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

These proposed changes to the zoning code are neither thoughtful nor well-thought out except for those houseless advocates who would benefit from an expanded amassing of the City's limited budgeted dollars under their purview. These same individual will then be patting themselves for doing a "great job." There are nothing that is proposed that will actually help people who are currently houseless except to shuffle them from place to place and agency to agency, rather than a creative and permanent solution to why they became houseless in the first place. This is a prime example of both the county and the city governments, along with houseless advocates whose jobs are on the line without more funding, practicing "WHITE SAVIORISM." It is RACISTS at its core coupled with an ECONOMIC ELITISM. The price will be paid by the low-income and BIPOC community members that live in the areas of Portland's Ring of Disinvestment, along with the houseless. The community members will not feel comfortable using the parks, trails other outdoor recreational areas and their parking lots as they may be filled with sanctioned camping, along with the mess, the trash, the filth, the fires, the illegal drug usage, the gun violence, domestic violence, etc. The development of this proposal is money wasted by bureaucrats without real thought to the entire community, not just one facet.

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