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

Dear City Council. Although I am sincerely sympathetic to the plight of our homeless I am not in favor of using our dedicated city parks as a potential rescue area to shelter them. Our parks should be hallowed ground and not used for something for which they were never intended. Many of our city residents are also hurting during these tough COVID times and our parks are critical for their emotional and physical health. We should focus and exhaust all other options for land and /or vacant structures for lease. Allowing park useage seems to me to be “throwing out the baby with the bath water”.

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