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

PLEASE DO NOT USE OUR PARKS for SHELTERING. I recognized this is a very difficult problem that is tied to the growing gap in income over the last century. We need to increase wages (but that is another matter). I support efforts to increase sanctioned shelters that have onsite services, such as hygiene facilities, garbage collection etc. I do not support any sheltering in open space zones. Open space (OS) zones have often been purchased with bond money limited to specific purposes or were given to the City with deed restrictions, often stipulating they must be used for parks, recreation or open space purposes, which doesn't include housing, shelters or other types of development. I strongly disagree with the proposal to "allow temporary siting of shelters in parks and open space for no more than 180 days." It appears that the current housing emergency has been in effect for six years. That is not "temporary". Parks are not a housing alternative.

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