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

I completely oppose using our public parks or any area near or around our parks for homeless camps of any kind. Our tax paying community needs and deserves a safe and clean environment for our children and families to play in, picnic, summer camps or just enjoy being in our public parks. This is not possible if they are used as homeless encampments. I have seen Portland changing since I moved here in 2005. By allowing anyone to camp anywhere we now have tents filth and garbage along our freeways and exits, streets, fields. Portland needs to do better in dealing with the homeless but our parks are not the answer. I strongly disagree using our parks for anyone camping in them.

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