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

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, My husband and I support the effort our elected city officials are making to help resolve the issue of homelessness in Portland. We do not believe there is an easy solution to homelessness and do not view it as a temporary problem. The homeless need a place to be where they feel safe and have both sanitary and social services available to them. We are asking that the city remove the recommendations to use open spaces, which would include parks, natural areas, trails, golf courses and parks related parking lots and community centers as temporary shelter spaces, except in the case of natural disasters and short term emergencies. The use of these spaces should not be allowed during a shelter shortage as defined in the proposed code. I have read that the intent is not to use these areas as sites for shelters. The wording of the code needs to reflect that intent. Thank you Mary Kallenberg Robert Hartzler 7115 S Virginia Ave Portland OR 97219

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