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I want the design standards recommended by SMILE added to DOZA so there is better building design in Sellwood-Moreland. I love this neighborhood for its small-town feel while still being part of a big city. I don't oppose new development so long as it maintains the feel of the two business districts we currently have, along SE 13th Avenue and SE Milwaukie Avenue, with one or two story brick or clapboard storefronts that create a historic feel and smaller scale. Recently, many older structures, single family homes that over time had been converted into businesses, have been torn down, replaced with 3 or 4 story structures that rise vertically from the sidewalk. It definitely changes the character of the neighborhood. An example of a newer development that blends in well is the Sellwood Library building, whose ground floor is brick, and the upper floors are set back from the sidewalk, making it look less overwhelming. Thank you for considering my testimony. Best,
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