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

The public parks are for the recreational enjoyment of the citizens of Portland. I've already discontinued using the Johnson Creek bike trail and east bank esplanade due to the unsafe and unsanitary encampments along those areas. The I 205 bike path is a mess and so is the trail in St Johns. Parks are one of the few places people have been able to enjoy during covid and now you want to legalize camps in parks that taxpayers support for up to 180 days? And give me a break with the number of sites that are allowable in E Portland. That is just another classic case of economic nimbyism no matter how you try to spin it. Why not look at emptying out one of the office towers in SW and housing everyone there? There's plenty of vacant space downtown now that businesses are abandoning the core of the city.

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