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

I am strongly opposed to the changes presented in the S2HC project. The citizens of Portland need our green spaces, trails and parks now, more than ever, with Portland's increasing density, and in light of the current pandemic. Parks are no place for homeless campers. They do need a permanent shelter set up, with access to hygiene and services, such as the successful Dignity Village. These shelter / villages can be successfully created from shipping containers, tiny homes, and the like. The citizens of Portland once again voted in a Parks Levy last November, as we do every time this measure comes up for vote. Keep our parks for the mental health and livability of Portlanders. Our city's survival depends on it.

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