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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. Multiple times a week I drive by the debacle on 33rd as you head north toward Marine Drive. The trash, burned out cars, unsanitary conditions, and people wandering in the road show me that we need a serious solution to our homeless issues in Portland. Adding more places for this type of situation to fester like putting homeless camping in city parks and parking lots is ridiculous. I am expecting you as city leaders to bring much better solutions to the table and actually give us a path forward that we can be proud of. Not a band aid solution for just more of the same.

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