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

Dear Jo Ann Hardesty and Portland Representatives, I vote against allowing public parks and golf courses being used to house homeless camps for the following reasons: 1. Parks are intended for recreation and not living 2. I have voted yes on all homelessness measures and this is not the intention of the money gathered to address homelessness 3. I have also voted to pass all park measures since I love the parks. This change will make parks feel unsafe for many visitors any create trash. Are full homelessness services also going to be provided in the parks such as sanitation, mental health support, drug use support, drop box for needles, and other social services? 4. I have read Portland services for homelessness are not full and being used to 100% capacity. If true, I support these services being fully used before camping in city parks. 5. The city has not figured out how to support or deal with homelessness. Again, this move to allow homeless camps in city parks will continue an aimless and reaction based way of handling a very serious problem that is very hard for all Portland residents. The new Portland is a scary Portland. Thanks for taking the time. I hope Portland has hit bottom and will become a city that works once again. David III

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