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

Parks are a critical asset for our community which provide space for community to rest, play, exercise, develop and experience the great outdoors of Portland. It is important that they remain unpopulated with any housing/occupants, and that they remain safe for all - including children and elderly. Our city streets used to offer a similar benefit. However it has become a place where my family no longer feels safe from crime, violence, and infectious diseases. The city has lost its beauty, and the same would be true of our parks. Please preserve public parks and spaces as a small respite for all Portlanders. Please do not place the needs of a few over the needs of many and please do not allow occupancy in our parks and public spaces.

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