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

Portland Parks are planned for the present and for the future to be used safely and enjoyably by all. That is certainly what I helped get the Bond issue passed for. They should not be used by one segment of the population that hinders all the rest from a safe enjoyment of them. There are many City and County open areas around Portland that could be utilized for camping more appropriately. It would be safer for campers and for Park users if the campers were placed in the other open areas. Needed services could locate them, and the areas could be maintained properly much easier. It would also maybe be possible to help the campers find more appropriate housing in the future. As to using the parking strips for camps that is against what the City has for right of way access. I cannot plant something on my parking strip that blocks access to walking across or city access to it so why is it ok for tents to do so. Please reconsider what the change of plans will do to our neighborhoods livability and the safety of all who both live and visit it. Thank you

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