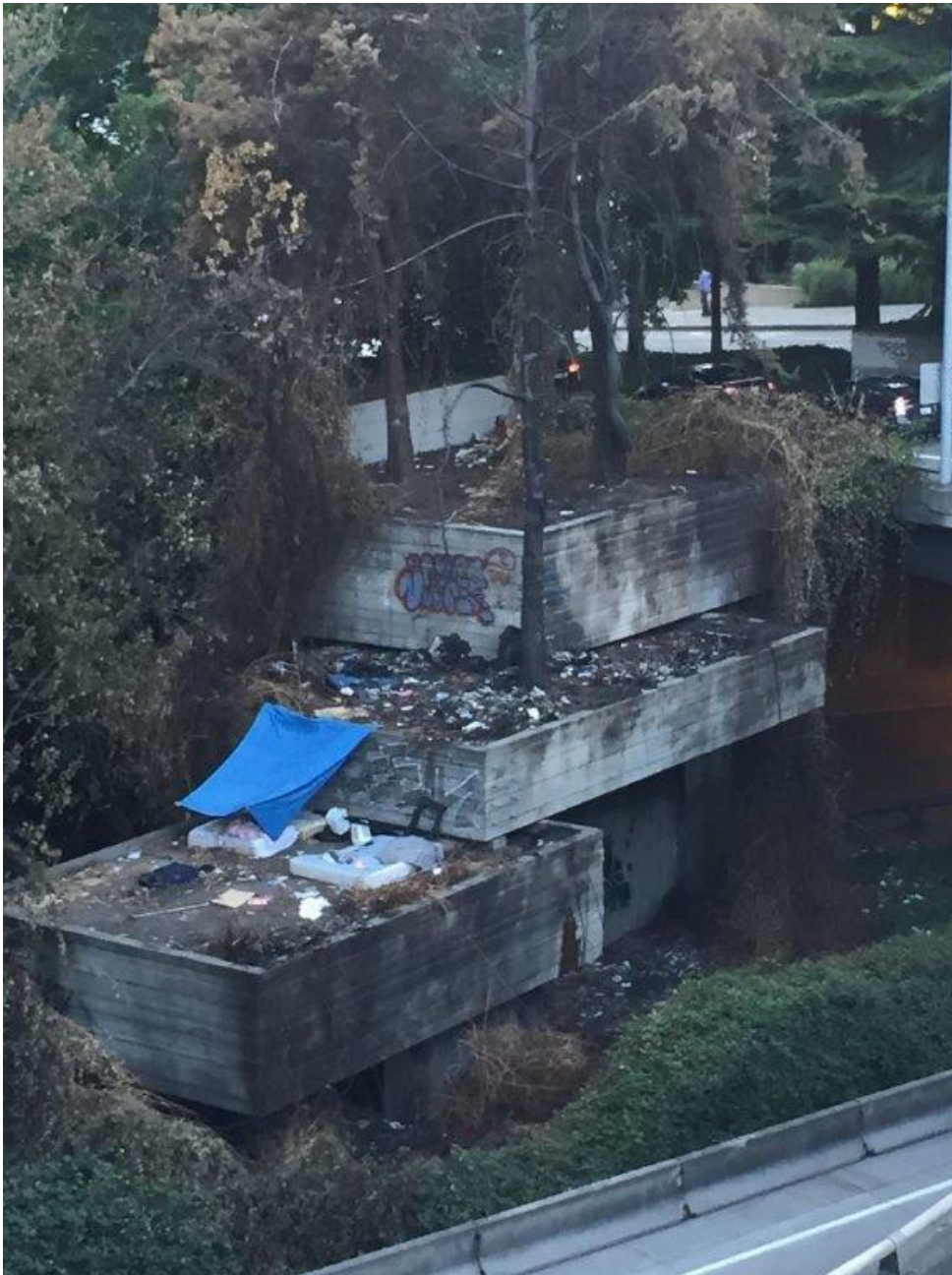












Freeway Park



Trash pile at 'Ballard Jungle' spurs neighbor reaction

By Shane Harms

08/23/2016

A heap of garbage growing at what some are calling the "Ballard Jungle" near the Ballard Locks has spurred one Ballard resident to cry foul.

