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

Please don't allow the 180 day homeless camping in our parks where children play freely. We live near Sellwood Park which is often full of kids playing, as they should be. Homeless encampments don't belong anywhere near children due to the mental instability of many homeless. I suggest Portland either build or create semi-permanent or permanent housing, indoors for homeless people. If the City is going to continue to want to help the homeless with a myriad of services, indoor shelter is the only option that should be considered. There are so many apartment/condo complexes going up throughout this city. Perhaps now is the time to build or create and own/manage some single resident occupancies (SRO's) throughout the city of Portland..or some other type of long term, indoor housing.

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