

# Kara Dale

**#267485 | March 15, 2021**

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

Thank you for consideration. Allowing camping in open spaces like public city parks is not only dangerous but incredibly short sided. Our city is in crisis with its increasing houselessness problem and to say it's heartbreaking is an understatement. These people need services, real shelter and real help. Not shuffling around to a new spot to camp. Parks are one of the only refuges for our youth, a safe space to open air social distance. As a whole children have been impacted by covid19 on a level that truly no one knows the long term outcome and this would truly be unreal to do to them and parents alike. The biohazard, the crime and the unsafe conditions that surround these camps are should not be welcomed where children play by our city leaders. The city has to think harder, work better and come up with REAL long term solutions to this ever growing problem and actually help these people not shove them around to get them out of sight for commuters.

Testimony is presented without formatting.