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

Allowing 180 days of camping in public parks is INSANE!!! FIX THE LACK OF HOUSING WITHOUT PENALIZING CITIZENS WHO SUPPORT THE CITY THROUGH HOME OWNERSHIP, PROPERTY TAXES, ETC!!!! Wheeler and all -- OPENING THE PARKS IS NOT NOT NOT THE ANSWER!!!! What are you thinking????????? I purchased my VERY modest condo in 2017 for 195k - my ENTIRE nest egg! I am a 67 year old woman, who still works. I live on 16th ave nw between Couch and Burnside. I HAVE WATCHED MY NEIGHBORHOOD DETRIORATE!!!! My property is now valued at 135k. This is NOT because of COVID. This is because of the MISMANAGEMENT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT!!!! I work in community outreach and engagement and have great empathy for the people living in tents. OPENING PUBLIC SPACE FOR CAMPING IS NOT NOT NOT NOT THE ANSWER!!!!!! Highrises being built in my neighborhood. Condos worth 1/2 to multi-millions of dollars. PORTLAND IS LETTING THE WEALTHY OFF!!!! I am happy to pay my fair share of taxes ---- but - FOR WHAT??? I am furious with this new proposal. PORTLAND HASN'T LEARNED ANYTHING!!! WHEELER ET EL DOES NOT LISTEN TO ME! TO CITIZENS WHO CLEAN UP THE GARBAGE!!! WHO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM INTRAVENOUS DRUG USE!!!! As soon as I can - I am MOVING from Portland! I have to install a catlytic protector from the Portland theives. I cannot have packages delivered to my apartment because of Portland theives. I cannot walk the streets at night because the MENTAL ILLNESS from the Portland street people and campers. I AM SICK OF THIS LACK OF RESPONSIBIILITY!!!! STEP UP WHEELER!!! STEP UP CITY COUNCIL!!! NO NO NO NO ON 180 DAYS OF CAMPING! THE IDEA IS RIDICULOUS!!! Feces - used needles -- GARBAGE -- BIO HAZARDS are what I live with EVERY DAMN DAY because YOU have allowed people to live in tents!!!! FIX THIS ISSUE WITH HOUSING!!!! NOT CAMPING!!!! WHEELER - YOU WERE ELECTED TO DO THIS! CITY COUNCIL - YOU WERE APPOINTED TO DO THIS!!!! STOP PENALIZING ME! STOP PENALIZING MY AND OTHER COMMUNITIES BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET THE METAL TO BUILD AND USE HOUSING TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS. PASS LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES DEVELOPERS TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS!!!! PASS LEGISTLATION THAT REQUIRES EVERYONE!!! TO ABIDE BY THE SOCIAL CONTRACT!!!! NO MORE CAMPING IN MY CITY!!!!!! NO MORE CAMPING IN MY PARKS!!!!!! NO MORE CAMPING IN MY SIDEWALKS!!!! CLEAN UP PORTLAND AND PROVIDE PERMANENT HOUSING !!!!!

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