Terry Pratt called the Mayor's office twice and the Health Department last week after walking by the pile and seeing at least 20 bags of garbage just off the railroad tracks south off the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks parking area.

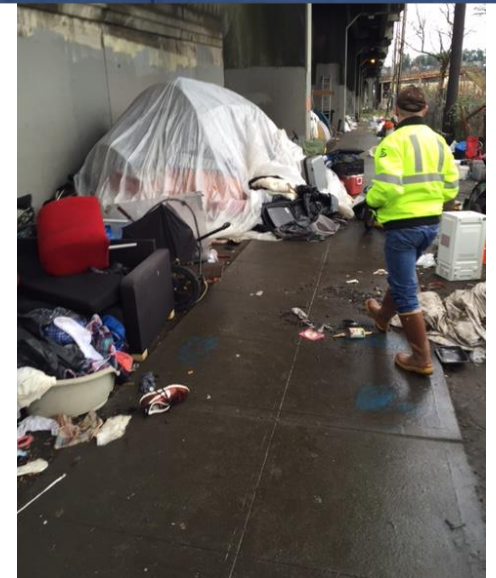
"This hill of garbage is not under a Freeway overpass, nor is it in an industrialized area. It is located in the parking lot of Hiram M. Chittenden Locks. A very big tourist attraction, if you didn't know. More importantly it is across the street from my HUD housing. It is a health and safety problem," Pratt wrote to the City.



Ballard Locks



Sidewalks and
Streets





SODO

Gas Works Park



August 25, 2016

Scott Lindsay
Special Assistant to the Mayor for
Police Reform and Public Safety
City of Seattle
600 Fourth Ave
Seattle, WA 98104

Ballard Commons Park

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

Thank you for your oversight regarding the City of Seattle's homeless issues, including illegal camping, violent behavior and drug use in the Ballard Commons Park. Seattle Police Officers who patrol this area advised that I contact you with my concerns.

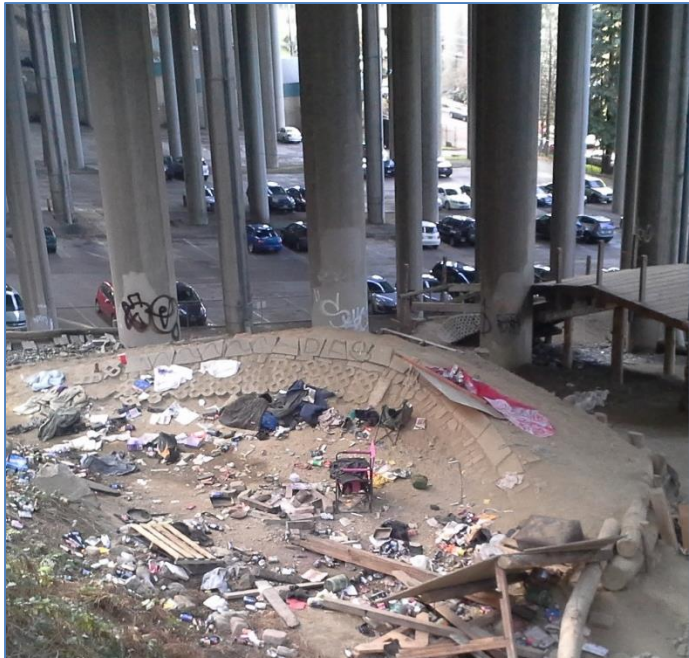
My young niece, who is a single mom and works at Seattle's most respected philanthropic Foundation lives one and one half blocks from this Park. Recently she was verbally harassed with vile sexual threats by one of the many persons who make their home in the Ballard Commons. This was not her first encounter but she is now too intimidated to walk by the park even though it is her shortest route to the grocery store, movie theater, restaurants and other businesses in her Ballard neighborhood. Her 10yr old son, our dear nephew cannot use his skateboard in the park or go to the library. His bicycle was stolen twice even though it was padlocked to the porch of their home.

