

# Mary Thomas

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

I've lived in the Parkrose Heights area for four years now. My husband is a teacher and I am an artist. We work VERY hard for our home, and notice the entire neighborhood is full of hardworking people trying to make this less affluent neighborhood beautiful. When I see that you plan to place the MAJORITY of Portland's homeless into my neighborhood- one that doesn't have the money, resources, and connections of your richer areas, it makes my heart sink. This zoning is extremely biased and unfair, putting the needs and wants ad the rich above those of the working class. There should be a more equitable division.

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