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

No. Absolutely not. You need to devise a much better plan to cope with and solve the problems associated with homelessness. Camping equates to mounds of trash and debris that are never managed, cleaned up and removed. Just take a look at sites where tents and other shelter structures have been pitched and "camping" has been permitted. It is a disaster. This idea is not a solution to the problem nor a feasible temporary option. Homelessness is a much deeper problem than the need to provide space to pitch more tents. Someone needs to begin thinking outside the box because the current status quo is unacceptable, does not address deep rooted reasons for homelessness, and therefore does not really solve anything.

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