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

My neighborhood association - Hazelwood-submitted some excellent amendments for this proposal, please listen to us and consider them!! Our neighborhood is already in crisis: the cost of living is through the roof, I hear gunshots on the reg, it's technically a food desert, and there's a distinct lack of opportunity and economic diversity beyond cricket wireless, dispensaries, and pawn shops. Things feel like they're at a breaking point. I'm deeply concerned that shunting houseless neighbors in desperate situations into an environment that's already under high stress isn't going to help anyone - unless dramatic investment and positive change is made in our shabby little corner of town. I think an unintended result of the policy as it stands will be an even deeper socioeconomic divide between outer eastside and more fashionable parts of town. Please consider the proposal to limit emergency camps in already marginalized areas.

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