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

Allowing homeless people to sleep in City Parks is not helping Portland's homeless problem. They need more indoor shelters available to them. Allowing them to camp in Portland Parks, along sides of the freeways and city sidewalks is not the answer to taking care of the homeless. People are moving out of Multnomah one of the highest taxed counties in Oregon because of the vandalism, graffiti and panhandling that has gotten out of hand the last year. It's a shame that Portland's reputation has been allowed to be tarnished the way that it has. I hope that all of you consider all of this and not pass the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project or at eliminate the part allowing homeless to camp or sleep in city parks.

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