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

I am in strongly in favor of expanding different types of housing, such as the development of small homes by the Esplanade. As I understand it, the current proposal will enable more of this type of development. I would like to see as much of these alternative solutions put in place, as a compassionate approach to the homeless crisis in Portland. I realise that the problem is part of a larger national problem: the far turn to the right that began under Reagan, when funds for low income housing were slashed, along with other services that helped ordinary people. That said, I deplore the damage to Portland's liveability and don't agree with any proposal that would enable more camping in our parks, We should be trying to get people off the streets and into housing, not destroying our parks that were never intended to be used for camping.

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