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

I would like to add my support for the recommendation of the removal of Open Space Zones from consideration for either temporary or permanent houseless shelters EXCEPT for a declaration of emergency by the City Council due to a catastrophic natural disaster. Open spaces especially Parks have and continue to be a haven for people to use to help reduce anxiety, depression, and stress. If parks and green spaces are allowed to incorporate homeless camping into this environment; these spaces no longer become the refuge that so many of our city residences seek in their stressful lives. They city council must represent ALL residences of the city and consider all their needs when considering how best to use open and green spaces.

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