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

I do not support the proposal to allow temporary siting of shelters in parks and open spaces for up to 180 days. The people who are unsheltered, their shelters, their belongings and trash inhibit the use and enjoyment of others who wish to use the park and/or open area. As hygiene facilities are not available in all parks and open areas there is a public health concern with people using the parks and opens spaces as toilets. Everyone who uses a park and open space should abide by the same rules and one group's use should not be put ahead of another's group by the city. And as recent tax measure was passed in support of increased funding for parks I feel it is disingenuous for the city to put the proposal to allow shelters of people who are unhoused in parks for up to 180 days.

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