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

The homeless situation in Portland along with supposed protests (I'm for peaceful protests) but what is going on is a group causing damage to business, the City and is ruining our beautiful city. Also, the graffiti mess is overwhelming and businesses that remain boarded up. The City needs leadership to get this mess under control - think outside the box because what you are doing is enabling more of the same. I would recommend getting large parcels of property and construct facilities much like the Rajanese Ranch - separate mentally ill from young drug addicted and women/children and provide services for these people to get them back into society. Make them work on these farms to plant gardens, raise cattle, make crops to sustain themselves and get to work. Obviously they can riot and graffiti - but can't pick up their own garbage? This is insanity - they are breaking the law by ruining the City, damaging property and businesses - but when they are arrested they are let go and do more of the same. However, our City leaders just continue to allow it and encourage more of it by providing more in City camping????????? Use the law enforcement we have and let them do their job - stop all this craziness. Businesses are moving out of Portland and so are people - we are sick of this!!. When your tax base goes down and you lose your jobs and the homeless and rioters take over what then? Since Covid the homeless situation has at least tripled in size - attracting more from other cities who want to be taken care of by Portland. As I drive the City the majority of campers are young people who do not to abide by rules and regulations - just be lawless. Send the ones coming in back to their own Cities. This is how crazy stuff has gotten - I have to pay for parking - but campers have the right to camp on sidewalks and I get to walk thru their garbage to reach a place of business and they get to live there for free. This is insanity - what is happening!

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