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

I think Ms. Hardesty's idea of using Lloyd Center as a homeless center and housing is wonderful. Malls across America are dying and this would be such a great to provide low-income folks a safe place. As property owners in SE Portland, we have been seeing more and more homeless showing up on our streets along with frequent shootings and other crimes. Statistics show that at least half of homeless people are mentally ill or suffering from drug addiction. Moving them out of your sight to SE Portland is not fixing the problem. Please take an hour of your time to watch the documentary on Youtube called "Seattle is Dying." it will enlighten all of you and provide some guidance as well. Seattle is showing us what is killing their cities, and we must stop doing the same old thing here in Portland, and correct the drug and mental health issues.

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