The officers whom I spoke with confirmed that sex offenders hang out in the Ballard Commons and possibly camp overnight in the many vans that line the park. My niece is also a jogger who carries pepper spray with her when she runs. After this latest encounter she is talking about buying a gun since she has a child to protect and is rightly concerned that this Ballard neighborhood is now perceived to be unsafe by most parents who live there.

My request is that the City enforce the laws for camping in this city park, for dumping garbage on public land, for open drug use and that background checks and sanctions be instigated for those living in the vehicles on city streets next to the Ballard Commons Park. As taxpayers for nearly 40 years in Seattle we believe that the health and safety of our children is at risk and should be a top priority for our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours respectfully,

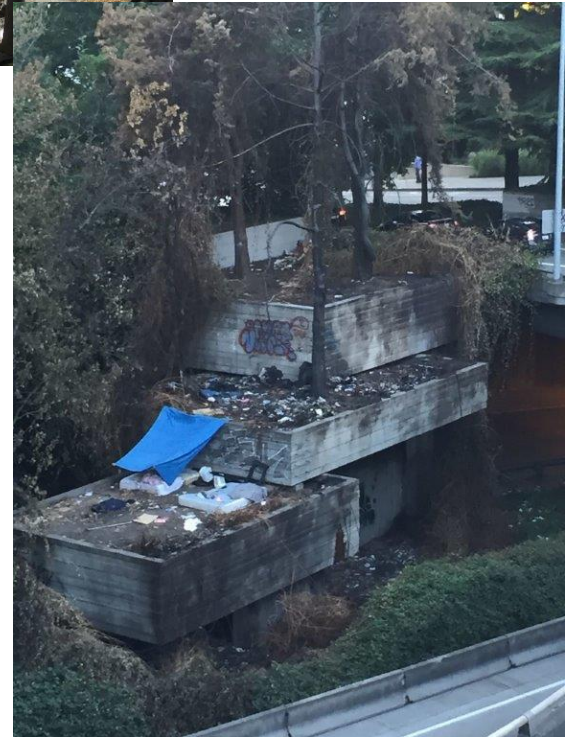


Parks





Fire Hazards

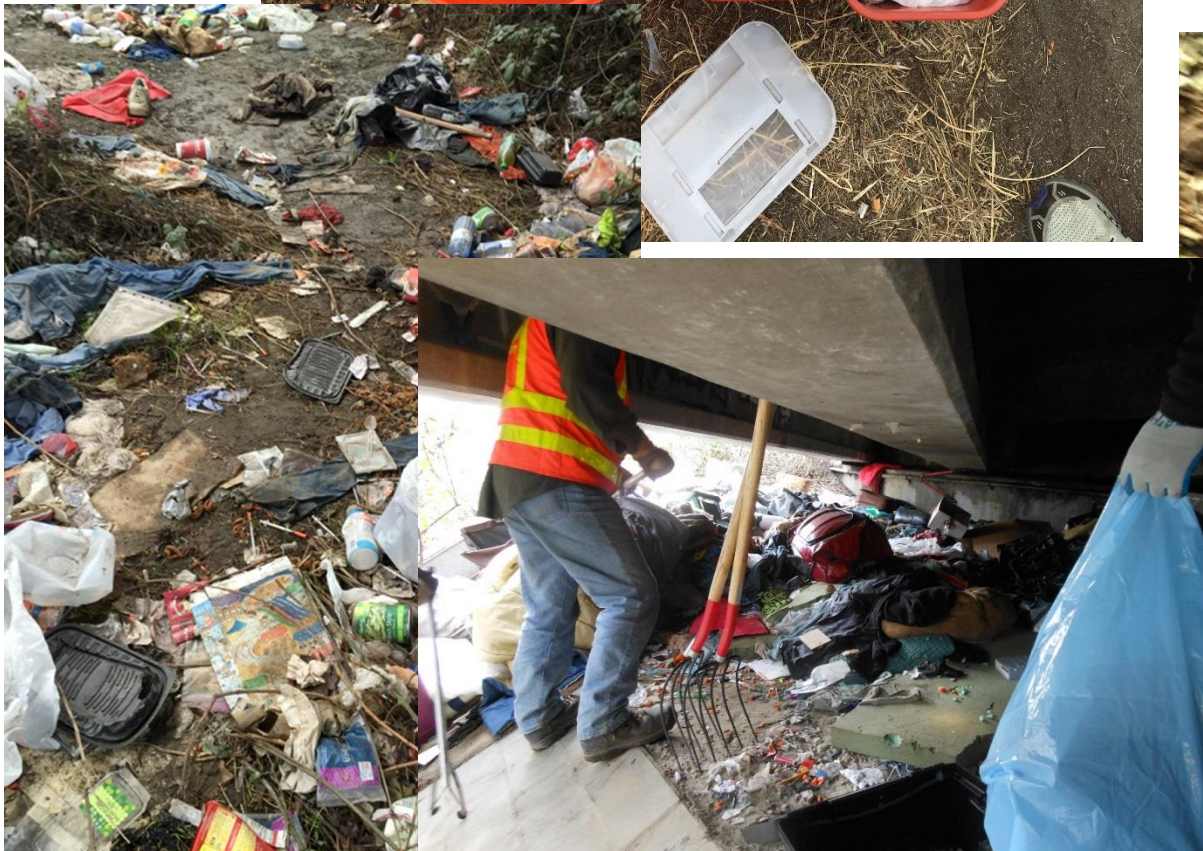




Chopped Bicycles

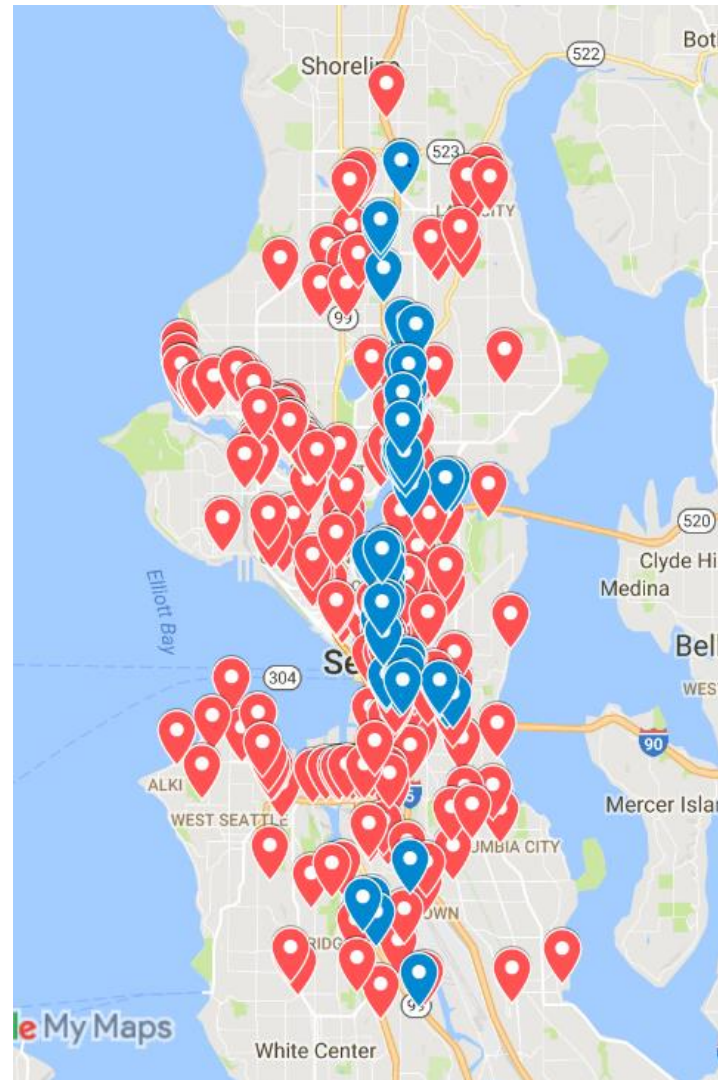




Hypodermic Needles



