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

Mayor Wheeler and members of the Council: Please - we need to help people who are homeless. Please - we cannot inequitably burden some neighborhoods and schools with poverty by due to government policy. You have planners. Have you had social scientists and sociologists do presentations on the long term societal and personal ramifications of concentrated poverty? Have your planners met with them? Have those implications been taken into consideration? And please, no more "the land is so much cheaper there" in regard to putting more and more shelters and campgrounds in East Portland. It is that way because the city keeps investing in the inner city and west side, driving up property costs there and exacerbating the inequities. We are still waiting upon the promises of the 90's. We are still waiting for the rest of the city to do their share in meeting our challenges. We are willing to do our share, but no more than our share. Other neighborhoods must step up and you are the only ones that can make that happen. - Annette Mattson, east Portland resident since 1978, years before annexation

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