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

My major concern is the disproportionate impact on the Eastside, compared to Westside of Portland. I live close to Hawthorne and 32nd, and within three blocks there are 30+ people sleeping in tents (mostly) but also vehicles each night. These tent sites are filled with trash. There is visible drug use and drunken behavior, and as a woman, I don't always feel safe. Visitors from outside of the neighborhood are always express shock by the situation. Local small businesses and neighbors have to spend their own funds to clean-up or protect their properties. During weekly walks on the Westside, I have viewed and see NO evidence of tents at all in residential areas, even when walking 4+ hours through all kinds of close-in neighborhoods. This disparity is extremely unnerving, and I can't help feeling like the City doesn't give a rip about the Eastside. For the time in my 40 years here, I have no confidence in our interest in really helping our neighborhoods, just trying to make us endure an untenable situation.

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