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To whom it may concern, I support the Portland Bureau of Sustainability and Planning's Design Overlay Zone Amendment (DOZA) project. I appreciate that DOZA would create a clear and objective evaluation system for the design of new buildings in the design overlay zones, as I think the discretionary review process is overly complex, subjective, and takes entirely too much time. DOZA will improve staff review time, therefore reducing delay and costs in building housing, making it more likely that new housing will be built. And, as we all know, Portland desperately needs more new housing, quickly. I also think that DOZA could be improved if Council would support expanding the Type II review option to all regulated affordable housing projects and all buildings up to 75' in height that use the Inclusionary Housing height bonus. In general, I think that DOZA and all our policy decisions about housing should be better informed by both affordability and sustainability, and I encourage Council to oppose some neighborhoods' efforts to develop their own guidelines which ultimately make it harder to increase housing supply in higher opportunity areas. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important topic. Sincerely, -Emily Kemper, SW Portland

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