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

I am disturbed and concerned about the proposal's allowance of temporary or permanent use of Portland parks for housing. Privatizing open spaces is the exact opposite of what will make Portland livable, sustainable, and viable. Having grown up here, I am sad to see the increased divide between wealth and poverty and the loss value to truly egalitarian places like parks and libraries. You simply cannot do both - you cannot have a camp site and a soccer field. You cannot have a sidewalk and a tent. Portland choices to address the wealth gap crisis by decreasing the quality of life for everyone who cannot afford the luxury of privacy is short sighted and very disappointing.

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