

# Bob Weiss

**#267634 | March 15, 2021**

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

i am not in favor of S2HC. It puts a strain on the park system at a time when our green spaces and parks are needed the most. There needs to be other means in the meantime to shelter the houseless while we await the city's longer term plan to build more affordable housing. Parks and schools are vital to our PDX neighborhoods. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance. The encampment on Oak st for months affected the usability of the park and playground as families did not feel comfortable. To turn the green spaces loose for tent camps will put even more stress on the livability of Portland. I read nothing of services to be offered at these camps or plans to maintain safety. The city has not shown any ability to maintain or supervise the current camps around the city, and this ordinance does nothing to improve that. There must be made available for the houseless places to set up camp where services are offered, by the city, county and also by our non-profit and religious organizations who can assist in helping the houselss - opening up greenspaces is not the solution.

Testimony is presented without formatting.