

# Pamela Lloyd

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

Dear city council, I am writing in response to the information that the city is considering (a bill) that would change zoning and/or allow homeless shelters to be located in our city parks. My husband and I feel strongly that this is a big mistake. Reasons: - persons without homes should be treated with respect and have access to facilities, with showers etc, in a safe proper place. - city parks should be a place of recreation, nature and respite. Please keep them free of facilities, city services and homeless shelters. We live near couch park, for example. Our children need places to play and be safe. - many of the homeless near us unfortunately are drug users. Hundreds of needles in our neighborhood, on our streets and sidewalk. and everyone has been working to keep the parks clean. Please send another message that says this! - We need to use OPEN huge spaces for major campsites and then yes, they can be managed AND not bring people to tiny pockets all over the city threatening the safety, the environment and actually spreading the challenge for first responders! - I think allowing the parks to be inhabited will lower our property values, the city's attractiveness, tourism etc simply the math does not add up! - please take care of the homeless in the way they deserve- dedicated facilities - not our public city parks!!!! Thank you, Pamela b lloyd 1710 nw Hoyt street

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