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

Dear Mayor and Council Members, I have lived near Laurelhurst park for the last 21 years. Unregulated camping is as sustainable as unregulated housing codes or unregulated anything else. I know we have been in a public pandemic emergency. That doesn't translate for me into a policy allowing 6 month camping permissions. Who will say how many tents are allowed and keep track of the tent residents?...and if you can do that much oversight, why can't the city find a better siting solution than closing off our parks to the larger community? When will we have done our part living next to the houseless? When can the parks return to their original function? By these proposals, never. Very truly yours, Andrew Ehrlich

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