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

Dear Mayor Wheeler and members of the City Council, I am writing in support of the Design Overlay Zone Amendment project (DOZA) to simplify the design review process and the amendments proposed by Portland Neighbors Welcome. Simplifying the design process will help bring more housing to high opportunity areas as encouraged by Portland's Anti-displacement plan. Portland Neighbors Welcome's amendments will remove roadblocks for much needed inclusionary and affordable housing projects. Please reject the hyper-local design requirements pushed by wealthy neighborhoods. These decrease economic diversity in our communities and lend themselves to bias. Staying true to our commitments to diversity and equity means supporting housing in high opportunity areas not setting up roadblocks. Thank you.

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