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

I agree we need to find housing solutions for the homeless. I disagree on using parks or any natural space for temporary shelter housing for the homeless. As a taxpayer I really find it deplorable that I would be paying taxes for open spaces that I would no longer be able to enjoy. I would not feel safe and I do not believe that people who are camping on our public places in tents are not good stewards of our open spaces. There are vacant properties that could be leased to build temporary shelters. Please leave our public spaces and parks open to all the people in the Greater Metro area to enjoy. With the pandemic we need all of these spaces to be able to walk and recreate. I also have concerns that North Portland would be the target area for our parks to be co opted into temporary shelter spaces. I do not see that this would happen in the more affluent neighborhoods.

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