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

I was horrified to learn that there is consideration for a plan to use our parks and open spaces as places for the homeless. Living next to Couch Park I now see homeless tents, drinking , open display and use of needle use, trash everywhere, loud partying at night, and the blockage of use of our sidewalks. The park has a children's playground of which the children see all of which I describe. Our parks, especially, should have none of what I describe. I have repeatedly filed complaints with the city about my concerns with the homeless around our parks of which nothing has been done. It is time for the city to remove these encampments around our parks and move the encampments where they have access to toilet and sanitary facilities.

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