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

Before turning Gabriel Park and the Center into a refugee camp with tents and piles of trash, consider that there are others living in Portland who support and enjoy the City and it's culture. There is little open space in Southwest apart from the parks. For the enjoyment of city life and peace for the spirit open vistas are necessary. If you destroy Gabriel Park as a place of solace, where will we go? Every year property taxes increase, even in years when property values decline. We have virtually no City services here. I have lived here beginning early in 1990. I have never seen a street sweeper in my neighborhood. In winter our streets are not cleared of snow or ice. At night, at best, there are only two Portland Police patrol cars. I have had my autod broken into several times with thousands in damage. Police regard these matters as property crimes of no concern to them and will take a report but do nothing more. Mail is taken from mail boxes. Packages are not safe. Thieves follow behind UPS or the US Mail and steal packages left at front doors. Homeless camps are moving out on SW Barbur Blvd. The grocery stores are not safe after dark. I have been assaulted and robbed in Fred Meyers parking lot. Traffic is increasingly hazardous because there is no traffic enforcement. Now we will have homeless roaming our neighborhood seeking any opportunity with no consequences. Have you no consideration for peace and tranquility in City streets and neighborhoods?

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