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

Hello, my name is Noah Manger and I'm a homeowner in the Portsmouth neighborhood in North Portland. I'm here to urge you to vote Yes on the Shelter to Housing Continuum and to adopt the amendments proposed by Portland: Neighbors Welcome to provide greater flexibility for housing and shelter options. It's an absolute tragedy that in a city that prides itself on its compassion, we sit by as so many of our fellow Portlanders lack safe and stable shelter. My heart breaks for every person who spends a night on the street against their will—we have a responsibility as a community to do whatever we can to mitigate this housing and homelessness crisis. Fortunately, I'm reminded every day that we have creative tools at our disposal when I drive by the Kenton Women's Village on my way to or from my home. Kenton Women's Village is thriving proof of the continuum that can and should exist between shelter and permanent housing, and every time I pass it I think about how remarkable it is that we have these sorts of options available for people in need. And we need more. Far more. We need more of these outdoor shelters to provide stable, clean and safe shelter for our fellow Portlanders in need, as well as the additional options that the Shelter to Housing Continuum proposal and amendments will provide. We owe it to our city to enact the Shelter to Housing Continuum. Please vote YES on the S2HC and on the proposed amendments from Portland: Neighbors Welcome. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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