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

No. Not in Gabriel Park. There are three elementary schools in close proximity. Meaning many children. This is not an urban neighborhood. neighborhood...much more suburban. You tried this before using the old armory building for housing . You need to solve on this without using our parks. In Covid this park has been a haven for our neighborhood. There are many empty office buildings in the city. Get a program going there. Let the corporations help the community. Do not take away our safe place to walk, recreate and stay mentally healthy. Do not leave vulnerable people outside in tents. Ask all of the Portland companies to put their money where their mouth is and move the vulnerable people into the empty buildings where restroom facilities exist. Reopen our SW Community center and others to us and leave Gabriel Park the treasure that it is. And keep our neighborhood the exurban tax paying treasure that it is. I don't agree by the way with using ANY Portland parks for this. Why don't you roll back the legality of pitching tents anywhere...that started the huge growth of homeless people here in the first place. Thanks Charlie Hales. Nice legacy. I would love to return to the downtown of 10 years ago too...but don't ruin our neighborhood parks in the process. Also I do not live in APt. A and I cannot remove that from my address.

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