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

Portland has lost so much in the last year. The downtown is such a sad mess. I cannot go downtown after working over 20 years in the Gus Solomon Courthouse. The amount of garbage and graffiti all around the city has me thinking about a move when I have always been so proud to call Portland home. As a taxpayer, parks and public safety have been top priorities. Our parks are for the enjoyment of everyone and will be ruined if homeless people are permitted to live in them. From sanitation issues and garbage to safety and management, there is no way the parks are meant to be living spaces. Many wise Portlanders set aside these lands years ago for generations to come. It is our duty to protect the parks not watch them be ruined when providing affordable housing is the solution to houselessness.

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