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To the St Paul City Council members:

I am sure there are many institutions and people in St Paul who consider it humane treatment of the homeless to allow them to wander around in the streets and leave garbage, human waste and drug paraphernalia behind, or who consider people ordering food at a restaurant, then leaving without paying, a small problem that comes with the larger homeless problem.

If we had packs of animals roaming the streets, trying to sleep in the entryways of buildings, would we put up with that?

No, it would be considered dangerous and inhuman.

25-50% of homeless people have some sort of mental health issue; 25% being considered to be very mentally ill.

The policy you are considering, allowing homeless shelters throughout the city, with no night shelter nearby, can only be considered foolish, but more importantly, dangerous for St Paul citizens and the homeless you purport to care for.

So many of these people are sick, or unable to care for themselves, that they are unable to make responsible choices and decisions.

Placing them in "shelters" from which they come and go out throughout the neighborhood, causing fear and havoc, does no one any good.

As Council members, it takes courage to look at some real remedies for this issue, not just a "You're on your own, but you can take a shower here."

If any of you had a relative who was in this type of sad state, perhaps you would try to do more the most minimal of care a day shelter provides.

This can hardly be called caring for one's neighbor.

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