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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 support efforts to find effective methods to assist the homeless community and improve the livability of the 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 changes currently under consideration. I do not live in Portland, but as a Clark County resident since the mid-seventies, I consider PIR my home away from home. There are thousands of out of state users that visit PIR for every type of event. These people spend money when they are here! PIR makes money for the City of Portland. An Ordinance without provisions for public comment is not a good idea. Please find a path forward to improving the situation Without putting our racetrack and city parks at risk. Thank you

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