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

Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners, I fully support efforts to find effective methods to assist the homeless community and improve the livability of our city for all Portlanders. But I want to share my strong concerns that Portland International Raceway and other city parks NOT be included, in any way, in the zoning changing currently under consideration. Please find a path forward to improving the situation WITHOUT putting our racetrack and city parks at risk. Lastly, it is necessary to remember that PIR is the only city park that generates positive cash flow into the budget. If the park is repurposed for the homeless, i am certain it will it reduce the availability of revenue generating activities, with less organizations being willing to rent the part for their motorsports due to increased liability of people crowding the park which would also increase the cost of event insurance, if we can even get someone to issue a policy. Thank you

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