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

I applaud you for wanting to help those in need. I do not want to go against that, but for more shelters to be placed in our community parks might open up for more homeless camps. I don't think that this shelter will move the current camps all over the city to these parks. It won't minimize the number of camps. I'm scared to take my children down Naito or really anywhere else these days because we have to walk through homeless camps. I've had been able to go through them without any incident but many times where I've been yelled out, followed and scared out of my mind. How can we be outside in our neighborhood when every corner you turn, there is a camp. I'm just not sure that this is the way to go unless it is giving the current camps a new home, but that does not seem to be the case since nothing is being done to the current ones.

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