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

I am writing in support of S2HC, the Shelter To Housing Continuum Project. As the Pastor of Central Lutheran Church that works alongside of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty, I have seen first hand the ways that the proposed changes can make a difference for individuals and for our community. Being a part of supporting the Agape Village and their visionary use of resources and community building skills has shown that there are more pathways forward in this crisis if we can imagine them together. Changing zoning, offering amendments, renewing the Housing Emergency Declaration as have been proposed can offer much needed dignity and service to our houseless neighbors and increased flexibility for those seeking to imagine collaborative solutions. This work is not only beneficial to our city, it is a moral and social obligation. I thank you for supporting S2HC and our vulnerable citizens and community neighbors.

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