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

This is unacceptable. Pushing these camps out to the east side puts a strain on our community that we're already feeling. This will cause safety issues with parks, just like we've seen with Laurelhurst. We already have tents all over and the rise in crime and violence is absurd. Parks are areas for children and families to feel safe, not have to worry about explaining needles on the ground, or being harassed when we go for a walk with our dog. The cities response and support for these communities is ridiculous. Find ways to help these community members rather than moving them around. We need long term, humane solutions, rather than leaving people in tents in public spaces. Work on affordable housing and getting them into a home. This solution is upsetting and if passes, will be the reason me and my family leave Portland.

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