

# Grace Phillips

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

As the mother of two young daughters, I'm against this measure. I grew up going to Portland Parks, which had robust programs and funding. They went downhill in the 90s, only to rise again in the last 15 years with adequate city support. We all know what camps look like. And as sad as the situation is for the homeless, they bring trash, theft, unstable activity and drugs wherever they go. Is that what we want to invite into our public spaces meant for all? People are tired of feeling unsafe in their own city. Children should not have to dodge needles to play on the swings. The homeless in this city are an endless money suck, and I'm tired of the rest of us being an afterthought.

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