

# Emily Guise

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

I am writing in support of DOZA and of the affordability amendments recommended by Portland: Neighbors Welcome. I consider myself fortunate to live in a mixed use part of my neighborhood, with access to frequent transit, bike facilities, and businesses. I want more people to be able to live in the same kind of dense, walkable, transit-accessible communities like those in the "d" overlay zone, regardless of income level. I support allowing taller projects to follow the Standards rather than the Guidelines and design review process, and of preventing the Design Commission from reducing the size of a project from what is allowed by right. I oppose neighborhoods developing their own guidelines, as the standards and guidelines developed as part of DOZA are robust enough to ensure quality spaces. Allowing neighborhoods to have their own guidelines would lead to deeper inequalities in our city. Sincerely, Emily Guise

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