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

To whom it may concern; After reviewing the proposal, there are a few key items I find need to be reevaluated as they lead to safety concerns for the children of the community. First; the public parks should not be used for temporary shelters nor should they be locations in which camping should be prohibited. These are places where children grow and have the ability to be outside. These spaces need to stay clean and protected. Second, school buildings are maintained on paper thin budgets. To use them for shelters would require quite the over haul each year for the teachers and would again be bringing the problems of our society closer to the children which is not a burden they should bear. If you are willing to give up our schools for this, why not have the government employees work from home and give up their offices?

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