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

Dear City Council members, I applaud your efforts to address our city's homeless crisis. But I do not support — and am alarmed by — the language in the proposed zoning amendment that would make it permissible to use parking lots near public parks for temporary shelter. As you know, many of our public spaces in Portland are already being used for (unsanctioned) temporary shelter, creating sanitation and safety issues. I suspect that allowing sanctioned temporary shelter in any areas of public parks would open the door to tent camping in public parks. I urge you to take this option off the table and again applaud your efforts to address this crisis affecting our city.

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