Current Camping Sites

- Over 350 unauthorized camping sites in the City limits listed in official database (SERIS).
- A large number of sites are in WSDOT jurisdiction.
- Sites are present in many neighborhoods and affect many different departments and public purposes (Parks, Transportation)

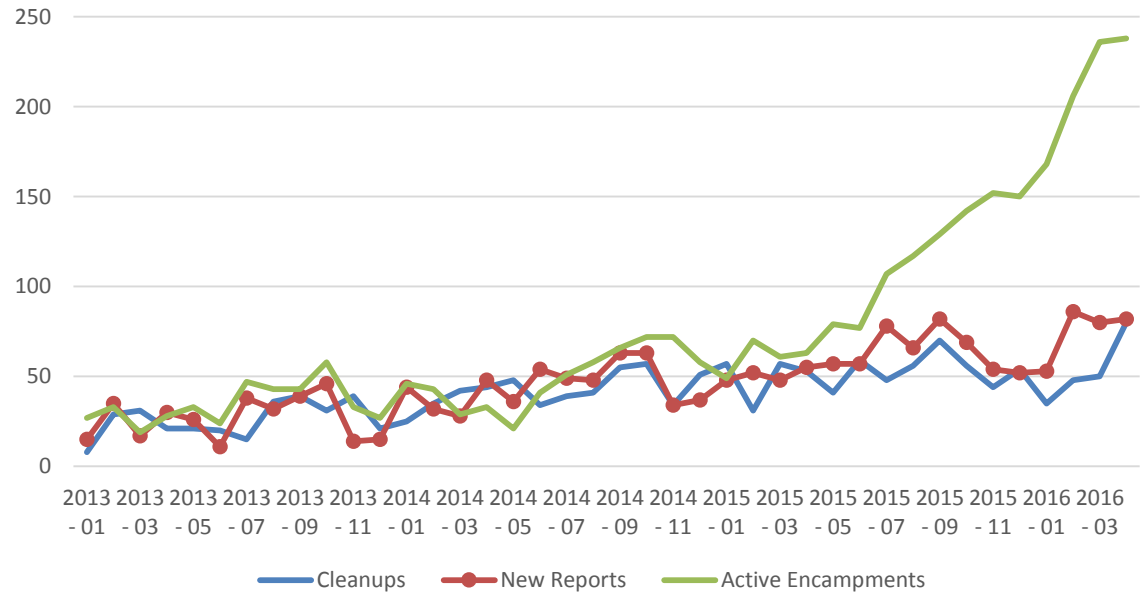


WSDOT 
City Property 

Increased Camping

- The number of encampment sites reported has increased steadily since 2013.
- Encampment cleanup efforts have increased modestly.
- The number of active sites has increased dramatically.

