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

I am writing to support the Portland Neighbors Welcome amendment. Our housing problems are based on supply and demand. Too few homes to accommodate the people who wish to live here. Creating clear rules under DOZA will make it easier to provide affordable homes. They will also support our environmental, social, and transportation goals. Please don't create special processes that allow higher income areas to slow down the creation of critical housing needs. Please don't adopt design standards that ensure that Portland will not be able to create compact, dense neighborhoods that allow for a diversity of ages, income, and race. I believe the "Sellwood Design Standards" would cause these problems.

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