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Lovebags is a group of people who get together once a week to help people on the streets.

In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Jesus said: The poor you will always have with you....and from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded.

Every Tuesday night at 8:30 in Holiday Park, on the strip of land between Parker Playhouse and US1, we have an outdoor picnic with our homeless friends. We bring covered dishes and trays of food, we bring take-out pizzas and homemade soup, we bring bottled water, we bring clothing and blankets. We spend time with hurting people, we encourage each other, we pray, we laugh, we cry, we play football and boardgames, sometimes we even do artwork together. We listen....and we learn. It's all the things we do at picnics with our own families.

Passage of this ordinance would require portable toilet facilities that we do not have, and even if we did, I am not sure they would even be allowed at the location where we meet.

Some people who come to Lovebags don't even come for the food. They come by just to hang out with us, because they feel loved, and accepted.

I could say more about this, but I think this is enough.

But I do ask.....please.....let us continue to do what we have been doing.

Thank you for your time, and thank you for your service to the community.

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