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

Allowing shelters in Portland Parks is not a responsible choice for solving Portland's houseless crisis. Parks are closed to occupants at 10pm or midnight and overnight camping would negate that daily closure. Many parks are adjacent to schools, do not have bathrooms or parking lots. Living near a neighborhood park, I can attest that currently resources for enforcement of rules and safety in parks is already non-existent. Police are not available, parks rangers are not available. Please do not change the city code to allow one of greatest resources, our parks, to be used in this way.

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