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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **2045 Portland Housing Needs Analysis, Recommended Draft**

I am writing in favor of allowing greater density in the central east side. I moved to the central east side (Hosford Abernathy) 5 years ago. I love the convenience and culture of the area and want more people to be able to access it. We have great transit, great bike infrastructure and great culture. By allowing more density, we would open up the inner east side to more diverse groups, like young people, young families and seniors. These groups are often priced out or may not want to live in a single family home. They would be able to live in an area where you don't need to use a car for your day to day life. This reduces carbon emissions and is just a more relaxed way to live. The central east side is one of the most iconic parts of our city and it has the infrastructure to support more people. All we need to do is make it possible for more housing to get built so they can enjoy it like those of us already here do.

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