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I applaud the Council's intention to address the needs of our increasing houseless Portlanders, even as we need to solve the inequities and instability at the root of the problem. I do NOT Support using parks and natural areas for housing. These public spaces are used and needed by all the residents in an area - for exercise, sport, community and sanity. We have worked so hard to improve our natural areas and they are vulnerable to damage. I DO Support siting shelter in sustainable locations, that have public transportation and other basic needs. We have many vacant and unused commercial properties - that could house a tiny village, or an encampment with hygiene and sanitation pickup, or a building that might allow shared kitchen and bathroom space, or other creative use. Where WiFi would be accessible, and belongings could be secured.

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