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

Mayor Wheeler and City Council Members. As a community we need to address the plight of the houseless, the operative word here is "community". It appears that the stage is set to locate the majority of the houseless East of 82nd Avenue. East Portland contains 26% of the population of the City of Portland, proportionately, all areas of the City should share in accommodating the houseless community, that leaves 74% of the City online to accept the houseless. All options being considered must include wrap-around services so residents can access needed services to end the houseless cycle. Wrap-round services must include sanitary services, counseling for substance abuse and skill building classes to help the individual achieve self worth. This is a city wide issue and must be shared by all residents in all neighborhoods, SW, NW, South, North, NE and SE Portland, no one is exempt or excused from solving and participating in the community issue facing all Portlanders.

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