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

This comes across as push back primarily from Comm Hardesty to all of Portland's old (white) guard. Comm Hardesty can't seem to help but fire away at all that we in Portland hold dear, including our under manned and under funded police. Our parks are sacred to our community. Our public golf courses provide more soul-feeding green spaces and places to congregate and socialize with neighbors. Yes, we need a solution to the homeless and house less problem. Let's ask 1000 Friends to find a parcel of land within their crushing urban nongrowth boundary. Let's ask the numerous wealthy Developers who continue to glean enormous profits throughout the pandemic building over priced new homes instead of low income affordable housing projects. How about we tap the city's parking czars for a few shekels to built affordable housing? We have lost so much these last few years which once upon a time made portland a great city. You've given our downtown over to adolescent anti- establishment ne'er-do-wells. People are afraid to go downtown. If you throw our parks and golf courses away, there will be nothing left for those of us who are holding on with our finger nails to a city we are still trying to love.

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