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

I am deeply concerned about the proposal. As a senior citizen that moved to SE Portland recently, I now wish I hadn't. I am stuck here for at least a few years. I do not feel safe. Now you want to set up these sanctioned camps around Portland and encourage more homeless populations to come to Portland; bringing with it more crime, garbage, drugs and less safety for the residents living here. How is that possibly fair? You keep raising my taxes to support homeless needs, and are taxing me right out of my home. Why is there such a disparity in allowable locations in SE Portland compared to all the other parts of Portland? Especially the richer areas? If homeless x CA amps don't keep their current areas clean, what makes you think these proposed sites will be kept clean? How will that be handled? Will they be asked to leave the area? What about drug use? How will that be monitored? I can drive by current homeless areas and see people actively using. Are there going to be monitors? Security? While I am all for helping those who are willing to help themselves, I don't think it is fair to ask us to continue to subject the honest and hard working citizens of this community to a now sanctioned similar situation without some safeguards in place. What is the accountability and responsibility of those homeless populations if this is approved?

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