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

I want the design standards recommended by SMILE added to DOZA so there is better building design in Sellwood-Moreland. I've lived in Sellwood for thirty years, and have always loved the historic feel of the neighborhood. I understand that Portland needs to make room for more people to live in each neighborhood, however I believe that Sellwood has been targeted to take on more than its fair share of new buildings. Even more distressing has been the complete disregard for the historic look of the neighborhood that some designers have instigated here. This has not only happened on our main business thoroughfares, but also in single family homes on the residential streets. These enormous modern homes do not support the argument that Portland needs more affordable housing. Rather, these homes attract only the wealthy upper class to a neighborhood that used to include a comfortable mix of lower and middle income residents. Not only the face, but also the open, welcoming atmosphere of our neighborhood is changing. I urge you to adopt the guidelines that SMILE has put forth.

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