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

Hello. I am a native Portlander and resident of the Cully neighborhood for almost 40 years. I admit that I do not know the proper procedure for submitting a written testimony and I am not sure what documents would have been best for me to have read before I submit my testimony (if you have information that could help in the future, please send). I am a concerned resident upon hearing that our parks could possibly be used for temporary homeless camps. I understand the urgency of the homeless situation but I wonder why we can't use other open spaces such as the old Kmart parking lot on 122nd? When I was a kid, there were no parks for me to go to in the Cully neighborhood. I played in some unsafe areas, including the dump. It is important to keep these parks in healthy shape for kids (especially those of lower income) to have a place to exercise and play safely. I know this is a challenging situation to resolve and I appreciate your hard work, but please do not compromise our parks. Thank you.

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