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

As a resident of the Lent's area for 6 years I see our neighborhood becoming more crime riddled. Incidents of vandals, vagrants and public nuisance are all too common. There is a city approved homeless camp at the end of my street. The homeless deserve managed shelters organised and maintained by the city, but all of Portland needs to share equally in the burden. I support the following: 1.) Revised map showing equitable distribution of potential shelter spaces in ALL portland communities. Even if SE has more potential spaces, they should be removed from the map until a balance of ALL communities is shown. 2) No permanent changes to the codes at this time. Let Title 15 expire so that random camping is no longer allowed and 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). 3) 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 can not reestablish. 4) a detailed description of what the management plan is for each site and who ,specifically, is responsible for it's implementation and results needs to be published before any vote is taken. Thank you for your consideration.

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