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

Dear City Council, Shelter to Housing proposal code changes that are being considered do not seem to take into consideration that people who are not homeless; tax paying homeowners in the nation's highest taxed state, will have their parks and green spaces taken over by homeless camps. This seems quite unfair given that we are funding this as we have been funding parks and continually voting for park measures each year. Additionally, why are we creating more reason to move to Portland if you are homeless? I don't my parks to be tent cities, I don't want my neighbor to have homeless people living in an RV in her driveway. I suggest you are very transparent about where these camping areas will be allowed rather than pass this and then have places like Laurelhurst Park taken over by homeless people. Very unsafe places for children, particularly low-income children who have more reason to use these spaces. Do you really think you will ever get voters to ever support parks again if you do this? Yes we have a problem but you will make is worse by doing this.

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