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

Gabriel Park is not an appropriate place for a homeless camp. The surrounding neighborhood is entirely residential and does not offer any services that houseless people need. There is not even a grocery store within walking distance. There are several other vacant, potentially available sites with access to many services that meet the needs of the houseless. Gabriel Park is one of the city's most peaceful and used green spaces. The homeless situation in Portland is a problem that needs a permanent solution. Temporary patches will not work in this situation, especially if there is no end date in the proposal. Please do not approve this zoning ordinance.

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