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

One of the greatest and most vital draws to our city is the beauty of our parks. This is true from a livability standpoint and also from a tourism standpoint which drives significant revenue for our city. This recommendation should be more specifically drafted to eliminate the possibility of homeless shelters within our developed parks. There is ample city owned undeveloped land that can be used. Developed city parks should be specifically eliminated from this recommendation. In addition, if these changes are enacted to open additional options for shelters, there should not also be the allowance for camping on city streets and sidewalks. The fear is that this recommendation will open more options, without eliminating other more troubling options.

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