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

As a resident the Vista Condominium in NW Portland, I am writing to support the request submitted by friends of the Portland Parks in their letter of March 1, titled S2HC Proposed Open Space Amendments. I join with them in urging that the rezoning of the Open Space Zone for “houseless shelters” be limited to use only in a declared natural disaster, such as earthquake. The Open Space Zone, including the parks, natural areas, and trails, together make Portland a desirable place to live, visit and operate a business in; they are among Portland’s greatest assets. I urge you to protect Portland’s Open Space Zone and find an alternative solution for houselessness - one that provides security and human dignity for us all, both houseless and housed.

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