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

Please accept this written testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of the Portland: Neighbors Welcome amendments. I urge you to REJECT arbitrary design requirements proposed by residents of affluent neighborhoods. Such design requirements would limit the ability to add much-needed housing throughout the city, and especially in close-in neighborhoods. Residents of these neighborhoods (I live in one), should desire to share our neighborhoods' desirable, highly-walkable, convenient-to-downtown "livability" with as many neighbors as possible. Thank you.

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