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

I do not have time to read the entire text of the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, but rumor is that it allows camping in recreation parks and (the undefined) "open spaces" and searching through the documents seems to confirm that it will be permitted in parks. I am vehemently opposed to camping in or around parks or "open spaces". - Parks are for recreation; allowing camping en masse will deprive others from their use for their intended purposes - recreation and wild animal habitat. - We all see that the homeless camps bring those who vandalize their surroundings. Some of us, including myself, are disgusted by the destruction, graffiti, trash, medical needles, human waste, and etc. It is on display along US84 and US5 within Portland and our parks should not be subjected to this nor should it be allowed proliferate. Portland looks disgusting, like US90 from ORD to downtown Chicago or US90 in Boston. - The homeless camps, shelters, and services locations are a nucleus for crime, such as theft and vandalism. Concentrate that and police response, rather than spreading both across the city. - There are frequent tent and RV fires among the homeless camps. Whether that is carelessness or disrepair, it is a liability that should not be accepted. As was confirmed by Mayor Wheeler's park closures this past summer and fall, wildfire potential in our parks is a real threat - especially within Forest Park. Concrete is a safer environment. I have a few suggested locations for your unrestricted homeless camping: - 1221 SW 4th Ave, Portland - 701 SW 6th Ave, Portland - 8777 SW Burnham St, Tigard - 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, Portland - 1848 SE Rhine St, Portland - 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland - Especially fond of this one. - 124 SW Madison St, Portland - 664 N Tillamook St, Portland - 17601 Pilkington Rd, Lake Oswego - 1120 SW 5th Ave, Portland - 2929 N Kerby Ave, Portland - 6161 NW 61st Ave, Portland - 4825 N Basin Ave, Portland - 501 N Dixon St, Portland There are many more options.

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