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

I do not support any language in the S2HC that would allow for overnight camping in our city parks, on the parking strips, or on personal property. We live near Laurelhurst park. I would say that it is one of the main things that drew us to buy a house here 11 years ago. We came here as a retired couple and invested in our current home and we were so happy that we did. But this last year there certain areas of the park, near the camping homeless that we do not go near. Further we do not go into the park at night at all any more. The combination of drug use and occsional violence make these areas too risk. With the reduced police budget the problem is worse. I would never let any of our kids play there. You can see needles and feces across the park. The rest room areas are awful. And I cannot believe that any members of the city council could consider this a viable alternative housing for those in need.

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