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

I disagree with allowing shelter sites within or adjacent to city parks and schools. These areas are for the use of everyone in the city, not to be taken for months at a time by any group of people, housed or not. There are plenty of locations that could be used as camp/shelter space both on the East AND West sides of town. Parks and schools are not the place for semi-permanent shelters. I also think this issue will not improve without greatly increased funding and resources for mental health and addiction services, but I suppose that is a separate discussion.

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