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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Design Overlay Zone Amendments, Recommended Draft**

I am writing to urge the City Council to accept the design standards recommended by SMILE. I live in the heart of Sellwood at the intersection of SE 13th Ave and SE Spokane St. A few years ago the apartment building next door was built and I was at the neighborhood meeting when the builders unveiled their proposed design. The ultramodern design is absolutely atrocious and stands out like the proverbial sore thumb. My family and I were furious to discover that there were absolutely no design standards for our beautiful historic neighborhood and nothing we could do about it. Sellwood is one of the older neighborhoods in Portland and is famous for its charm and quaint homes. I urge the Council to accept SMILE's design guidelines before everything I love about this neighborhood is destroyed. Thank you Kristin Laus

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