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

On the portland website, it says: "Open space (OS) zones often include environmental resources that should not be disturbed. Parks and open space have often been purchased with bond money limited to specific purposes or were given to the City with deed restrictions, often stipulating they must be used for parks, recreation or open space purposes, which doesn't include housing, shelters or other types of development. The proposal would, however, allow the temporary siting of shelters in parks and open space for no more than 180 day." Portland is known for its parks. Portland was known for its quality of life. Judging by downtown, that quality of life has changed for the worse. But the park system is still a refuge. With this proposal, you intend to change that as well. I strongly am against this. I have moved from Portland because of recent poor decisions in the city. If this proposal is accepted, this will increase the exodus.

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