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

My husband and I live across from The Fields park and enjoy daily the activities in the park-families with young children, people enjoying the outdoors by walking, running, just enjoying chatting outdoors with friends. and playing with our dogs. We pay a huge amount of taxes so that we can enjoy these outdoor areas. Living in a condo in a city, we do not have a yard or a private outdoor area except for our parks. If this Project is passed residents in Portland will be moving away from the city. Our downtown core has pretty much been destroyed in the last year with all the destruction that has taken place. Please don't destroy the Pearl district too! We have compassion for the homeless in our city but there has to be a better solution than letting people camp in our parks. At present, there are numerous tents on sidewalks and along our streets. We definitely need to have a way to house the homeless but let's not take away our parks. Let's come up with a better solution than this! Jan and Phil Bridge 1075 NW Northrup St Unit 2612 Portland, OR 97209

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