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

While my address is Lake Oswego I vote and pay PDX taxes. This idea of easing zoning restrictions on behalf of the homeless is a slap in the face to every tax paying citizen in this city. Taking over parks should never be an option on the table. The parks have been funded by the generosity of the tax paying citizens through bond measures and the ppr tax. And while you say your intention is not to utilize our parks, you have given us no reason to believe you. If that is in fact the case remove, our parks from the zoning discussion all together. Show the members of this community that you are being truthful remove ALL parks from this zoning proposal. Somehow the homeless who break the law on a daily basis have more rights than those of us that are law abiding, tax paying citizens. Portland has fallen so far into a dark hole I am fearful that it will never return to the beautiful, clean, vibrant city it once was. You will see revenue from taxes decline, real estate prices decline, people will leave the city and the state if you all don't start putting the voting, tax paying, hard working members of this community first. These zoning changes are just another nail on the coffin of Portland. In the end, you the leaders of the city will be squarely to blame for the death of this city.

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