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

My understanding of the current proposal is to allow camping in all open space zones which would include all city parks. As a homeowner in Portland with parks in front and behind my property I can not support a provision that would allow for camping in city parks. I understand the challenge of addressing unsheltered individuals in the city but turning public parks into defacto permanent encampments is not, and can not be the answer. This will have a wildly negative impact on neighbors and only make the problem worse and will result in even more people leaving the city. I strongly oppose this measure. If the city wants to address the issue I would encourage them to properly fund housing or identify locations that can be dedicated for the purpose of camping.

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