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

I am all in favor of providing clean, safe shelter for the homeless/house less population, especially during this time of financial uncertainty and distress; however, I am firmly opposed to allowing encampments in our public park areas, as suggested in the proposal under consideration (“allow the temporary siting of shelters in parks and open space for no more than 180 days”). Parks are designated as areas for recreation, not habitation. Portlanders should feel safe entering all of our parks, and if Laurelhurst Park is any indication of what is to come, it’s a very poor precedent to set. I urge you to please not let our parks become encampments!

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