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

I live adjacent to a large SE park w/ an adjoining school. Every morning, if I'm in town, I walk a circuit, picking up the trash in the park, the parking lot and around the school and its playground. It takes me between 30 minutes and an hour every day. I see absolutely no way that the city could maintain a shelter in a parking lot like this one w/o it being the equivalent of a shelter IN the park in terms of litter, lack of parking for people using the park, public feeling intimidated, etc. There's a swimming pool, a new children's playground, a softball field, picnic tables and an unleashed dog area in this park: in non-COVID times, it is used by many people w/ children, teenagers accompanying summer camp groups of small children, etc. The city put one of its red toilets in the parking lot and personally I have no problem w/ that, although its drawn some overnight campers in vehicles who leave bags of garbage - and even van bench seats, etc. - in the park's garbage cans or in the parking lot itself. But I absolute oppose shelters in parks' parking lots.

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