

# Wesley Chang

**#278925 | March 24, 2021**

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

I strongly reject the idea of allowing the homeless to “camp” within Portland Public Parks. The vast majority of homeless camps around town are full of trash and hazardous waste (human feces, used hypodermic syringes), and represent a significant health and safety risk to the public, including children. It is my opinion that using public parks is not an acceptable solution to this significant crisis. We pay an exorbitant amount of money for property and other taxes for the “privilege” of living within Portland city limits and the services that we receive in return are generally lacking. Portland city leadership appears to be unable and/or unwilling to make the difficult choices required to get this city back on track. A homeless encampment in our local park will be soundly rejected by myself and my neighbors - expect many new protests in response, this time coming from tax-paying local residents with a vested interest in protecting our neighborhoods and families. Find a better solution with the money that you already have taken from us.

Testimony is presented without formatting.