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

I am opposed to this proposal, particularly in regards to public parks, but more broadly as well. Public parks are for the enjoyment of all Portland residents, especially families and children. Living near a city-sponsored organized tent/tiny house facility, I witness every day the unintended consequences of this living arrangement. The area inside the fencing may be well maintained, but the surrounding several blocks are a mess of broken down cars, trash, tents, syringes, etc. This is not what the children of Portland, or their parents, should have to navigate when going to a park to play. I fully support efforts to provide housing to those without - we will all be better off when adequate housing is available. However, I think each location should be considered separately. A blanket approval is not appropriate for something that has such a huge impact on both the potential residents of the housing and the surrounding neighborhood. Making the process easier does not make it right.

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