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

City Council- NO on Shelter to Housing Continuum Project-we have witnessed the use and possession of illegal drugs and the theft of bicycles and personal property by those living on the street. It has expanded greatly for at least 10 years and worse during the last year. The garbage and trash have turned this city into an ugly and dangerous place. Example is the Montgomery Street and 13th street location of a large group who have trashed the area, obtained stolen property, use illegal drugs, and continue to expand their control of the area next to PSU garages. We have walked for decades on a daily basis in the city but have stopped doing so because of its degraded conditions. Jordan Schnitzer's Wapato project is what the city should focus on-families in need who are not drug addicts and willing to follow rules for conduct. This city should not spread the drug users into residential areas. Place homeless in large housing camps like the new one at the inner east side light industrial lots. Do not spread them out around the city. Use city parking and other lots but not public parks. We have paid a lot of money for parks for them to be trashed with drugs and waste. Keep the camps centralized for security and police and other drug control and theft monitoring. Do not authorize these homeless camps around the city. The truly homeless families can be protected but the drug users and thieves who raid neighborhoods are not wanted everywhere. Keep them in centralized camps for the security of the city's citizens. It is your duty not to spread this most serious problem around the city and make it worse than the horrible current conditions. We implore you to simply build more camps like the one by the Eastbank Vera Katz waterfront. Do not allow the homeless infill you are about to authorize in the code. Thank you. Greg Miner

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