

Dear City Council,

I am testifying in support of Portland Neighbors Welcome's proposed amendments of allowing churches, faith-based organizations, and community organizations to host shelter on their property by right and legalizing Tiny Homes on Wheels and RVs on residential property under the current guidelines from the Bureau of Development Services, not the stricter requirements currently proposed.

If we are to address our housing crisis, we will need the support of community institutions. I find it highly admirable that there are faith-based and community-based institutions seeking to provide shelter on their properties, we should not then let the zoning code or conditional use permitting get in the way of their needed leadership. Allowing shelter to be built on these properties also aligns the Shelter to Housing Continuum code with the Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing code.

We should also 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 flexibility in sanitation and electricity options without passing prohibitive costs to the landowner which will then be passed onto the tenant. Most homeowners will be unable to take \$20,000 in debt for hosting tiny houses or RVs. Unable to afford these costs, the homeowners will either be forced to evict their tenants or substantially raise the rent, both of which lead to displacement.

It is not enough for us to legalize RVs and Tiny Homes on Wheels, we must ensure that our policy is actually flexible enough to be implemented, otherwise we are merely passing symbolic code while displacing our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your time.