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

To the Honorable, Portland City Council Ted Wheeler, Mayor Jo Ann Hardesty, Commissioner Mingus Mapps, Commissioner Carmen Rubio, Commissioner Dan Ryan, Commissioner My testimony Shelter to Housing Continuum No where is this Housing Continuum does it address: Protecting our Pubic Schools and their playgrounds from individual and group shelters, such as tents, RV's from environmental contamination/destruction, left over from occupied and abandoned campsites and functioning and Non functioning RV's. No where is this Housing Continuum does it address: A comprehensive strategy for garbage, drug paraphernalia and Sanitation removal from individual and group shelters or RV's , be they long term or short term (180 days) near, Public Schools, Parks, Parks Parking lots, Open Spaces or Greenspaces. No where is this Housing Continuum does it address: Outdoor shelters, RV's, permanent or short term on Public Streets within 100 yards of, Public Schools, Parks, Parks Parking Lots, Opens Spaces, Greenspaces and golf courses, and how they will be managed and Existing regulations enforced. Of Special concern and very troubling There appears to be "Loop Hole" for outdoor shelters in Open Spaces , Greens Spaces or Parks in the case of a Housing emergency which would take effect April 4, 2021 when Ted Wheeler will declare a housing emergency! 33.285.040.C.1 Outdoor shelters in Open Space zones are prohibited. Mass and short-term shelters are also prohibited in Open Space zones, since providing shelter or housing does not fall into the purpose of the Open Space zone. However, under the Temporary Accountability to the Citizens of Portland . . . Portlander's has approved close to \$2 Billion in Humanity & Concern in the last 5 years, with \$2.5 in the Pipeline, without even ONE Thank-you from the HouseLess Community Leaders . . . and their clients From the Shelter to Housing Continuum Report: "Affordable housing production remained at an all-time high in 2019 for a second consecutive year, with 878 new units — the most ever produced in a single year. Another 3,100 are currently in development. Portland's Housing Bond has contributed to this robust response. Twelve projects, totaling more than 1,420 units of permanently affordable housing, are either open or in progress across the City since voters overwhelmingly approved the City's first bond for affordable housing in 2016." " Despite this progress, 4,015 people were counted as experiencing homelessness on a single night during the winter of 2019. The economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has placed many more households at risk. Portland's homelessness crisis is far from over. The pandemic has postponed the 2021 count." Final Summary and analysis by Portland tax paying Citizen . . . My own Layman's (not a member of the clergy) Summary of voted approved Funds for Homelessnessand what the Citizens of the region are getting

for their investment: For example: In 2016, Portland voters approved a \$258.4 million housing bond. In 2018, Multnomah County voters approved a \$652.8 million housing bond. So \$258.4 Million + \$652.8 Million = \$911 Million \$ 911,000,000 / 3978 Housing Units = \$229,000 per Unit 2021 and beyond: In 2020 voters in the greater Portland area approved a \$2.5 billion 10-year tax for supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. This is on top of the roughly \$70 million dollar budget for the Joint Office of Homeless Services, \$5 million budget for Portland Street Response, and numerous other yearly multi-million dollar initiatives, grants, and contracts the City has entered into for the benefit of our homeless community. And after all that, the solution is to sanction people camping in our open spaces and parks? Where's all the money going? Special closing Note: The original camping ordinance unveiled by former mayor Charlie Hales in January of 2016, was supposed to be a six months long experiment. It permitted tents on city owned property (not counting sidewalks) from 9pm to 7am only, with no more than six tents in any one location. It was never enforced and established a very slippery slope.

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