

Jeff Hanson

#267323 | March 14, 2021

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

I believe parks are for everybody too. When they are overrun with crowds of people, tents and trash on the sidewalks and in the bushes and with human excrement... and when this is normalized... they fail to be for everyone. No longer are they for kids or the citizens who pay the taxes to maintain them and who volunteer for fund raisers and cleanup events. I believe homelessness and addiction are big problems that need solutions... allowing unbridled camping without proper facilities and support mechanisms is not a solution at all. It's a cop out. I'm strongly opposed to making our city's parks and recreation areas unusable by the people who make them possible.

Testimony is presented without formatting.