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

I oppose to locating the bulk of new homeless shelters east of 82 avenue. The city of Portland needs to find alternative solutions to placing most homeless shelters only east of 82nd. The Hansen shelter is an example of the city's failure and ultimate ruin to a neighborhood, now one of the highest crime areas in the city. Safeway shut its store leaving due to continued theft leaving a lack of resources in the area. The gateway Fred Meyer seems to be on the same trajectory. Other areas of the city need to be considered for homeless shelters as well as more low income housing. If the city continues to make poor decisions at the expense of Eastside residents I will have to sell my house and move. I do not want to spend my life living in an area that feels unsafe. Portland's leaders need to consider the safety and well-being of ALL ts residents not just those who Live in wealthy and urban areas.

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