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

We Eastside community members are justifiably concerned about this project proposal. The failed Hansen Shelter project is still fresh in memory and negative impact here. Briefly, we want three commitments expressly added to this proposal. 1) There will be a publicly posted distribution map, up for review and reworking, showing that proposed shelter/managed camp sites are evenly distributed among ALL communities of Portland and not concentrated on the Eastside. 2) The Emergency designation and rules are to be extended to implement this plan and no permanent code changes are made at this time. More public review is needed for permanent changes to be made. 3) a comprehensive enforcement plan is coupled specifically to this program whereby new managed shelter sites are established but unsanctioned camping sites are physically shut down, removed, cleaned up and then monitored so they can not be reestablished. This should be proven and reported on contemporaneously with the opening of new shelter sites. Along with these commitments we need to see what a comprehensive management plan entails and who, specifically, is responsible for its implementation and results. We on the Eastside have been forced into the City of Portland's demands for 20 years. Heck, we even were fortunate enough to pay for the "priveledge" whether we wanted to be a part of the City or not. Everything we were afraid would happen in the future has now happened and we are being left out in the cold and expected to continue to carry the burden of the City's inability to properly manage it's funds. Ya'll have had over 1 billion dollars to handle the homeless situation over the past 4 years. You could have bought a piece of land and put up tiny homes for every single one of them with that money. But yet, they are still there. When you finally admit and accept that there are those who choose to live that way and do not want your help, you will then maybe direct the funds to those that actually do want the help. Half my street has moved already, and the rest of us are about to. This neighborhood has been turned into a combat zone at night where the people who live here cannot even walk around our own neighborhood without fear of gang's shooting at each other or drug dealers and rolling brothels in our parks and streets.

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