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

My DOZA citywide design policy comment, thanks for listening. My house is near SE Division and 30th and the changes along Division have been dramatic these past ten years. I'm in favor of standards requiring high density, generally speaking, but not when they threaten to suppress diversity in design. The image attached shows a wonderful investment being made on Division - an investment we almost lost. There was testimony objecting to its terraced step-back apartments because that aesthetic resulted in a slightly lower density. I encourage Council to incentivize diversity in design - buildings like this may be only 95% good for the planet but they're 100% great for our neighborhood. Don't let the code become a straight-jacket.

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