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

My property borders the SE 150th & Division park property which already has a homeless encampment. Currently there are 4 tents with 4-6 occupants living 10 ft from my backyard. We can watch them come and go, go to the bathroom, collect their garbage and work on their vehicles daily on se taggart and 149th. They have unlimited access to the park property, which is supposed to be closed and enforced from dusk to dawn. They have direct visual access to backyard and my home. We do not enjoy are backyard or patio anylonger because we hear and see the encampment. We keep our drapes closed so that they dont have viaual into our home. In short, we no longer enjoy OUR property or outdoor space because we have a homeless camp virtually in our backyard. They have accumulated more belongings than they can use...file cabinets, sofas...they have mukttiple propane tanks and grills. This is a health violation, a public property violation a camping violation and it prevents me from enjoying my property and drops my property value. How can i sell me home if potential buyer can see homeless camp from every window. The City of Portland needs to make the needs of families that have worked hard and sacrificed to buy a home and pay taxes to the city a priority. It is an issue that has not been properly addressed and now it overwhelms the city at our and the solution will be to further accomodate the homeless at property owners expense. BTW, the resident of the camp are all mid aged men, not struggling families. These campers appear to be on drugs, and spend all of their time in the lot. We feel unsafe with them off our backyard. East Portland has become the literal dumping ground for the homeless issue along with the derelict vehicles and mounds of garbage they accumulate.

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