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

Please protect taxpayers in Portland by prioritizing the safety of all and the overall livability of the city by considering these points when working on houseless issues and policy in Portland. 1) Revised map showing equitable distribution of potential shelter spaces in ALL portland communities. Even if SE has more potential spaces, they should be removed from the map until a balance of ALL communities is shown. 2) No permanent changes to the codes at this time. Let Title 15 expire so that random camping is no longer allowed and extend a new emergency declaration to allow these new codes to be enacted temporarily under the new emergency time frame (no longer than one year). 3) An enforcement plan must be delineated and be expressly coupled to this action so that as new managed shelters are established, random camps are shut down, removed, cleaned up and then monitored so they can not reestablish. 4) a detailed description of what the management plan is for each site and who ,specifically, is responsible for it's implementation and results needs to be published before any vote is taken. Also, it would be prudent to use any funds available for houselessness relief to provide shelter and/or organized camping areas and then require street campers to use them. I've heard too much talk about street campers denying support offered to them when they are displaced, so they just move on down the line to the next street camping spot. This cannot happen anymore. They need options, but they must choose one of them. Continuing to street camp cannot be an option. Portland taxpayers and residents want street camping to end and campers to be safe and provided the support they need. Establishing camping communities will allow for social services to be delivered more effectively, while making our city safer and beautiful again so Portlanders will stay Portlanders and not move to the suburbs.

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