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

Dear City Commissioners, I applaud some of the rezoning included in this proposal. However, I do not support the use of Open Spaces for temporary yet repeatedly available to permit housing. My concern stems from that fact that I live in a neighborhood with a park that has had ongoing issues with noise, littering, traffic infractions and other violations of permits issued for sports fields. There is NO enforcement or violations or consequences. What extra Rangers will the city be hiring to enforce even more permitted activities in the park? Further, how is shelter space going to be allocated with Sport field permits? What about environmental zones and natural habitat areas? If you zone out the ENTIRE park, where are neighbors to recreate? What are the stipulations for permitted shelter use? There is about a 4 page list of rules for sports permits, will there be shelter permit rules too around litter and noise and other neighborhood livability issues? Who will enforce them? What will the consequences be to violators? Current overuse of permits in parks combined with lack of enforcement for permit violations to me means that there should be NO MORE NEW PERMITS in Portland Parks for sheltering in tents, vehicles or any other structures. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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