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

Good Day. I am a resident of the Argay community. Please enter my testimony . The Shelter to Housing Continuum as proposed finds me in sincere opposition. There is no equity written into the code. The plan could lead to some neighborhoods being burdened by the task of being solution central, while other neighborhoods will have no participation burden. I am also voicing my opposition as proposal may take citizens out of the conversation by allowing non-conditional use for placement of outdoor, mass shelters and group homes. There must be in place in a neighborhood notification and comment process. The current code change is bad for my neighborhood as it will allow group homes to be placed without neighbor input. It will open up lots north east of 141st St. and Sandy, the current farm fields, and Parkland quarters that are so central to the quality of life for all of the current citizens, and wildlife alike. It will continue the cities trend of creating greater economic disparity between neighborhoods: as low income neighborhoods will continue to bear the brunt of problem-solving for the city, while historic neighborhoods of higher socioeconomic citizens remain untouched. Let's not allow the divestment of outer East Portland to be cloaked in "good intentions" when a solution for equity to serve every citizen a Portland can be utilized by placement of services closer to what currently holds as the central hub of the city itself. Let's not think that we can push city boundaries in place or push out citizens that are most in need ,farthest away from that which will serve them. Thank you, LoriJane Burns

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