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

In response to the plan to allow people to camp in public parks and public golf courses. This is insane. Public parks are in my opinion meant to be places of peace and joy for all community members - not places where a select group of individuals are encouraged to move in to live permanently? How does this make sense? While it does give people in need a place to stay it hurts the public's ability to access "our" community resource. Where are we going with this? is the end goal that the people who pay for our taxes and pay to keep these resources going won't be able to use them because the park is now a homeless camp? Seriously? We are experiencing income inequality, mental health issues, drug abuse, rising home prices and our solution is to encourage people to move to the parks and public golf courses? Why do the citizens who pay for these resources feel attacked and not valued over people who in all honesty are not investing in the resource that they're benefiting from. Approving this will further push Portland into the garbage dump that our city seems ok with becoming.

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