

# Susan Park

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

I am completely against this measure. Most of us already have to pay a homeless tax to tackle this problem. As most people know, homeless tents create an unsafe/unsanitary environment for our us and our families. To create this kind of permit at Gabriel Park will further limit where our tax paying citizens can go safely and further limit our children's access to the beautiful city of Portland. At what point does this become unfair for us and our families? When do our voices get heard? Already downtown has become considered unsafe and uninhabitable for many businesses and people. This was not the case just a few years ago. The direction city council and the mayor is going in, is in the absolute wrong direction. There are already measures to help these people that many of Multnomah County residents are paying for. We are becoming a city of homeless tents and not the beautiful, clean, safe city I moved to in 2002. We don't need more of this, we need an actual solution to get these people off the streets and into housing and jobs. This measure just allows them to live anywhere and everywhere in squalid conditions, this is NOT helping them, it is enabling them. Please stop this nonsense.

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