

# Janine Robben

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

Dear Council, I am writing to beg you to not make it legal to camp or to have any kind of homeless dwelling spaces in parks and natural spaces, even on a temporary or case-by-case basis. I spend between a half hour and an hour and a half every day picking up litter and trash in SE's Creston Park, its parking lot and around the adjacent school, Creston. This is getting to be a bigger project every day as the number of people (illegally) camping there increases, especially in cars in the parking lot, and use the park's trash cans for their substantial debris (or, worse, DON'T use the trash cans, leaving their debris for city workers and me to pick up). Parks staff are WONDERFUL, but between COVID and the homeless and the damage from the wind storm, they are overwhelmed. I believe that citizens like me have to step up, and I have, but we need for the city council to help us out. Thank you. Janine Robben

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