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

S2HC. I write in support of S2HC to eliminate the conditional use permit now required for institutions, including churches, to provide temporary shelter. Portland's crisis in failing to meet its basic housing needs can only be resolved with a united, fully committed resolve. Lifting the conditional use barrier provides a huge opportunity to address this crisis and allow communities of faith and other organizations with appropriate space and facilities throughout the City to provide desperately needed sanctioned shelter. The multi-faceted damage to the City from the lack of will to resolve our growing inhumane housing crisis will soon be irreparable. This is an opportunity for the City to affirm its commitment to the well-being and caring for the basic needs of all of its citizens. Please expedite the ability of communities of faith and others to provide safe, sanctioned facilities to our many neighbors in need of adequate shelter, which can only benefit us all. Sally Fraser, Member of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty and Grace Memorial Episcopal Church

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