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RE: Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing

Dear Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Committee,


I am writing to you on behalf of my client Dianne Clay, my name is Denise Tupper and I am Dianne's business advisor. I have been supporting Dianne to improve her business so that she can continue to offer affordable housing in North Portland. An area that has been heavily impacted by gentrification, that has a small percentage of African American property owners.

Dianne understands that as a community member we need to provide opportunities for others to have a safe and affordable place to sleep and a rezoning her property will allow her to do this.

The community will benefit from Dianne's shared housing business because it contributes to the supply of affordable housing in Portland. Her rental property has monthly rents that are much lower than the city average. As of December 2019, only 8% of Portland apartments are rented between \$701-\$1,000 per month. Dianne offers housing in this range.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Denise Tupper