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

As someone who lives within three blocks of two of the corridors affected by DOZA, I am writing in support of DOZA and of the affordability amendments recommended by Portland: Neighbors Welcome. More people should be able to live in dense, walkable, transit-accessible communities like those in the "d" overlay zone, regardless of income level. I am also supportive of allowing taller projects to follow the Standards rather than the Guidelines and design review process, and of preventing the Design Commission from reducing the size of a project from what is allowed by right. I am opposed to neighborhoods developing their own guidelines, as the standards and guidelines developed as part of DOZA are robust enough to ensure quality spaces.

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