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

This is not OK. I don't support turning our parks into garbage infested campgrounds full of drug users and addicts. I fully support the city utilizing existing parking lots for this purpose. Provide army general purpose tent cards blankets and other support, or allow people to pitch their own tents in the lot. The city could provide security, fresh potable water, portable showers and toilets, laundry facilities, as well as access to food banks and social workers. I don't understand why this hasn't been done already. You could also use the wapato grounds for this purpose. It's long past time to clean up our streets while helping those who really need it

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