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

Turning our Parks in to “temporary” housing is unacceptable. The City of Portland’s inability to articulate a plan to deal with the growing tide of homelessness and resultant destruction of neighborhoods (and businesses) is an emergency in itself. Portland needs a bold plan that requires a central processing facility (such as Wapato) and 2nd and 3rd tier regional solutions for qualified candidates based on needs and abilities to provide for themselves with the right care and opportunity. Turning our parks in to “temporary” shelter will be a disaster, and I don’t pay exorbitant taxes for lame solutions.

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