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

To Whom It May Concern: My name is Barbara Mohn. I am 83 years old. I was born and raised in Portland and have been a resident of Laurelhurst for most of my life. I served my country. Recently, Laurelhurst has been designated as a Historic District and my house I have lived in for more than 40 years was built in 1923. I am strongly opposed to the Portland Council's proposal to place pallet shelters for the homeless in Laurelhurst. There have been numerous homeless camps located throughout the Laurelhurst neighborhood over the past years which have adversely affected the quality of life and safety for everyone here. They have increased both in size and quantity. Trash, debris, junk, needles, drugs, feces and urine, graffiti always accompany these homeless camps. Malaria, tuberculosis, hepatitis, Covid, lice, fleas and rats always accompany homeless camps. I am concerned for my health and safety, and the health and safety of children and the other property tax-paying residents in my neighborhood. I have witnessed the homeless trespass and go through my garbage and recycling bins without my permission. There has been an increase of reported incidents of violence by the homeless in Laurelhurst in the last few years. I do not want the trash that accompanies the homeless in my neighborhood. I do not want the health risks that accompanies the homeless in my neighborhood. I do not want the filth, feces and urine that accompanies the homeless in my neighborhood. I do not want the needles and the drug dealing that accompanies the homeless in my neighborhood. I do not want the graffiti that accompanies the homeless in my neighborhood. I do not want the violence that accompanies the homeless in my neighborhood while the City of Portland advocates to defund the police. I do not want the homeless accosting me for money so they can spend it on drugs. I do not want the ambulances and the fire department racing up and down my quiet neighborhood to revive the homeless after they intentionally over-dosed on the drugs that are now de-criminalized. Thank you for your attention.

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