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

"The proposal would, however, allow the temporary siting of shelters in parks and open space for no more than 180 day." Voters in Portland, including me, have long supported parks and open spaces, and funding for low income housing. I strongly disagree with even an interim measure to allow tents and other temporary shelters in parks. Six months of this kind of activity would; destroy much of the landscaping that was designed, installed, and maintained with public monies, increase crime in the very areas that are designated for quiet enjoyment by all, require substantial clean up on an ongoing basis of garbage, human excrement and dangerous illegal paraphernalia. I have zero trust that allowing homeless tents in parks will be "temporary". Once we human beings become accustomed to something, it is extremely difficulty to change behavior and habits. I hope you will not implement this policy.

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