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

Dear Portland Mayor and City Council on Shelter to Housing Continuum Project. I'm a long time supporter of our homeless populations and their pets. They deserve better! I'm also a long time animal rights advocate and know how urgent and necessary it is to accommodate the homeless with their animal children who need open spaces. Most homeless people have pets as that's all they have as companions- loving and devoted sentient beings just like most of us fellow humans. They cannot be denied this rooted connectivity with their pets! I think the tent, tiny houses, and converted motels should be in safe, large open areas with room for dogs to run and kids to play with clean fresh air. Adults too. I would not recommend locating these shelters in public parks which need to remain open for the entire public without restrictions. Converting defunct golf courses and shopping malls, close in farm land and other urban unused land would be the best choices for the shelters, where they can grow and thrive into larger evolved communities. Thank you. With Best Wishes, Paige Powell pronouns - she/her

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