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

This is a harmful and not well thought out proposal. This is a beautiful park where many children play, baseball, tennis, family outings and picnics occur daily in one form or another. Our Community Center is here for our youth's camps and year around activities. How can one even imagine putting a "housing project" on this land we all love and treasure for our families and our escape to beauty from the day to day stressors, including the depressed state of our downtown, the sides of our freeways full of trash and homeless. Moving those in need to outer city limits in an effort to make them less visible, while destroying well established parks and family oriented neighborhoods is not the solution. We all have seen what happens to parks that have been designated to housing projects. This is NOT what anyone should want for our amazing and beautiful Gabriel Park. This neighborhood and its park is not where we want to see this project. It WILL bring MORE HARM to so many more people than it could potentially help. This is the reality if this were truly thought out. This is a horrible idea. Please leave one of the few public parklands that still values kids playing and family gatherings and safe places to walk our dogs, picnic, and enjoy nature. Would you like this in your backyard? It's not okay In this\our neighborhood.

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