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

Please do NOT include Portland's parks as part of this project. As a lifelong resident of this city, Portland's park spaces have always been a safe and inviting place to enjoy the outdoors in peace. When the pandemic started, I turned to our parks as the sole place where I felt comfortable seeing friends and family in public. Please do not take that away from us by allowing the homeless to take over these spaces. We have seen what happens to city sidewalks and empty lots. There is trash everywhere and people do not feel safe passing by. Please find a different solution!

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