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

I totally disagree with this aspect of the proposal: The proposal would, however, allow the temporary siting of shelters in parks and open space for no more than 180 day. This looks like an easy way for the city to relocate sidewalk campers and folks from private land (i.e. businesses) to public land in an effort to appear to be taking care of a problem but instead are kicking the can down the road so to speak. This is an issue that must be addressed but I would ask that you please reconsider this provision. How exactly will the "temporary" shelter be removed/closed? Have you considered the possibility they will become "permanent" over time? Do we really need these facilities in parks where children play?

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