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

A fundamental problem is not addressed in the material being circulated for the shelter to housing continuum. In addition to housing we must find ways to reclaim rights of way and other public spaces for general use. In order to do this there must be sufficient shelters and housing including a buffer in order to meet the Constitutional requirement that people cannot be ordered off the streets unless there is a place to go in the city. There are no targets specified for the number of shelter beds or the nature of the shelter facilities (e.g., low barrier, place for the dog, protection from violence, urban outdoorsmen). These targets much be added.

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