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

I'm commenting mostly about the proposal to have shelters in parks, I'm not in favor. Parks are already de facto shelters but making it official will change the way parks are used. No longer would it be a shared commons to visit or for children to play, now its somebody's home that the rest of the community would be trespassing on. It might be written up somewhere but I didn't see what the plan is to make sure the parks are kept clean. What might the impact be on plants and animals that also make their home in parks? This idea seems like a potential disaster, one of the remaining things that still seems functional and beautiful around town are the parks so it would be a shame to trash them for short term shelters because other space couldn't be found.

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