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

Please extend the (m)-overlay through Arbor Lodge N Interstate Avenue, and ideally also to N Rosa Parks / N Denver Ave intersection (all sides!). The neighborhood is increasing living density, has reduced available parking on N Rosa Parks, is missing the Interstate Ave bike line that exists north and south of our neighborhood. Without the (m)-overlay we lose public/retail space that we can walk to and I have already experienced 1 hour wait times for togo orders at two restaurants in the past 2 years with currently 458 more units under construction/permitting/early assistance within 1/4 mile of the Rosa Parks max stop. We've already lost the Bowling Alley, Far West Fibers, and the Nite Hawk is now for sale with nothing to guarantee public/retail spaces will be built. The north edge of Overlook (Interstate and Albina) at best will be an island of retail that is difficult to lease as the businesses would have to be their own destination unless the (m)-overlay extends north. Portland wants to be a walkable city. Arbor Lodge wants to be a walkable neighborhood. The (m)-overlay would be instrumental in that.

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