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

I am writing to the Portland City Counsel to urge them not to allow homeless camps in city parks. While I understand homelessness in Portland is a major issue, moving these folks out of the city proper to public parks is not a viable solution. Children of all ages, and in some cases dogs play in these parks and having human waste, trash and used needles poses a threat not only to the parks themselves but to all who use and enjoy them. City parks are a treasured and cherished part of city living and to destroy their beauty, peacefulness and clean recreation would be a huge disservice to the neighborhoods these parks border. Please rethink the alternatives.

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