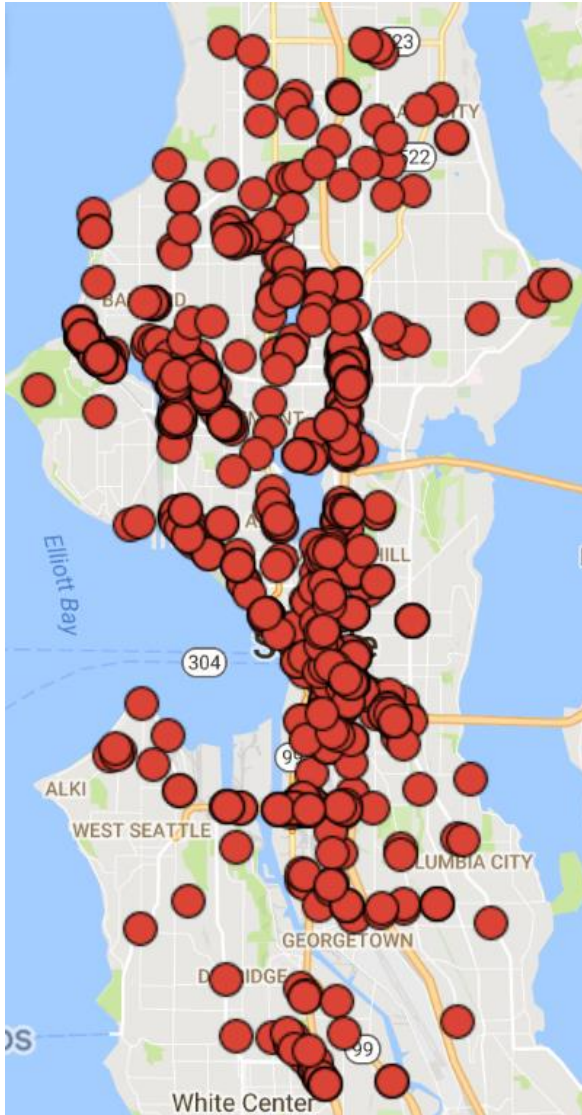
Active Encampments and Encampment Cleanups
(as recorded in SERIS database)



CSB General Inquiry Unauthorized Camping - 2013 - 2016

2013	2014	2015	2016 (estimated using data as of 6/30/16)
306	672	1,371	3,046

