

# Leslye Johnson

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

My name is Leslye Johnson; I live in SE Portland. I am in favor of the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project (S2HC). I am part of a faith community that is a member of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty. I call out for everyone to remember to “do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God”. We are living in extraordinary times. There is vast wealth disparity and monetary inequity. People working one or two minimum wage jobs can barely afford housing. For families it is even worse. The number of unhoused individuals and families will only grow when the rent moratorium ends. To live unhoused is hard and scary. No place is safe. No place to store your belongings. Sleep is difficult. Ways to be clean are hard to find. There are, campers living next to parks and schools, on the sidewalks, in doorways; they have no access to mail, toilets, laundry, showers, water; no place to cook, burning wood to keep warm. I thank the city for identifying new ways to help.

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