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

I would like to request more specific direction for the shelter to housing project draft. As residents in East Portland for over 30 years and volunteering I have seen the camps everywhere and temporary shelters that have led to large amounts of trash, rats, and used needles littering our sidewalks and streets. I don't feel safe when I am walking in the neighborhoods ( Wilkes, Parkrose area,etc ). I don't see all these camps and mess in SW Portland and /or SE areas like Eastmoreland etc. Alot of it seems to be pushed out to the East side. I believe housing is a human right and I want our city to work hard to help those that do not currently have access to adequate and or permanent housing. But I feel the language in this draft is too broad and doesn't have safeguards in place to ensure the success of this project. We are always paying more tax dollars, yet the city is becoming more of a mess everyday. Please re-structure this draft to clearly lay out with specific language how this project will be successful, how tax dollars will be spent, the way in which land will be used in order to avoid a heavy concentration solely in East County, language that states our community parks and outdoor recreational areas will not be used. We demand a more defined draft/proposal so people seeking assistance in finding housing will be able live more harmoniously in the city.

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