So... what even is a Business Improvement District?
PORTLAND LEGEND

1988
1. Economic Improvement District

1994
2. Clean and Safe Enhanced Service District
   Note: Incorporation of the 1988 “Economic Improvement District” into the now all-encompassing Portland “Clean and Safe Enhanced Service District”

1994
3. Lloyd Enhanced Service District

2019
4. Central Eastside Enhanced Service District
Tactics Used by BIDs to Exclude Houseless People from Public Space:

- **Policy Advocacy**
  - Advocating for anti-homeless laws

- **Policing Practices**
  - Conducting sweeps and contracting additional police

- **Social Services**
  - Using social services to exploit houseless people
Some findings, insights, and other thoughts!

- ESDs are not accountable to the public
  - No public audit of ESDs
  - Difficult to receive any documents

- There are still many avenues for research going forward
  - Put pressure on city to release documents
  - Search for information elsewhere