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

Measure 26-213 The measure would prevent “ongoing reductions to park services and recreation programs, preserve and restore park and natural area health, and center equity and affordable access for all,” according to the measure filing. The parks levy is one of several tax measures on the ballot. which passed and will enact a tax of \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for five years beginning in 2021. The measure was to protect existing infrastructure and allow the community center to open up. Now I understand you wish to allow Gabriel park to be used as a temporary housing for homeless people. On the website for Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, there are no detailed notes about the execution of how garbage, sanitation disposal services are to be provided. We are not near public transport nor are there sufficient support services to aid these people during the transition phase back to a full home base . This is a park where fields are available for use for baseball, softball and recently was approved to add an accessible playground. Personally the project appears to be poorly conceived The city has done a very poor job of sanitation services within downtown Portland, it gives the appearance of wanting to move the problem from one area to another. How can you possibly allow the park to be used for up to 180 days and then expect to get it back to its original state. Where are the guarantees people would move out after 180 days?

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