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

I urge you to amend Portland Code sections 33.296.030.G and 15.04.040 so that temporary activities and shelters relating to homelessness may not be located in parks unless due to a catastrophic natural disaster like an earthquake. Under code section 33.296.030 deviations from the zoning code may be allowed only for "uses that are truly temporary in nature, and will not adversely impact the surrounding area and land uses." Homeless shelters in parks would necessarily cause adverse impacts to surrounding areas and land uses.

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