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

I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the potential zoning changes. I have watched over the past 5+ years as the city has declined. I have watched neighbors and friends move out of the city and know more who plan to do so. This is in direct response to the homeless situation. I have two kids, age 11 and 14, who grew up playing in Portland parks and attending classes for kids at the Community Centers. It was such a lovely part of their childhood. If Community Center parking lots and parks are turned into homeless camps, I fear that more and more young families will vacate the city. I am trying to have hope. I am hoping that Portland can turn back into the beautiful city it was years ago, but zoning changes like this are not the solution.

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