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

I am strongly against changing the rules to allow homeless shelters and campers in Portland public parks, for ANY length of time. Many of these parks have delicate plantings that will be destroyed if people are allowed to live and camp there. It is also a safety issue, many of the people who would be camping are mentally ill or addicted to drugs or alcohol. Allowing people to camp in public parks would devalue the property of the buildings that surround the park. When I, as a property owner, pay my property and state taxes, I expect certain services in return. That means I expect to live in a clean and safe environment. Housing people, even temporarily, in Portland park space is a bad idea, will create unsafe and unsanitary conditions, and is not worthy of consideration by the City Council.

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