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

Hello, I'm writing with guidance from Portland: Neighbors Welcome. I support DOZA, as it would help more people live in great neighborhoods like Alberta, Belmont, Division, Hawthorne, Hollywood, Interstate, Kenton, Kerns, Lents, Mississippi, Sellwood, Slabtown, St. Johns, & Williams. I enjoy these neighborhoods because density has made them more accessible to people of all incomes. Allowing easier rules for approving housing projects that are mixed use with retail on the first floor will make all of Portland a better place to exist, live, flourish. I encourage Council to listen to affordable housing developers who support the clear and objective Design Standards, which will make it easier to add affordable housing to those neighborhoods. Portlanders of all incomes should be able to live in our amenity-rich neighborhoods. I strongly support the Portland: Neighbors Welcome pro-housing amendments and oppose the arbitrary design requirements suggested by affluent neighborhoods - the same neighborhoods that should be encouraging more affordable and more abundant homes according to the City's Anti-Displacement Action Plan. I also oppose any amendments that would allow the Design Commission to add delay and uncertainty to the approval of new buildings with housing or to shrink those buildings below what's allowed in code. Thank you, Jonathan Greenwood

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