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

I strongly support the Portland: Neighbors Welcome amendments. We need more housing in Portland with shorter approval processes and less ability for neighbors to stall or block needed housing. I've served on the Buckman Community Association board for 4 years, and my experience there is that neighbors will complain about the design of almost any tall building, but they're really motivated by the prospect of sharing "their" neighborhood with more people. We can't allow people to pull the ladder up behind themselves, which just results in wealthy people outbidding lower-income folks for the few available units. Instead, I agree with the affordable housing developers who support DOZA: we need to help more people enjoy our amenity-rich and low-carbon inner neighborhoods.

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