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

Dear City Council, Please vote YES on the Shelter to Housing Continuum, because expanded shelter and 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, Chris DeMars SE Portland

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