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

It is unbelievable to me that you would even consider using our public parks that are paid for by Portland citizens to “house” homeless camps. Those parks are designed for local communities to gather in a safe place with family; they were never designated as camp sites that turn into garbage dumps and high crime areas. Where are your critical thinking skills? You simply want to remove them from freeways and downtown (highly visible areas) to local neighborhoods. Why not do something to actually take care of the problem? The memorial coliseum is hardly ever used—turn that into a shelter village with built-in restrooms and space to provide mental health coaching and meals. You have no right to turn our neighborhoods and parks into unsafe wastelands.

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