

Donna Hammar

#278119 | March 16, 2021

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

I support, on the whole, the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project. HOWEVER, I am very very strongly opposed to the provision to open up city parks to "temporary" use for shelters and camping. This does nothing to enhance the liveability of our city and could in fact turn our parks into spaces that look like the portion of Naito under the Steel Bridge, very close to where I live. This is a terrible terrible idea. Our parks are used heavily by families, multigenerational units and people with disabilities. Having to steer around tents, human waste and needles (like one does when walking down Naito Parkway) would take these parks out of commission for much of the summer. Please please reject this part of an otherwise good project.

Testimony is presented without formatting.