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

First I want you to know I support actions to help with people who find they have no home especially during these challenging times. I have always been proud Portland's compassion, while also being equally proud of our parks that invite people to enjoy our gorgeous northwest. Our parks are often a no-cost retreat for everyone that offers serenity and beauty. I have a deep concern how this new project will impact our parks - will they still be a refuge or they will become another place that lessens Portland's desirability for everyone. I would like to see other alternatives and for Portland to leave the parks as they have been. I have been involved in the Sunday Park rides - volunteering and so lived the experience. Would that be something still cherished by families with small children? Thank you for your consideration and deep reflection on what this means to ALL Portlanders!

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