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

I have been stunned and saddened by the ugly, cold, modern looking metal forward designs of the cheap apartment buildings that have been approved for development in the Sellwood-Westmoreland neighborhood over the last ten years. These new buildings do not fit with the architectural character of the commercial buildings and homes in the area. The city seems more concerned about building anything that will enlarge its tax base and gets people living in the area and using the local transit line that's been put in within the last few years... Sadly, the City's choices don't ensure that what gets built enhances the existing neighborhood, in terms of beauty, functionality and assimilation. I want to see more apartment buildings that look like the Sellwood Library. Please stop ruining Sellwood-Westmoreland!!!

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