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

Moving the homeless camps to Gabriel Park is NOT a solution. Moving the problem is NOT a solution. There are hundreds of downtown buildings that are empty. Why are we not looking at converting one of these and providing basic needs to this population? This problem is one that is deserving of attention but moving one of these camps to a park area that is frequented by families and children is NOT the answer. Southwest community center offers a vast array of children's programs and the presence of homeless camps would affect these. Please don't just redistribute an issue that hasn't been addressed just to make it look like you are doing something. This is NOT the answer.

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