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

To whom it may concern, I oppose this proposal and would greatly appreciate reconsideration and additional research be done in order to remedy the current housing crisis. As a lifelong resident of East Portland I have seen a drastic change within our community that creates safety and environmental concerns. I have three adolescent children who I don't allow to frequent our beautiful neighborhood parks do to safety concerns. With most recently a bomb exploding less than 20 feet from the parks green space. This particular situation could of been a lot worse. The RV that was able to park along the street adjacent to the park had been there for six months. Lots of criminal behavior around the RV as well as abandoned vehicles. On any day of the week, you can find homeless camps and or people using the bathroom on the side of the road. Out in the open...Not only is it indecent but it causes me great concern as to the long term environmental affects that are apparent with bodily fluids and garbage. Have there been any studies around these homeless camps in regards to the affects they have on our top soil and ground water? I also worry about our federally protected wildlife as I have witnessed a group of Canadian geese foraging amongst garbage from the homeless camps. Lastly the amount of garbage that is produced at these camps is alarming and a huge expense to the tax payers. As a property owner who pays a large amount of residential taxes in East county I'm dismayed at the city's proposal. In closing I would rather put my tax dollars into Policing, treatment programs and shelters that assist the homeless. Rather then cleaning up garbage and watching my community deteriorate. Please reconsider this project.... Jason Carter

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