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

Here are some of my concerns about the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project: There is no exit strategy. The proposed zone changes clearly state how encampments can be established but fail to address how they will be dismantled. The S2HC fails to provide services to address the underlining issues for homelessness, like drug abuse therapies or pathways for economic independence. The S2HC fails to establish any type of structured enforcement mechanism for desired conditions in said camps/shelters. The proposed distribution for encampments is highly skewed for lower socioeconomic communities. Public parks should not be considered for possible homeless encampment locations, nor should camps/shelters be located near schools (example, Sunnyside Elementary School). Public right of way should not be blocked. Are seniors, disabled citizens, mothers and children to walk in the street? I fail so see how this fulfills the BDS stated purpose of 'enhancing Portland's livability, preserving distinctive places and planning for a resilient future'. I have lived here since 1957. I enjoyed playing in the parks as a child and received a great education in Portland Public Schools. I have volunteered in my community and worked in public schools. It is very disturbing to see what is happening to our city.

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