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

I do not support the Continuum Project for temporary shelter to be placed in public parks. Reasons:

1. During Lockdown, tax paying residents need to be able to go to parks as intended and voted on.
2. Voters taxes for parks did not include this use.
3. Bad for wildlife and nature.
4. Decrease in quality of living for city taxpayers.
5. Brings down property values.
6. Does not solve the problem, and will ultimately be more costly and difficult to find another solution later.

My idea: Utilize buildings that are vacant (office, commercial or vacant retail) that have heating, restrooms, kitchens, indoors already.

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