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

Before approving these proposed amendments, City Council should obtain assurance from project staff that the changes will not result compromising currently protected scenic views from Terwilliger Parkway and its parklands. As proposed, it appears that "small scale residential units" taller than are currently in place along the park/parkway may be exempt from review and other residential units may be subject to less restrictive standards than current Design District Guidelines require. The proposal is complicated with respect to the Terwilliger Design District and I confess that the impacts are not entirely clear. This is why these comments request assurance from project staff rather than jumping to a position of opposition. As Volume One of the Discussion Draft states (page 55): "More discussion needs to occur with the community on the future of this special Design District and related design tools." In the meantime, current protections should remain in place.

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