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

I strongly oppose the amendments proposed to change city coding to allow emergency shelters, day storage, etc in residential zones and more importantly in public parks, even if they are temporary at 180 days. Our parks should be for everyone and with campers they absolutely will not be. They will feel unsafe, be littered with trash and breed more of the same regardless of how "contained" you say they will be. Our tax dollars went to preserve the parks as an open clean space, NOT as shelter. The city has promised to use our money time and time again to build permanent housing and yet you keep putting more and more bandaids on this. You are driving tax payers out of this city by letting this bleed into residential neighborhoods when Portland has so much industrial space to build in.

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