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## City Council hearing on Better Housing by Design continued to November 6 at 2 p.m.

News Article

Testimony on proposed changes to multi-dwelling zones prompts Mayor to commend testifiers.

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The City Council public hearing on the [Better Housing by Design Recommended Draft](#) has been continued to Wednesday, November 6, 2019, starting at 2 p.m. Commissioners will continue to hear testimony because not everyone who signed up to testify on October 2 was able to before the hearing closed at 6 p.m.

If you were one of these people and would like to testify on November 6, you will be given priority to testify early based on your place on the October 2 sign-up list. Anyone else who would like to testify on the Better Housing by Design Recommended Draft may also testify at the November 6 hearing.

**Written testimony will continue to be accepted until November 6, 2019, at 2 p.m.** (see below for how to submit testimony).

### Public Hearing Recap

At the October 2 hearing, project staff provided a summary of the Better Housing by Design proposals, followed by Daisy Quinonez representing the Planning and Sustainability Commission. After testimony from the Urban Forestry Commission, the Historic Landmarks Commission, and community partners, City Council heard testimony from the general public.

Public testimony covered a range of topics, including positive impacts of the code amendments on affordable housing, housing diversity, East Portland, and outdoor space for residents. A range of perspectives on historic preservation and parking requirements was also expressed.

Mayor Wheeler concluded the hearing by saying, "This was some of the best public testimony I've heard in a long time ... people spent a ton of time preparing for this and it showed."

If you missed it, you can watch a video of the hearing [here](#), starting at 1:57:20.

## How to Testify

### Testify in person at the continued City Council public hearing on November 6

*You may speak for three minutes to City Council, and your testimony will be added to the public record.*

#### **Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 2 p.m.**

Council Chambers at City Hall

1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Portland, Oregon

To confirm the date, time and location, check the Council agenda at [www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/26997](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/26997)

### Testify in writing by November 6, 2019 at 2 p.m.

(you must include your name and address)

#### Use the Map App

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#### By U.S. Mail

City Council

Better Housing by Design Testimony

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