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

Dear Portland City Council Members, Upon review of the S2HC map of proposed shelters, it's clear you intend to continue allowing the degradation of East County. As a dedicated state worker, homeowner in the Montavilla neighborhood for over 20 years, and a parent raising two kids, and I am deeply disappointed and frankly fed up. This city was once a source of pride and enjoyment for my family but now we can't walk to our neighborhood park or nearby businesses without encountering homelessness, drug activity and trash-littered streets. Our once quiet streets are no longer safe, and we can see our kid's college funds and home equity dissipating before our eyes. Allowing Title 15 to continue will effectively squash any chance of positive change in East County, and concentrating shelters in East County is not a healthy solution. A balance of services and shelters in ALL communities is imperative in the effort to clean up our beloved city and restore any sort of faith in its leaders. Thank you for considering my concerns and those of my neighbors. We are counting on you to do the right thing.

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