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

I want to see our homeless sheltered in a particular manner where they can find resources for successful living. I live near 122nd and Burnside where there was a homeless shelter. This project was an EPIC fail. Housing people over night without a place during the day means they come through private properties rummaging and stealing during day hours. Same goes for those who wanted shelter and were turned away. They camp in my carport, rummaging through anything of value on my patio, car if it isn't locked, shed and yard- then stealing it. This is awful. I work hard to get the things I need. There is a second shelter near my home sharing the Parole/Probation office. This shelter runs well. The men staying there are polite when walking through the neighborhood. This is a success story. Since my neighborhood is very near the closed Safeway (that closed due to theft from the homeless) at 122nd and Glisan I notice what goes on. There are far too many homeless camping along this stretch of 122nd. It is filthy. This group of people do not have a sanitation necessary to thrive. There is not a toilet nor waste receptacle. I have seen rats running across the street in this area. I do not want to see camps in any old place there is property. People that are homeless deserve better than camping in open places. That I am against. It is too difficult for those of us who have the number of homeless people that my area has. I was born and have lived in Portland most of my life. I'm sad that this is my home town. It is a problem that we can solve.

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