

# Tom Matthews

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

To the Portland City Council, I was born, grew up and raised a family in Portland. It has pained me to see the physical breakdown in our downtown and neighborhoods over the last ten years. I'll make this short, in my view we need to try out a new idea such as this and see how it can be managed to the benefit of our diverse communities. It may not be the complete answer, but it seems a humane way to provide a safe means to house those neighbors that need it and make services available to support their return to supporting our community at large. Humanity first. Thank you. Tom Matthews A resident for 73 years

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