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

I support Amendment # 3, which would allow optional design standards to be applied to projects in the M Overlay (i.e., the Main Street Centers). I also support Amendment #8, which directs the Planning & Sustainability Bureau to create character statements with area-specific plans. With respect to tall buildings (see Amendment #5, which deals with the threshold for design review), I believe such buildings should undergo design review to enhance the likelihood that they will be better designed and more pedestrian-friendly. This is a sustainability issue, as people are more likely to preserve and SUSTAIN well-designed buildings for many decades.

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