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* am in full support of the amps. But Gabriel Park is a family park. Used by children & their family's to picnic, walk with or without their dogs(both in & out of the fenced dog park area that has been allocated for decades for this purpose). Both families together and children alike feel safe there to use the many activities that were installed there for those purposes. And, all near the recreation center. I do not feel that using this specific family park area as a housing/shelter area is a positive use of this space for chi outlets reasons. Too many to list them all within this testimony. While I realize as a city we are desperately in need of spaces for the homeless that are equally as safe and contain activities to bring everyone together. That make everyone feel safe. But I was born here. My children are products of my family coming to Oregon in covered wagons on The Oregon Trail. This isn't just a place I live, or chose to live. I love my state. I love this city I was born in. My parents and grandparents were born in. My CHILDREN were born in. All in this this city. And, I'd like to keep a few family oriented parks(especially the dog parks and recreation center areas) free of the tent communities. Thank you for your time.

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