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

I am extremely concerned that the Shelter to Housing Continuum project will only continue and worsen the unhoused situation in outer East Portland and not improve it. Right now there is trash everywhere and it is an eyesore and a health hazard. There are multiple streets that have been taken over by makeshift camps and the City of Portland does not provide resources for those residents or do any kind of clean up. The camps have continued to grow with no improvement. Having designated spaces sounds fine - but I have to wonder who will maintain them, notify neighbors, keep them clean and safe, and provide services to ensure there is a long term solution? Will the outer East side get even more designated spots per capita than other areas? Please, take a drive down NE 122nd, or go to NE 97th and E Burnside if you haven't already and see the end result. This is not sustainable. Simply stating that "really, you should camp here instead" is not enough. There needs to be health and safety guidelines in place and impacted neighbors need the ability to have a voice (and veto power) in the decisions for locations.

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