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

I don't think Portland residents have been given adequate notice of this proposed project. Hearing notices should be posted in any open space that this might impact. I am concerned that, with the recent decriminalization of drugs, homeless spaces will become drug dealer malls. For example, there is a "drive thru" meth business running in the Mercy Corps parking lot downtown. Also, there appears to be a "drive thru" meth business on NW Industrial Street, between NW 29th and NW 30th. I think Portland is too permissive, and that attracts people from elsewhere. If someone is living out of a car with out-of-state plates, then you should coordinate with social services in that state to have them sent home. Will the camps be provided with toilet facilities? Will they be required to clean up their garbage? If you see piles of stolen bikes, will you take action? If the campers are breaking into nearby homes, will you take action? If they are harassing neighbors, will you take action? If they are painting graffiti around the area, will you take action? Will an effort be made to institutionalize people who are having a mental health crisis?

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