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

As a dedicated user of Portland City Parks and in particular Portland International Raceway, I fear the purposed S2HC zoning changes will greatly affect the usage allowed in city parks. City offices have suggested otherwise but I'm highly suspicious. This may be a slippery slope situation where the changes allowed get expanded. Please be sure that if/when any changes are adopted there is no "camping" or "homeless occupation" of city park property allowed. PIR brings in a lot of money to the parks department and is of great benefit to the surrounding businesses. Hotels, restaurants, fuel providers, and various companies that provide support to the user groups. In the current business climate (covid related) we can ill afford to lose that revenue. There have been groups of racers that have cancelled events at PIR due to the homeless issues and national news coverage showing the civil unrest taking place in the city. There is a nationally televised race (INDY CAR) scheduled for late summer. Do we really want the nation and the the world seeing the homeless camps (slums). This is no way to portray the City of Portland. If the proposal goes forward I suspect it will only get worse.

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