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

Dear Council Members, On behalf of Community Vision, a not for profit organization that supports people with disabilities to live in homes of their choosing ,I submit my testimony to support the placement of Tiny Homes within the Portland community . Community Vision is currently utilizing a variety of strategies to assist individuals to find affordable housing . We have spent considerable time analyzing the costs of our various efforts and those of others ,and feel the return on investment when utilizing Tiny Homes is the most efficient use of public and private funding. For instance, while we are beginning to have success with building Accessory Dwelling Units, the cost of building ADU's far exceeds the costs of Tiny Homes on wheels. Allowing Tiny Homes in the side yard of Portland homes will allow for a very affordable option for individuals with disabilities and help to subsidize the income of Portland home owners . In addition , the placement of Tiny Homes will go a long way in addressing the need for housing density within the City of Portland and will provide an opportunity for Portland neighbors to support those who experience a disability while also providing informal support as a community neighbor . I urge the council to adopt the regulations allowing Tiny Homes to be placed in Portland community side yards. Joe Wykowski

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