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

It is extremely concerning to me, a parent of young children, that parks are even being considered as a possible location for temporary shelter for house less individuals. The sanitation and safety issues should be obvious to anyone who has spent time in North and Northeast Portland. Parks are for everyone, and we pay taxes for their continued upkeep and use. Allowing them to be used as homeless shelters, however “temporarily” the proposition may be, will essentially ensure that the parks will only be usable by the unhoused. This is really disgraceful to Portland and will serve to drive out young families and any other individuals who value personal safety while the unhoused take over, as seems to be happening in some areas of our city already. Please leave our parks alone.

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