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

I have lived in Portland all my life. The golf courses in which you want to house the homeless are the ones I grew up on. They've been my sanctuary and a place of reprieve when I want to get away from my day to day life. I've met long lasting friendships and shared experiences with some pretty amazing people there. They taught me discipline, etiquette, and hard work. If you decide to house the homeless on these golf codes you will destroy them. They will look like downtown Portland, a city that I once loved. Now it's a war zone that I avoid at all costs. How many years in a row does the city need to see the homeless problem get worse before they realize that throwing money at a problem and giving things to the unfortunate does not help them. It only makes them more dependent on it. It's sad that this is even being considered.

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