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

I am writing to oppose only one small section of the proposed draft. The draft reads, "The proposal would, however, allow the temporary siting of shelters in parks and open spaces for no more than 180 day(sp)." This small section taints the entire message and intent of the proposal. **LEAVE OUR PARKS ALONE!** Take one look at the parks out your office windows (Lownsdale Square and Chapman Park) and see what a mess you have allowed those two beautiful parks to become, and then compare them to the neighboring Federal Park, Terry Schrunk Plaza and you will see why I am vehemently opposed to you allowing ANY "temporary" siting of shelters in ANY city park. You have dozens upon dozens of viable places to place these shelters without destroying our parks. **LEAVE OUR PARKS ALONE!**

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