

Hidden Oaks

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

We are writing you today regarding the proposed code changes for the Argay Neighborhood. We seek to be good neighborhood partners who are sensitive to the current houselessness crisis and agree that our houseless neighbors deserve a safe space to live as much as the other members of our community. Given our proximity to one of the proposed sites, we also seek to consider the needs of the nearly 600 individuals who call our community home and the changes a proposal like this may bring them. We believe a balance can be struck in meeting the need for the resources being proposed without impacting neighbors in an undesirable way around the sites being considered. We would like to see the proposed zoning code changes address the following concerns to ensure that the proposed sites can be successful. 1. The screening requirements needs to be more robust, the type of use proposed is different from the surrounding neighborhood. We want to limit any conflict and ensure foot traffic or other traffic does not cross through an adjacent property. A 3 foot high fence is insufficient in mitigating through foot traffic, we recommend requiring the sites to comply with at least the L3 or F2 standards the adjacent properties are required to meet which include 6 foot fencing and/ or landscaping in the setback for screening. 2. One of the proposed sites on NE 125th is more than a mile away from a light rail station with infrequent bus service. We would like to see a transportation plan included in the requirements. 3. We request that outdoor shelter sites be required to obtain security services and maintain 24/7 staffing. We appreciate your time and consideration of our concerns as members of the this neighborhood.

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