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

Dear Portland City Council Members, After having a chance to review the S2HC map of the proposed shelters, I am deeply disturbed how our city intends to use East County. I currently live in Argay Terrace and moved to this area in October 2017. To say that the area has changed in the last several years for the worse would be an understatement. Due to the lack of political representation (couldn't get a hold of anyone from our neighborhood association or website), poor zoning, planning etc., I have felt the need to make my voice be heard here. Title 15's impact on this community is disturbing and in my opinion irresponsible. We are currently on the path to more devastation and I believe that allowing Title 15 to move forward we would be doing the long history and community of the Parkrose area a disservice. Our neighborhood has been EXTREMELY patient and tolerant as we have dealt with the homelessness that has crept up into our community from downtown Portland. The I-84 off ramp near 122nd is slewed with homeless camps. A once nice Argay park has been turned into a dumping ground for trash and RV parking. The crime in our neighborhood has increased drastically (Had our LOCKED car stolen around 2 years ago and had my car broken into last week on 3/10/21) with no confidence that anything is being done about it. Public policy needs to be equitable and take in all of our needs which includes public SAFETY, health and the environment. There has to be accountability for how the homeless are TRASHING our city. I've seen the trash cans and honeybuckets around the city, but that is not helping with the problem, at least not in my neighborhood. I ask the following of the city council members. 1. That Title 15 NOT be made permanent. 2. Create a map showing equitable distribution of potential shelter spaces in ALL Portland communities. 3. Even if East County has more potential spaces, they should be removed from the map until a balance of ALL communities is shown. 4. Due to local business being permanently shut down due to covid, my ask would be to break up the concentration of social service centers in East County and re-distribute social services throughout the City. 5. Let Title 15 expire so that random camping is no longer allowed; 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). 6. 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 cannot reestablish. 7. Provide a detailed description of what the management plan is for each site and who specifically, is responsible for its implementation. This plan must be published before any vote is taken.

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