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

I just read the FAQ about this policy change about S2HC and while I strongly support providing better options for people living without homes, as well as reducing the camping that has proliferated throughout the city, I strongly oppose using Portland's parks and green spaces for even temporary shelter siting. The city's parks are intended for everyone in the community to enjoy, and it is just an unavoidable reality that siting a homeless shelter in a public park will diminish access to everyone else who enjoys the park for a variety of uses. Yes to a more adequate, hospitable and well-supported shelter to housing continuum for our unhoused neighbors! No to using Portland's beloved parks as part of that strategy!

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