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

Hello my name is Miriam Marx and I live next to Mount Tabor park in Southeast Portland. I would like to state my absolute whole hearted objection to this zone change, the shelter to housing continuum. As a parent of a tween child, I fear for safety. If encampments are allowed in the parks that will mean children/tweens will be unable to exercise and meet friends in outdoor socially distant settings because it will no longer be safe to allow these kids to enter the parks alone. Another huge concern with the zone change is related to garbage and how the city and the park system is going to deal with keeping the park clean with the extensive amount of garbage and littering that happens in and around the camps. The city or the park system has to have a plan for before considering a zone change! The piles of garbage that accompany encampments will ruin the parks! Please, I beg of the commission to Vote AGAINST the zone change!

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