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

The pandemic has devastated so many and Portlanders needs a reason to be hopeful. Please do not move our unhoused population to the parks and golf courses. You must realize that brings with it a whole host of problems that will make parks unusable for Portlanders who could benefit from a summer outside to recover from COVID. Please continue to look for better solutions. Given our current lack of progress, I would not expect that the parks would be usable by anyone but the unhoused which will create more frustration, disappointment and lack of confidence in the City Council's ability to make real progress. You will have just shifted the problem from the sidewalks to our parks. Keep searching for a better solution--we expect more from this group.

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