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

Please do not pass this. The homeless is already taking over the city. We need to come up with a solution to get them off the streets and parks and not continue to allow them to use it. I realize there is no easy solution to mitigate for this but this is not the appropriate one. I was recently speaking with friend who would fly in and out of war zones for his job as a pilot. When he recently came to visit Portland he compared it to the slums in South Africa. I am embarrassed. We have a beautiful city and there are better ways than this to resolve the homeless situation. Thank you for your time.

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