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

I write to urge an important change in the language of Shelter to Housing Continuum recommendations from the Planning and Sustainability Commission. You must remove Open Space Zones from consideration for either temporary or permanent houseless shelters. How can you consider giving away parks, that belong to everyone, to just a small subset of the population? This is outrageous, and will only make Portland even less livable than it is already, with the mentally ill and drug addicts camped on every corner. Build clean and safe, drug-free dormitories on cheap land outside of the city for the "homeless," but don't give them the right to take over public spaces in Portland to the exclusion of families and hard-working taxpayers.

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