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

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners: I write to ask that you remove the "Open Space Zones" portion of the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project. As a parent and little league coach, I cannot support using our community's parks as designated camping areas. For the past year I have regularly biked past the camps along NW Naito under the Steel Bridge ramps and routinely observe smoking, open fires and other activities that are explicitly outlawed in City parks--for good reason. The idea of coaching five-year-olds playing tee-ball adjacent to such activity should be enough to say no to this policy. SE Portland Little League has already opted to contract with Honey Bucket this year due to the existing inability of PP&R to maintain its restroom facilities for public use. The Shelter to Housing Continuum Project contains many other, valuable tools to address the crisis of houselessness in our community. The Open Space Zones element should be removed in order to preserve the recreation and environmental benefits our parks provide.

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