DOZA Promotes Housing in Low-Displacement-Risk Areas

Proposed restrictive design mandates from affluent neighborhoods could create displacement pressure in diverse areas.

Portland's Anti-Displacement Action Plan Foundation Report encourages a strategy to "incentivize higher density housing opportunities, especially affordable housing" in "areas that are amenity- and service-rich, and have few or no shares of vulnerable populations."

As proposed by the Planning and Sustainability Commission, the Design Overlay Zone Amendment would would support this strategy by reducing barriers to building dense and affordable housing in high opportunity corridors. Added housing in these areas reduces displacement pressure on more vulnerable communities.

Neighborhoods proposing special, restrictive design standards are almost exclusively in these high-opportunity areas. If the city council were to adopt these standards, it would erect new barriers to housing in these affluent neighborhoods and increase displacement risk in East Portland and other areas with high proportions of BIPOC, immigrant, and low-income communities.

By easing the path to build housing in high-opportunity, low-risk areas, DOZA will support the recommendations of the Portland Anti-Displacement Action Plan Foundation Report. Please reject efforts to introduce new barriers in these areas.

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