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

I strongly object to use of any area within or adjacent to public parks for temporary homeless housing. In the midst of an unprecedented pandemic, access to and protection of parks are essential. The proposal raises serious equity issues as allowing use of parking lots and adjacent areas may prevent access by seniors, families, and disabled members of the community. To create an unenforceable distinction between camping in the park and adjacent paved areas invites violation and strains the limited resources of police and parks department staff.

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