

Tanya Baikow-Smith

#278436 | March 17, 2021

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

I am very much opposed to the use of public parks and golf courses as approved camping spaces for the homeless. Our city is already littered with camps, syringes, mounds of trash and feces. Parks and golf courses are for the enjoyment of the city's residents, but housing the homeless there threatens to destroy what beautiful greenspaces we have. I understand that we need to find solutions for the homeless population, help for the drug addicted and mentally ill, but allowing our parks and golf courses to be used for this purpose is not the answer.

Testimony is presented without formatting.