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

I do not approve of the city of Portland creating homeless camps in the east side area of Portland. I would like to see data that supports creating homeless camps benefits homeless people and citizens who live in the area. This in my opinion is applying a band aid to a problem that requires more thought out planning and care from the City. I as a property owner in east Portland am concerned about my property's value deteriorating and also my family's quality of life diminishing from allowing homeless people to camp in our parks and neighborhood areas. I have lived in this area for 53 years and have always loved Portland considered myself lucky to live so close to a thriving City and family centered community but that is no longer what I think or feel when I see my neighborhood. I no longer recognize Portland it is now filthy and disgusting with garbage and drug users lying down on the sidewalks around stores where I shop. I am so disappointed in the Portland leadership decisions and poor planning to solve this problem. People were once moving to live here now people are moving away. I oppose homeless camps in the east side area and in our Parks. If this is unfairly allowed in this neighborhood area and not distributed to wealthier Westside area neighborhoods then I think legal recourse would be this neighborhoods only action to save it from destruction. Of livability for the citizens in this east side area.

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