



March 30, 2021

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Council,

I support the extension of the Housing State of Emergency.

Also, I **urgently request postponement of a final vote on Shelter to Housing Continuum** resolution (S2HC) until there has been *adequate public presentation and discussion of amendments* proposed by the Planning & Sustainability Commission and by community groups including PDX Shelter Forum.

I [watched](#) the [March 24th City Council hearing](#), and was extremely surprised to see that the overview of community feedback and amendments, as presented by BPS/ Eric Engstrom omitted any mention of:

1. the Planning and Sustainability Commission's [recommendations from transmittal letter](#), and
2. all [community-proposed amendments](#) other than some from Portland: Neighbors Welcome.

The amendments developed by PDX Shelter Forum were developed over a year of intensive effort, including four public forums we hosted, multiple open community workshops, close engagement with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability team -- including attending, public notetaking, and testifying at every public event held by BPS or PSC and extensive discussion on an open public forum which now has over 330 members. At every point in this process, the viewpoints of current or formerly houseless residents were prioritized.

We believe it is not appropriate for citizen input developed with deep care and expertise, including that of the appointed Planning and Sustainability Commission, to be simply removed from consideration, without comment, by the Bureau of Planning in presenting its proposal to City Council. There needs to be independent oversight ensuring that well-qualified citizen input and amendment proposals are actually included in Council public deliberations,, beyond just being in the "Map App" testimony tool which was completely overwhelmed -- we might say, attacked, in computer-security terms -- by largely non-specific and repetitive comments.

The amendments proposed by PSC, and other community groups PDX Shelter Forum and PDX Main Streets, can be found at: s2hc.pdxshelterforum.org > Amendments.

Thank you for your commitment to robust public discussion of this important legislation, including the roles of citizen input such as those delegated to the Planning & Sustainability Commission. Please see also the group letter from other PDX Shelter Forum members, also requesting deferral of vote.

regards,

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Dear Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Council,

We support the extension of the Housing State of Emergency and delaying the vote on the Shelter to Housing Continuum project (S2HC) to give our community more time to develop and discuss amendments.

Signed,

- Sean Green - co-founder, PDX Shelter Forum
- Tommy Kiser - Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association
- Lisa Marandas - Oregon Harbor of Hope
- Shannon
- Amalie Roberts - Victory Project PDX
- Sharron Fuchs - Public Citizen
- otti sabina - Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Assoc.
- David Dickson - Downtown Neighborhood Association
- Homer williams - Oregon harbor of hope
- James - Operation Nightwatch
- Keith Wilson
- Annette Stanhope
- Bettina Mow
- Jodi Kim
- Wayne
- David Groff - Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty
- Dave Brook - Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Assoc. Board chair
- Matchu Williams
- Kristen Sartor
- Will Denecke - Summer Lake LLC (downtown PDX office tenant)