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## Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Shelter to Housing Continuum Project**, **Recommended Draft**

I understand that it is sad to have people homeless, but it has been made inviting for people to come here from other cities, states to live. They hear about all our free services and help and not to mention being able to live anywhere free. We, the tax payers, cannot continue to pave the way for all these people. It is getting to be expensive to live here for those of us that were born and raised here, worked hard saved money to afford our homes. And pay ridiculously high property taxes so we can support everybody else. We choose the neighborhoods we want to live in because when we did the neighborhoods were clean friendly place you could be proud of. Now it makes me sick to go down the street and see all the trash and garbage and people living amongst that. So many of them do not want to abide by the rules and the laws they don't want to live in housing they don't want to better themselves. They want to do their drugs, get high, and steal from neighborhoods and homeowners. they don't want the responsibility they don't want to be kept clean from the drugs. When is the cities going to look out for their citizens that pay those taxes and understand we are tired of this we want our city back. So many people are leaving this city and even state to live elsewhere. Then what is going to happen when people keep moving out. Why is everything put on the East side of Portland, why not move services to the West side, what about Lake Oswego, Beaverton, stop saying it is closer to services and transportation, that is no longer true. East side deserves to have beautiful safe neighborhoods again.

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