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

This Shelter to Housing Continuum is not a good idea for our communities. Encouraging people to continue to live in tents doesn't sound like the direction Portland should want to go. Taking open space from communities and placing tent cities in them when people need clean and safe places to take their children sounds detrimental to the mental health of the people who presently live and use these open space areas. I would hope that Ms. Hardesty could come up with a plan that didn't take from one group of people to appease another. Maybe it is time to get some new people with new ideas about how to help Portland recover from all the devastation that has occurred this past year and not just continue to compound it.

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