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

I'd like to express my support for the following three amendments: 1. Amendment #3, adding five optional Main Street design standards for projects on sites in M-overlay zones where growth is expected. Further, I support use in all current and future Design D-Overlay zones (such as Division). 2. Amendment #5, reducing the threshold for design review threshold to 55' instead of 75', except for projects that meet the affordable housing eligibility requirements in Amendment #4 (those affordable housing projects can choose to use the design standards or go through design review) 3. Amendment # 8, directing BPS to create character statements with area-specific plans that have the Design overlay zone. I also support updating the Vintage Buildings Study, as referenced in the DOZA staff report. Your support of these amendments is appreciated.

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