

My name is Luke Norman and I am a resident of the Irvington neighborhood. I **strongly support the Shelter to Housing Continuum** project and urge you to pass it without delay.

Additionally, I encourage you to **adopt amendments to allow more flexibility for placing sanctioned Outdoor Shelters equitably across our city** proposed by Portland: Neighbors Welcome. In graduate school I had the privilege to work with local organizers who had experienced homelessness in their efforts to develop immediate housing options for the very poor. These organizers shared how **cities, churches, and other community-based organizations could partner to provide sanctioned Outdoor Shelters, which create safe and empowering environments for residents**. I encourage you to learn more about their results: <https://www.villagecollaborative.net/book>.

S2HC has the opportunity to foster these partnerships by allowing *sanctioned Outdoor Shelters to be sited in Open Space zones*, except for Parks and sensitive natural areas AND by allowing churches and *community-based organizations to host sanctioned Outdoor Shelters* by right in all zones.

Together these amendments will ensure that **all neighborhoods have the opportunity to host sanctioned Outdoor Shelters and create safe and empowering environments** that all Portlanders deserve.