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

The current proposal couches this as a code change only, without regard for the fact that most of the most of the committee crafting this proposal are agency/advocates-for-the-homeless. If the City is truly committed to equity and inclusion, then non-English speaking, non-agency, non-advocate community members should have been part of the original proposal AS IT WAS BEING WRITTEN. Instead, once again Portland community members are having to be reactive instead of pro-active. the officials in Portland and Multnomah County are now scrambling to come up with ANY SOLUTION RATHER THAN A HOLISTIC AND RESPECTFUL APPROACH TO SOLVING THIS COMPLEX ISSUE. Further, there needs to be a more intense and stricter oversight of JOHS and its staff in how they are spending tax payer dollars.

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