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

Please do not pass the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project. It will make our city even more undesirable than it currently is. There must be other options for the homeless population. Camping in city parks will dramatically affect our cityscape, not to mention families who enjoy going to parks with their children will now have to find other options. The camping in open spaces that includes parks will not attract people to the city. Portland used to be a very desirable place to live. Making camping in parks legal, people will be less inclined to move to Portland. This will affect the livelihood of Realtors whose business comes from people re-locating to our city. With less home sales, not only will Realtors be affected but also lenders, title companies, stagers, photographers, contractors, landscapers and all services related to home sales. How will these groups of people make an income? Will we be forced to go on welfare or move out of Portland? As a long time Portlander--52 years, I cherish our city and would love to see Portland get back to what it used to be--beautiful. Please re-consider the use of Open Space Zones, the implications will be devastating to real estate value. Thank you.

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