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

Re: Shelter to Housing Continuum (S2HC) code change While houselessness is a huge problem, under no circumstances should parks be used as a temporary or semi-permanent location. Further, no houselessness/temporary living solution is acceptable for the West Delta Park area, formerly known as Vanport, which was the site of the greatest housing tragedy in our history. Houselessness already face enough hardship and discrimination, it is unacceptable to consider even momentarily to allow them into a site with such a negative history.. in fact, it would further discriminate against the houseless that they are the only ones with so little worth/importance that such a site could be considered for their use. It would send a clear message that those in charge believe their lives matter less than everyone else's, which is unacceptable. Do what you will, but the West Delta Park area should be exempt from any such changes. Respect the history and don't be so insensitive that what is unacceptable for everyone else is okay for them.

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