

To the Mayor and Commissioners,

I support the current DOZA draft along with the amendments proposed by Portland: Neighbors Welcome.

DOZA will help more people live in great neighborhoods like Alberta, Belmont, Division, Hawthorne, Hollywood, Interstate, Kenton, Kerns, Lents, Mississippi, Sellwood, Slabtown, St. Johns, & Williams. I am a renter who lives in inner SE, and I love my neighborhood! I want more people to be able to live near me and enjoy the many amenities and proximity to jobs, especially low income people who are continually pushed out further and further from central neighborhoods. 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 neighborhoods like mine.

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,
Heidi Hart