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

The parks have been my only sanctuary during this pandemic. A resource allowing me to inhale and take in the beauty and healing effects of nature. Only now have I been able to plan for a day soon to bring my grandchildren to spend a day at our beautiful nearby parks in the Pearl District. I walk by so many private property parking lots that are fenced in but seem could be set up as campsites.. not our public parks . Would never take my grandchildren to a campsite with possible trash, needles and questionable behavior from some campers. I am shocked this is even under consideration.

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