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

While I believe this is a well intentioned effort to help with our homeless issue in Portland, allowing camping in our city parks should not be allowed, and it is not the solution. I grew up in SE Portland and I am both shocked and saddened at how dirty the city now is. I have a Portland address, but I am on the west side - Washington County, where we do not have the same issues but I am still against this. If we allow camping in City parks, the issues we are seeing on the side of the freeways, sidewalks, will then be pushed to safe places for our children and families to go. There is so much filth, dirty needles, feces, garbage, etc where the homeless are living , why on earth would we want to allow this in our City parks? In addition, the City parks are adjacent to many of our neighborhoods, which will be devastating to our Real Estate values. Our Cityscape has already been altered in ways that I never thought I would see in Portland, and we want to allow for something that will make it worse? I implore you to re-think this proposal, and while I do believe we need to do something about our homeless issue, this is NOT the solution. Tina Granato

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