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

City council- I strongly object to the proposed allowance of tents or any type of temporary living structure to be allowed in parks and parking areas of publicly-available parking lots (parks, libraries, sports facilities, community centers, etc). My wife and I have paid nearly \$10,000 in taxes to Multnomah County in a single year and feel much has been wasted trying to “solve” the homeless situation - to the detriment of all taxpayers who live, work and fund this city. Many like us are thinking of leaving Portland if the city continues to ask - and take - more and more from taxpayers with diminishing returns. I realize, and empathize, with those who have no permanent, safe housing, health care, food and a job. However this should not be an either/or situation but rather a this AND situation. There must be balance between homeowners/taxpayers and houseless or Portland will lose the very tax base it relies on.

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