Geography of Complaints



CSB General Inquiry SR Issue Category by Precinct
Unauthorized Camping SRs
Jun 23, 2016 To Aug 4, 2016

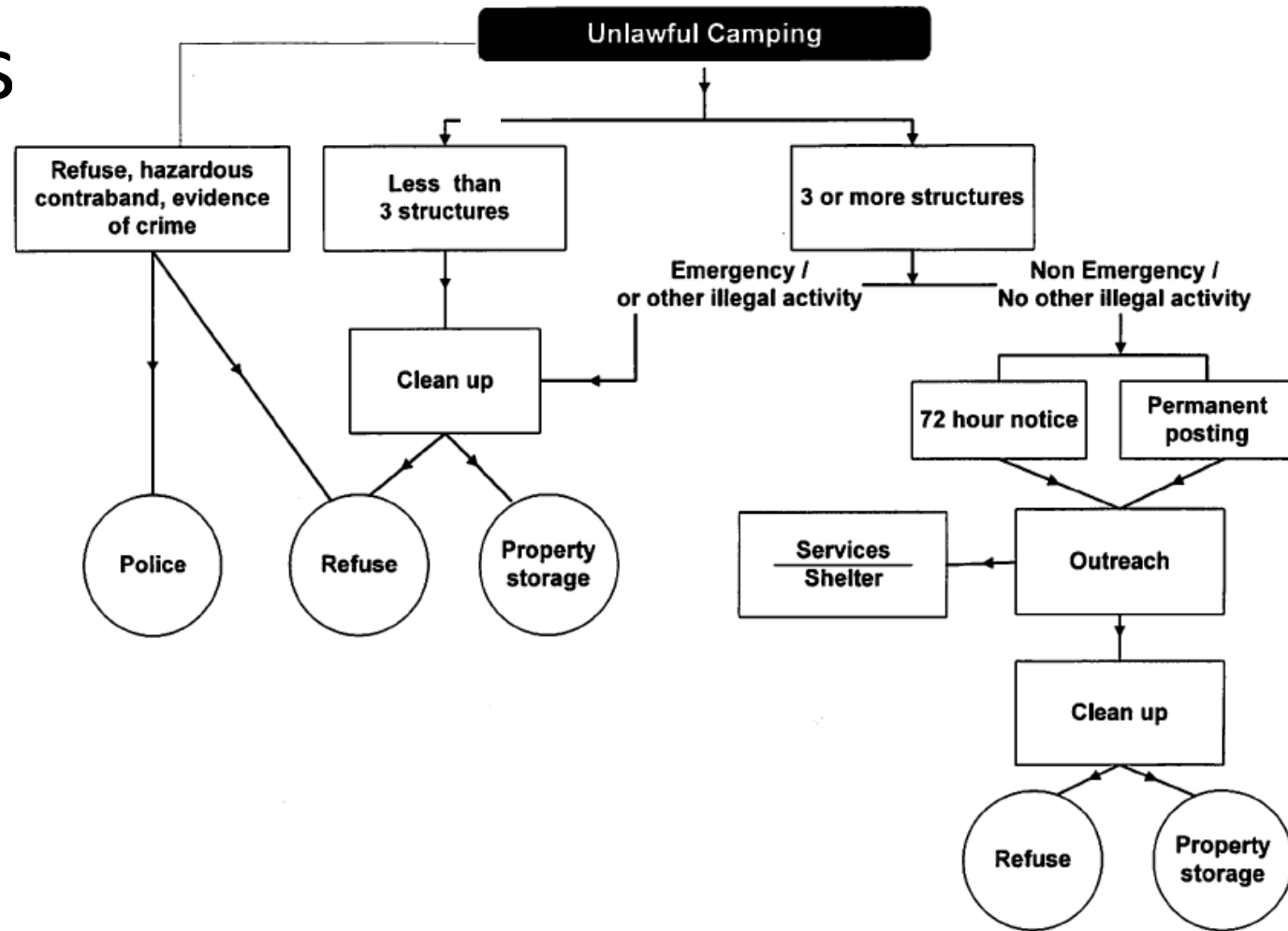
	Count
EAST	23
No Geo Area Assigned	31
NORTH	125
SOUTH	39
SOUTHWEST	18
WEST	59
Total	295

