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

Good Afternoon, It has become evident the homeless population in and around our city has gotten out of hand. The amount of trash, urine/feces, drug needles etc is disgusting. I fully understand the housing shortage, the lack of mental health care and need for more resources, however moving these homeless camps to our city parks is not the answer. Our parks are beautiful places for all to enjoy, but if they are used for camping they will no longer be available for everyone's use and enjoyment. I will not take my kids and/or pets to the parks for fear of being harassed, or coming into contact with dangerous items. (feces/urine, drugs, alcohol, needles) The city needs to figure out a long term plan to solve the problem not move it into our city parks. The city leaders should be ashamed of the current situation our city is in. I can't imagine anyone wanting to move here...the beauty has been lost in the garbage.

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