

# Betty-Marie Jaroch

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

My name is Betty-Marie Jaroch. I live in Sellwood and I love it here. This is a walkable neighborhood with lots of trees and coffee shops, a public library and access to the Willamette River. I most appreciate the mix of old and new buildings in the area, as well as the fact that low income and high end homes are included in the neighborhood. Most importantly, I enjoy the diversity of architecture that we have here. I would like to see new construction to be an expression of the people who live and work here. This is why I support the design standards recommended by SMILE and why I would want these design standards added to the DOZA. I especially would like to see more common areas. I would prefer that large projects be broken up into building clusters which can then surround common courtyards for residents and neighbors to gather outdoors. My husband, two daughters, granddaughter, son-in-law and I all live in Sellwood. Our neighborhood is very important to us as a family and we are committed to preserving all the unique flavor of our neighborhood while at the same time adapting responsibly to the increase in our population with new housing, so that working class people can still afford to live and work in Sellwood. It is not too much to ask that the new housing be beautiful, that it be designed to encourage neighborly gatherings and that it continue to serve as an expression of its residents, to match the beauty of its gardens, parks and river front views. Our pride in our neighborhood should be reflected in the choices available to the developers who choose to build here. Please adapt the design standards recommended by SMILE. Sincerely, Betty-Marie Jaroch

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