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

I first want to congratulate BPS, the Housing Bureau, the Planning and Sustainability Commission and all other involved City staff for all the long, hard and thoughtful work that has gone into the development of S2HC. This is an exciting proposal and one that substantively contributes to making progress on the most critical challenge our city faces today. As this process nears the end, I encourage City Council to eliminate the "conditional use" permitting process when a faith-based institution works to set up a transitional alternative village or shelter on their property. This amendment will significantly simplify requirements for such a process. At the same time, we know that churches, synagogues and mosques are responsive to the needs of their communities and will work to make such developments successful for everyone involved. All parts of our community must play a role in effectively responding to the needs of those living on the street. Faith based organizations want to work together with government, service providers, business, philanthropy and other community groups. For progress to happen during the time, ALL options need to be on the table. Such an amendment contributes to such increased flexibility. Thank you City Council for considering this amendment and for your endorsement of S2HC.

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