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

The North Portland Park Advisory Group is asking that you change the wording to reflect that parks are not considered open spaces for temporary housing (up to 180 days). We believe that parks should be there to serve all Portlanders as a place of rest, recreation, fun and play. If temporary housing is allowed in parks, most Portlanders, especially parents, will not visit nor allow their children to use the parks for play, recreation, fun, and respite. Even houseless folks need a place to rest, recreate, and have fun. Allowing temporary shelters would likely take that away from all Portlanders. Sincerely, Ginger Edwards for the North Portland Parks Advisory Group

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