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

Dear Portland City Council, I just learned that the city is proposing a rule change to allow homeless camps in city parks. Had I learned of this sooner I would have had more time to draft testimony. But being close to the deadline to provide testimony I must make this short. First of all, I believe homeless people need shelter, bathrooms, showers, and cooking facilities. But city parks are not the place to provide these amenities. Parks are for recreation, enjoyment of nature, quiet, solace, social gatherings, etc., they are not campgrounds. Allowing camping would completely change the nature of the park and would keep many people away from the park who use it for the above purposes. I have frequented Gabriel Park for twenty some years and I would like to register my opposition to this plan. Wendy Morseth

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