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

Our parks are for tax paying citizens and children to enjoy open spaces. There are many other properties and places that should be focused on in lieu of putting campers at Parks. This is the most nonsensical idea that the city Council has ever come up with. As a tax paying citizen I pay to use the parks, not to house people in them. Find a vacant office building, a large parking lot, someplace that is not for tax paying citizens to enjoy, and having city Council trying to rip it out from under us. I do not take my children to the parks often in North Portland because we find needles every time we go to the playground. And have had unsettling issues with 'house less' people defecating and openly urinating at playgrounds or literally in plain sight next to them. This is unacceptable and unsustainable. I live three houses away from a Parklet, and the rat problem due to the campers at the bottom of the hill is unacceptable and unsustainable. The new lessons that parents get to teach young children in the city of Portland is be careful not to touch the bottom of your shoes, there could be human feces on them which could make you very sick. This is already the problem that we are dealing with, I can't believe how unacceptable this proposal is.

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