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

In support of the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, and amendments, I am attaching a scan of the "In Our Opinion" (op-ed) article from The Oregonian, March 24, titled, "Open new paths from the streets to permanent housing." It was co-authored by myself representing PDX Shelter Forum and Village Collaborative; Laquida Landford, leader of AfroVillage PDX; and Les Wardenaar, Chair of the Interfaith Alliance. It is also available online at:

<https://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/2021/03/opinion-open-new-paths-from-streets-to-housing.html>.

----- This article particularly emphasizes the opportunity for Shelter to Housing Program, and/or further phases of work, to facilitate wide, low-cost, *permanent* housing for current or near houseless people, by allowing houses to move from Outdoor Shelters to backyard cottages, as accessory dwellings, or to cottage clusters, which will become allowed by right in Portland under the Residential Infill Project, Part 2, now beginning and to be completed in 2022. ----- For more background on such relocatable housing, permanent village, and cottage cluster approaches, please see: newstarterhomes.housingwiki.home.

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