

# Beverly Voytko

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

My name is Beverly Voytko and I am a Portland resident and taxpayer. I live in a ground level townhouse in The Strand condos, which are adjacent to a public park. Some time ago, a transient tried to enter my townhouse while I was sitting in my living room, clearly visible to the person who tried to pull open my door. More recently, someone stole a table from my patio, and just this past week someone stole my gas grill. While we need to find solutions to Portland's houseless population, allowing tent camping in public parks is not the solution, particularly when those parks are close to housing for primarily senior communities or young children. If, in an effort to find compassionate solutions to end houselessness, the City continues to endorse policies that make it untenable for the residents and businesses that pay the taxes needed to fund those solutions, we will not be able to serve this vulnerable community.

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