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

From the website: The proposal would, however, allow the temporary siting of shelters in parks and open space for no more than 180 day. This provision does not make sense for the existing houses and neighborhood surrounding the park and/or open space. This time period is far too long and will only create an environment that is not safe or sanitary for the surrounding area. If this project/recommendation moves forward, there must be accountability and enforcement of the laws and guidelines. As you drive around this city and view the camps/campsites, one must question how it is safe and sanitary (for one's health). Why has a site - sidewalk, street, empty land, etc. - become a dumping ground or accumulation site for various items. Until there is accountability and enforcement of the laws, guidelines, rules, etc. and addressing the underlying issue, it does not make sense to move forward. Why continue to enable this cycle if the individual does not want to make the necessary changes.

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