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

Dear Portland City Council Members, The S2HC map of proposed shelters shows the City intends to make East Multnomah County the area's designated homeless dumping ground. I am deeply shocked and disturbed. I live in West Cully and already face theft, violent crime and homeless camps in our residential neighborhood that has risen considerably in only the past two years, with no help from the City in addressing these very serious issues. After reviewing the city's plan to continue the Title 15 and the impact it will have in East Portland it's apparent that support for these residents will continue to be disproportionate compared to wealthier neighborhoods. This plan will be a barrier to positive development and improvements in areas east of NE 33rd, while perpetuating the theft, crime, trash, drug use, destruction of property and lack of public safety that is driving many to move outside of the city. Public policy needs to be equitable and just, addressing the issue without disproportionately impacting areas that are already struggling. Concentrating shelter spaces in lower socioeconomic areas is neither a viable nor fair solution. I ask :

1. That Title 15 NOT be made permanent.
2. For a revised map showing equitable distribution of potential shelter spaces in ALL portland communities - including the west side.
3. That even if East County has more potential spaces, they should be removed from the map until a balance of ALL communities is shown.
4. To break up the concentration of social service centers in East County and re-distribute social services throughout the City.
5. To let Title 15 expire so that random camping is no longer allowed; extend a new emergency declaration to allow these new codes to be enacted temporarily under the new emergency time frame (no longer than one year).
6. That an enforcement plan be delineated and expressly coupled to this action so that as new managed shelters are established, random camps are shut down, removed, cleaned up and then monitored so they cannot reestablish.
7. That a detailed description be provided of what the management plan is for each site and who specifically, is responsible for its implementation.

This plan must be published before any vote is taken. Thank you for considering my, and my neighbor's concerns. Sincerely, Jen Boyer

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