

Krystal T.

#278063 | March 16, 2021

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

I adamantly oppose the Shelter to Housing Continuum (S2HC) proposed zone changes that would allow for public parks and golf courses to be used as places for homeless/houseless encampments. Allowing people to live in parks compromises the safety of more than 600,000 Portlanders, poses long-term environmental threats to areas that are funded by tax payers, and threatens health of residents who are either camping or just visiting (human feces, drug paraphernalia, etc.). To suggest that this would be the best solution for ALL is grossly shortsighted, nor does it provide long-term solutions to the housing crisis. This is an absolute waste of tax payer dollars (imagine how much money it will cost the city to repair damaged parks/areas) and completely disregards the interests of those who try their best to make Portland a viable city. Parks are designed for everyone to use and this would severely limit, if not prohibit that for the foreseeable future.

Testimony is presented without formatting.