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

Good day, I have been a homeowner in the Lents neighborhood for over 10 years and have seen the homeless situations on the I205 and Springwater MUPs get worse and worse. Based on past "solutions" and future "fixes" proposed by the city and the county, I have little faith in either to handle this correctly. The homeless problem is a not just an East Portland or East county of Portland problem, but I have seen the camps shoved further and further East. This is unfair and the city should be ashamed of themselves. I vehemently disagree with the proposed Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, and plead with you to make the two important changes: 1. Add geographic restrictions or filters to limit the number of outdoor encampments that can be sited in poorer, denser neighborhoods to avoid concentrating even more vulnerable populations in certain geographies. 2. Extend the State of Emergency so the county is still able to site shelters on an accelerated timeline. Delay the code change until a better framework is in place for shelter implementation that will ensure a fair distribution of shelter placements as well as better managed facilities for shelter residents and other community members.

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