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

Houseless folks need safe and adequate housing not camping in parks. The city is not working hard enough toward this end. People should not be allowed to camp, leave monumental piles of debris, and do whatever they want in parks or on sidewalks or anywhere else. They must live in shelters, low-income housing, or other city or county run facilities. Living outside is not suitable or acceptable. This town is a mess. An embarrassment to city residents who pay taxes and guests who visit. Let's deal with this problem right now. But not by turning our parks into shelter areas. Parks are for recreation.

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