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

We oppose inclusion of NW Thurman and NW Upshur west of NW 24th in the proposed DOZA map. Those blocks include low-priced rental apartments and multi-family housing that will be eliminated by the surge of development that the City of Portland is already over-serving while at the same time as under-serving the needs of local businesses. There is no outlet for these blocks west of NW 25th, which will become completely overloaded and less safe when the former MP2H Industrial District is converted to the type of neighborhood DOZA envisions but mysteriously does not want to include in their map. Why not include NW Vaughn St. and area to the north in the DOZA map instead of making NW Upshur and NW Thurman even more of a prime target for the kind of new construction that will eliminate housing for low-income and modest-income renters that currently live there? Why let DOZA eliminate design reviews that can protect residents, provide city jobs with benefits to people who do not need to drive to work, and can help keep those tree-lined blocks a place that everyone from all over Portland can enjoy as they do now? Having 75ft. towers of concrete and glass with clogged, busy streets right to the doorstep of Forest Park is really not a good thing for the people and businesses of Portland. Please remove NW Upshur and NW Thurman east of NW 24th from the DOZA map and please try to find a way to represent the people of Portland as much or more so than the developer interests who cannot deliver what you want in a way the people of Portland can afford. Thank you from the 2700 block of NW Upshur

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