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

As someone who lives in Multnomah village right by Gabriel park, and also someone who once was homeless.. I can confirm that moving a tent city into this park will NOT help with the issue of homelessness and will NOT make ANYbody happier who lives in the neighborhood!!! What needs to be done is that there needs to be buildings that are and have been vacant for literal YEARS that can get turned into shelters for the homeless. Statistics and studies have in fact shown that IT IS 100% CHEAPER AND MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO UTILIZE ABANDONED HOMES/ BUILDINGS OF ANY SORT FOR THIS!!!! You can NOT solve a problem by shoving it under the rug.. your guys equivalent of a rug is the parks in Portland... we the people voted just last year to have a whole bunch of our tax payer money go to keeping our parks beautiful, and this is absolutely infuriating that you all are deliberately being insubordinate about that and shoving all these homeless people into the parks anyways. HOMELESS ARE STILL HUMAN BEINGS!!

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