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

I understand that the intent of siting outdoor shelters in Open Space zones does NOT include tent camps in parks, natural areas, trails and golf courses. [This should include the "land-banked" parks in East Portland waiting their turn to be developed.] However, intent and verbal promises are NOT enough. The wording of the code needs to spell out this intent. There was a mention of setting up outdoor shelters in the parking lots of community centers. I would support this ONLY at the community centers being used as temporary shelters, as they are at time in response to the pandemic -- and ONLY while the Community Center is being used as a temporary shelter. Using the parking lots of developed parks should NOT be considered. They are usually located at the entrance to a park and would be barriers to use of the park by the other residents of the city.

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