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

As a life long resident in East Portland and an advocate for both home owner's rights and the homeless, I feel strongly that what we desperately need from our government at this time is leadership that does not kick the problem down the road...but produces a solution that has a plan for promptly dealing with the complex issues involved. Here are 4 key ideas I support and hope to see in a final plan: 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.

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