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

I understand that Gabriel Park is being considered as a Homeless Shelter Area and I want to express my opposition to this consideration. The park is being altered for major improvements and a large portion of the park will be off limits which impacts the openness of the park and the heavy volume of every day users. The one option would be the parking lot of the City's recreation facility fenced off and temporary use allowed. The one area of the near westside that is more suitable for this needed shelter and temporary housing is the Sears National Guard Armory. No matter where this housing is located the need for onsite control is the most important factor as the City can not just identify a location, prepare that area then walk away without any responsibility for the oversight and control of the rules of its occupants!

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