Sample of Over 1,500 Complaints Received

Precinct	Location	SR#	Created Date	Nature of Inquiry
No Geo Area Assigned	AURORA, SEATTLE, WA			
	I-5 @ NE 45TH ST, SEATTLE, WA	16-00102845	6/24/16	Osborne called CSB on 6/24/16 to report a campsite under I-5 on the west side of the express lanes just before the NE 45th St exit. Osborne said she was northbound on the express lanes today with her kids in the car when a camper ran across the highway in front of her vehicle, causing her to slam on her brakes. Osborne said her action to avoid the camper could have resulted in a larger accident. Osborne saw one tent on the west side of the road and four people.
	I-90 EXIT, SEATTLE, WA	16-00116171	7/20/16	Unauthorized camping. See attachment
	I90 OFF RAMP AT RAINIER AVE, SEATTLE, WA 98144	16-00110938	7/10/16	Encampment growing over last few weeks beside rainier ave at the I-90 off ramp. Large structures being built. Garbage piling up. Open drug use near busy bus stop nearby under I90 overpass. Please clean up.
	KING STREET, SEATTLE, WA 98104	16-00113151	7/13/16	I am really disgusted by how the City is handling the homeless problem. Chinatown is a place for those who want to enjoy themselves for a having a meal, not having to walk by garbage, urine, feces n total criminal act - This has gone for way too long.... Everyone is losing business due to lack of leadership. Homeless camps are handled elsewhere, but not in a neighborhood where there are no voice. I hope this is not something that will be permanent. You would not want this to be in front of city hall
	LICTON SPRINGS PARK, SEATTLE, WA	16-00128785	8/1/16	An encampment has been established at the north end of Licton Springs Park, east of and across from the iron springs (in a clearing where tents have been set up before). The tent is grey two-tone; I saw a middle aged man attending to a bicycle when I walked past this evening in the 7 o'clock hour.
	LOWER WOODLAND PARK - ADJACENT TO AURORA ACROSS FROM ZOO, SEATTLE, WA 98103	16-00104864	6/29/16	Hello,I wanted to inform you that there are several homeless campsites being set up in Woodland park, specifically adjacent to Aurora in Lower Woodland Park. I run through the park as well as the sidewalk on Aurora almost every day (I live in the neighborhood) and have noticed more and more of these camps being set up. In addition to the camps in Woodland Park, I have also noticed homeless setting up camps in Green Lake park on the south, west and north sides of the lake. Please do not let this happen to our parks, it's a huge safety concern for me and my family. Thank you,Danielle Hentydanielle.henty@gmail.com503-515-9419
	MEYERS WAY @ AURORA AVE N, SEATTLE, WA	16-00104299	6/28/16	CALLER IS REPORTING AN ILLEGAL HOMELESS CAMP WHERE RAMPANT DRUG USE OCCURS AND THIS PAST SATURDAYTHERE WAS A DEATH IN THE CAMP. THERE IS TRASH AND DEBRIS AND SOIL CONTAMINATION OCCURING. THENEIGHBORS HAVE OBSERVED THE INHABITANTS BRINGING IN BUILDING MATERIALS SO THE NEIGHBORHOOD BELIEVESTHEY ARE BUILDING SEMI PERMANENT STRUCTURES WITHIN THE ENCAMPMENT. SEATTLE HAS COME OUT A FEW TIMESIN THE PAST TO CLEAN UP THE SITE A BIT BUT THE PROBLEM IS PERSISTING. THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS COMETOGETHER AND WILL BE CONTACTING KIRO NEWS AND TOURING THE SITE WITH THEM TOMORROW (6/7/2016) TO FILMWHAT IS GOING ON IN THE ENCAMPMENT. NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS THIS AREA TO BE CLEANED UP AND BELIEVES THATTHE CITY TO SELL PARCELS OF LAND IN THE FUTURE FROM THIS LOCATION WHICH COULD HAVE NEGATIVEENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE FROM THE CAMPERS.From: Davis, DianeCSent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 11:49 AMTo: 'ccro461@ecy.wa.gov'Cc: CSB; Beauregard, Idris; Tonel, Alex; dmus461@ecy.wa.govSubject: FW: ERTS Information 665408Hi Colleen:This site is on public ROW and/or City-owned as far as I can tell. There are numerous complaints in the City's interdepartmental encampment database on this site (it's been cleared several times) so we are aware of it. I will forward this complaint to our Customer Service Bureau so they can add it to the list of other complaints. It appears it is not a site that

Current Protocols

- Multi-department Administrative Rule (MDAR) created under Nickels administration in 2008
- Standardizes the approach to unauthorized camping across City departments
- WSDOT has aligned its practices in Seattle to the MDAR
- Administrations have added restrictions to MDAR to reduce harm caused by cleanups



MDOT

Multi-department Outreach Team created under Murray's administration in 2016

Ciudad De Seattle
AVISO Y ORDEN DE REMOVER
OBJETOS PERSONALES

FECHA DE ANUNCIO	HORA DE ANUNCIO	UBICACIÓN/DIRECCIÓN	FECHA DEL EVENTO
Augusto 11 th , 2016	7:30 a.m.	Ballard Bridge	Augusto 15 th , 2016

ESTA ÁREA NO ESTÁ AUTORIZADA PARA EL ALMACENAJE O REFUGIO. ESTE MATERIAL SERÁ RETIRADO EN NO MENOS DE 72 HORAS DE LA FECHA Y HORA PRECITADA.

Area De Limpieza

Día De La Semana	Fecha	Hora De Comienzo
Lunes	Augusto 15	8:30 A.M.

Para más información y asistencia llame a la oficina de servicio al cliente al 206.684.2489 (206-684-CITY)

- This team goes beyond the MDAR to:
 - Provide the possibility of storage at every clean-up site
 - Provide Outreach services at every clean-up site
 - Provide clear postings of date, and day of scheduled clean-up for every MDOT scheduled event.