

# Tami Bean

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

To Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Council Commissioners, Thank you for allowing me to testify on the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project. I am deeply concerned with the City of Portland's proposal to allow our homeless population to temporarily camp in parks and open spaces. Please do not allow this - even on a temporary basis. I am a property owner, I pay my property taxes, which go to support our parks. I also have kids & as a family we should be able to enjoy our parks free from navigating homeless populations, free from the uncertainty of who we may encounter - someone with untreated mental health, untreated addictions that could put my children and family at risk. We as taxpayers deserve to visit our parks free of homeless camps that create unsanitary conditions, garbage and safety risks. I've lived in Portland for 34 years and recognize we have a serious homeless problem. I'm in support of creating solutions like the Kennton Womans camp or other supervised shelters prohibiting drug use, but I don't feel that giving our homeless population the ability to camp in our parks is a good, safe, or clean solution. Please do not allow this proposal to move forward. I worry that people will no longer want to live in Portland soon. Sincerely, Tami Bean, homeowner & taxpayer.

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