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

City Council & Mayor Wheeler I have been working throughout the Metro Area in the Real Estate Industry for 28 years, helping families achieve their dreams of home ownership. Portland was once known as the cleanest, most livable place to live in the nation, our freeways were well landscaped and maintained with out graffiti and trash, our parks were designed and well thought out by previous community leaders. When is the City Council who serves the whole community going to wake up and put a stop to what is happening. The new thought of allowing any park or open space to be an option for camping will for sure move people out of our city, greatly decrease home values and qualities of established neighborhoods as well as to continue to drive business away from the Portland area, not to mention the tourism and conventions that we need to come here for our economy. Why cant the council get to the bottom of the homeless problem, and find out why they are moving here, maybe Portland is saying to the nation "GO TO PORTLAND YOU ARE WELCOME TO CAMP IN THEIR PARKS AND ANY GREENSPACE THERE ARE FREE HAND OUTS AT EVERY CORNER" ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!! WAKE UP AND SERVE THE WHOLE METRO COMMUNITY & LOOK BACK TO OUR HISTORY OF WHY PORTLAND WAS SO SPECIAL AS IT WAS IN THE 70"S - 90"s

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