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

Every member of the City Council should put every effort available to preserving our City's green space. Any decision to carve out our limited open recreational areas to other purposes is a mistake that will, over time, never be corrected. Parks and Golf Courses (I do not golf) are precious resources in an urban environment that will not ever be prioritized by local or state government in the future, so they must be preserved now in the present. Thoughts of placement for tent encampments or RV locations should be limited to commercial or warehouse districts that are close to services needed by folks without permanent housing. Preserve Portland's Green Spaces, PLEASE!

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