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

Portland used to be a nice place to come and raise your kids. Now, it's turned into a shithole. People camp EVERYWHERE. Harrassing people, deficating on sidewalks, throwing garbage EVERYWHERE, and the city keeps making the citizens pay for it. Parks are littered with mental insane people, garbage and needles. I moved to Laurelhurst because I finally had the financial means, and I thought it was one of the nicer neighborhoods. Laurelhurst park has become the worst place to walk in, and is no longer enjoyable. Try and park by the tennis courts, just to open your car door into a tent. And the city has the nerve to charge for us parking downtown? Or if you leave you car in the same location too long? You cannot keep letting people live, deficate, use drugs and litter our parks. They are for operating members of society, that work har, pay taxes and contribute to society. Not a free camping location for homeless. Stop trying to sovle "homlessless". Homelessness is not "a problem to solve", its a result of many other things. Stop treating the result of a dozen other issues. My family are considering leaving Portland. And my bsinuess will go with it. Its too much. Too much dirt, too much disgustingness. We have empathy for homeless people, but there still needs to be law and order. (And let's get into the complacency around the riots.) How can you ticket parking, but not for homless people. How can you make residents pay to repair sidewalks, but let homeless people camp on them!! Enough is enough. Clean up the city, don't keep bending the rules for people that are not contrubuting.

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