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

I am opposed to S2HC code changes making it permanently easier and faster to set up a homeless shelter site on any public or private property. I live a half a block from a park that's often used by small children and group sport activities and I believe allowing a homeless encampment here would create an unsafe and hazardous environment for those who use the facilities in this park. It seems this city caters more towards the 4000k plus homeless community than the rest of the citizens that work hard and abide by the laws of this town. I believe efforts would be better served to provide more mental health/substance abuse live-in centers to address the needs of the chronically homeless. Often times it feels like the homeless get away with anything. If I piled a butch a junk in front of my house and had needles and hazardous waste screwed about the neighbors would complain and the city would step in and take action but if I'm living in a tent it's ok. That's just not fair or cool. Parks are for us all to enjoy recreationally, not as a place to live and trash.

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