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

My name is Love Jonson and I'm writing in support of the Portland: Neighbors Welcome amendments. Here's why: The first amendment to allow churches, faith-based organizations, and community organizations to host shelters on their property by right is a slam-dunk. It aligns with the changes recently made in the Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing project—and broadens them so churches, etc. can serve the very poor. The second would legalize tiny homes on wheels and RVs on residential property under BDS' current guidelines, not the proposed more restrictive requirements. The current guidelines allow for multiple sanitation options like waste pumping, greywater dilution systems, and hermetic sealing or dehydrating toilet systems, and provide for electricity without exorbitant cost to the property host that will get passed onto the tenant. In addition, a campground style post can cost thousands of dollars to set up. Not all homeowners hosting tiny houses or RVs can take on upwards of \$20,000 worth of debt. These homeowners will be forced to evict their tenants. Homeowners that do take on this debt may well pass the payments onto their tenants in the form of rent increases. Either of these risk displacement. Thank you for considering these amendments to preserve and create shelter and housing for our neighbors. Love Jonson Board member, Portland: Neighbors Welcome

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