

# Patricia Garner

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

Dear Elected Leaders of Portlandia, I am so sad and discouraged about the state of Portland and the upcoming tentative plan for the houseless crisis does not give me hope. I support finding some solution to the crisis, but would ask you to remove the plan to use "open spaces" for temporary shelters. Come up with another (more long term) plan for shelter sites. Explore what other cities have done that works. Don't reinvent the wheel or cause more problems. I used the East Portland Community Center regularly to swim before COVID. I hope to use it again in the future. My health, safety and peace of mind matter too. So using community centers for temporary shelters does not support the REST OF THE COMMUNITY. I encourage you to remember there are other people living in Portland who want to enjoy living here and feel proud of where we live. I expect my needs to be figured into the equation of what to do next to help IMPROVE our city - not make it worse. Thank you, pat garner

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