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

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Ryan and Rubio, We members of the Parkrose Neighborhood Association board realize that the S2HC program has many positive and creative solutions when approaching options for sheltering and housing our unhoused neighbors. That said, we find that there a few gaps in its offerings and propose the following changes to address some concerns that have arisen from reviewing the S2HC proposal:

- Within 3-5 years the S2HC code changes should be reviewed for efficacy of fulfilling its goals and its impacts on the community. Community hearings should be held to decide whether to renew, revise, or rollback these code changes.
- If limiting the number of shelters per region isn't an option, is it possible to have distance requirements between shelters so too many aren't built close together and put a strain on services in an area?
- The S2HC program needs to have a phased enforcement plan created within a year on how to manage those who are living in unsanctioned camp sites, taking into consideration that more housing options will become available over time. Note that enforcement does not necessarily mean police enforcement. It could be through Portland Street Response (as that expands), HUCIRP, or another municipal entity. However, as more varied, managed housing options become available, living outside in unsanctioned camps needs to become less of an option. After all, isn't the overall goal of S2HC to get those living on the streets in inhumane conditions into better shelters and ultimately housing? We also sympathize with many of the livability concerns mentioned in the East Portland LUTC letter, which is attached as a separate file. Thank you for your consideration, The Parkrose Neighborhood Association board

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