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

Dear Honorable Portland City Council Members, Studying the S2HC map of proposed shelters reveals the City intends to make East County the area's houseless ghetto. I am deeply shocked and disturbed. I live in Argay Terrace between Sandy Boulevard, 122nd Street, and I-84. I moved to this area almost four years ago knowing it was an area facing challenges due to a lack of political representation, poor zoning and planning, and a sense of negligence by the city. Upon viewing the city's plan to continue the Title 15 and the impact it will have in East County, my perception is confirmed. In my view you are planning to choke off any positive development for the area, reward absentee property owners who have let their properties deteriorate, burn, and in general abandoned. Our neighborhood has been patient and tolerant with homeless encampments, RVs, trash, and abandoned cars for years now. I am absolutely for finding compassionate and pragmatic solutions for the growing houseless population. However, public policy needs to be equitable and just, and take in consideration child safety, public health and safe beautiful neighborhoods. Concentrating shelter spaces is not a healthy solution for anyone. I ask :

1. That Title 15 NOT be made permanent.
2. Create a map showing equitable distribution of potential shelter spaces in ALL portland communities.
3. Even if East County has more potential spaces, they should be removed from the map until a balance of ALL communities is shown.
4. Break up the concentration of social service centers in East County and re-distribute social services throughout the City.
5. Let Title 15 expire so that random camping is no longer allowed; extend a new emergency declaration to allow these new codes to be enacted temporarily under the new emergency time frame (no longer than one year).
6. An enforcement plan must be delineated and be expressly coupled to this action so that as new managed shelters are established, random camps are shut down, removed, cleaned up and then monitored so they cannot reestablish.
7. Provide a detailed description of what the management plan is for each site and who specifically, is responsible for its implementation. This plan must be published before any vote is taken.

Thank you for considering my, and my neighbor's concerns.  
Respectfully, Jean Donohue

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