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

I am opposed to and concerned about the proposal about allowing homeless people to camp in our city parks.. That is not the purpose the parks were built for and would be detrimental to the parks. It does not solve the continued problem of lack of indoor housing. How does moving to the parks change that ? It does not seem to be a well thought out idea regarding the short and long term ramifications. Are you going to set up porta potties? Hand washing stations? Drinking water? Cooking facilities? Portable shower truck? Portable washing machine truck? A trash dumpster? Who is going to pick up the trash? Drug use issues? Mental health issues ? Would this camp be next to the playground? Why not put your time, energy and money into a realistic, permanent housing solution?

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