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Business Improvement Districts and Enhanced Service Districts

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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



Clinic Study Details How Business Districts
Target Homeless People

**Report finds community benefit d
displacement, harassment**

**Business Improvement
Districts Use Public Funds
Pursue Anti-Homeless
Agenda, Advocates Say**

Business improvement districts are 'anti-homele
report says

**Community Benefit
Districts Under Fire From
Homeless Advocates**

News
UC Berkeley Study: Business Improvement Districts
Criminalize Homelessness

**San Francisco businesses illegally harass
homeless, says study**

UC Berkeley research alleges abuse, illegal spending targeted at city's homeless residents

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

