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

Please see this story below: A neighborhood story:

https://nextdoor.com/p/bH9FrpS3HPwF?utm_content=b&utm_source=share&extras=MzgwODUxOTI%3D

The reason I am sending it is to highlight my opposition to the proposed code changes that would allow camps in our parks and green spaces, as well as RV's and vans on our streets. Can you imagine a camp on fire that would set a dry park on fire and then set a neighborhood ablaze, particularly in a hot, dry summer season? I am not clear as to how these camps/vehicles would be supervised or maintained. The garbage is already out of control. Crime (break-ins, burglaries, drugs, shootings) related to these individuals (not all of course) is also out of control, particularly in North Portland/St. Johns. Allowing camps in our parks is not the answer. Do we want more of that depicted in the attached photos – if we can't clean them up due to resources now, how will we manage them in our parks? If FEMA can convert an oil work camp for 3,000 migrant kids who have arrived without an adult, why can we not create a transition facility or a safe space for those camping on our streets, while they get the evaluations, including physical and mental health, that they need. Respectfully, Brooke Hazard 97203

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