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

I urge Portland City Council to pass the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project and extend the housing emergency, including the following: - Vote YES on the Shelter to Housing Continuum, because expanded shelter & housing options are the only way to get people off the street. - Do not adopt any amendments that would reduce or limit the ability of the city or providers to site shelters across the city. - Adopt the Portland: Neighbors Welcome and Social Justice Coalition amendments to ensure maximum flexibility for shelter and housing: - Give greater flexibility for siting Outdoor Shelters, on a permanent or temporary basis, including allowing permanent Outdoor Shelters on specific sites in Open Space zones with a vote of city council following a public hearing Allow churches, religious organizations, and community organizations to host outdoor shelters serving up to 20 people by-right in all residential zones. - Allow RVs and tiny-houses on wheels on residential properties without a sewer hookup, if they utilize other safe sanitation options. Thank you! Kate Walker (she/her) - NE Portland, Resident

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