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

Please do not allow camping in Lair Hill Park or any other park in the city of Portland. This is not the right solution to ending homelessness. The city should be looking to build more housing and increase affordable housing. I recognize there is an immediate need for more temporary housing in the city, but allowing camping in the parks is the not way to address. Please look at other options such as building shelters, tiny house, or repurposing city-owned buildings or vacant lots. Now more than ever, with Covid limiting indoor activities, our children need parks and playgrounds. Please maintain our neighborhood parks as a safe, clean, space for everyone in the community to use.

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